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Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs  
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**Attention:** UBCIC Full and Active Members

**Re: Election for President of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs (UBCIC)**  
**Grand Chief Stewart Phillip Elected by Acclamation**

I was appointed to act as Chief Electoral Officer for the UBCIC Executive Elections. Nominations for the position of UBCIC President closed today at 4:30 pm. At that time, only one candidate – Grand Chief Stewart Phillip - had been nominated for the position of President.

Pursuant to the By-laws (Election of Executive Committee and Active Members “VIII (e) (v) Where there is only one candidate nominated for any position that candidate shall be declared elected by acclamation”) Grand Chief Stewart Phillip is hereby declared elected for a three-year term. A candidate statement is attached for your reference.

**REMINDER: ELECTIONS FOR OTHER UBCIC EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

Elections for the remaining UBCIC Executive positions of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, as well as Active Member positions (Women’s Representative, Elder Representative, and Youth Representative), will be held at a Chiefs Council meeting scheduled for February 16-17, 2017. An election/nomination package will be distributed prior to the Chiefs Council meeting.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ardith Walkem", is written over a horizontal line.

Ardith Walkem  
Barrister and Solicitor

## Grand Chief Stewart Phillip

In October 2008, Stewart concluded his fourth consecutive four-year term as Chief of the Pentiction Indian Band (PIB). Grand Chief Stewart Phillip served the Band as Chief for a total of 14 years; in addition, he served as an elected Band Councillor for a 10-year period.

In October 2006, the Okanagan Nation, led by the Elders of the Pentiction Indian Band, acknowledged his lifetime commitment to the defence of Indigenous Peoples' Title and Rights by bestowing upon him and his family the rare honour of the title of Grand Chief.



Aside from serving as a member of the PIB council for a total of 24 years, Grand Chief Phillip is proud to conclude his sixth three-year term as the President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs. In addition, Stewart continues to serve as Chairperson of the Okanagan Nation Alliance. The ONA is a tribal council that serves 7 Syilx Indigenous communities in the Southern Interior. Finally, as President of the UBCIC, Stewart is an active member of the BC First Nations Leadership Council that is comprised of the 7 Executive members of the BC Assembly of First Nations, the First Nations Summit and the UBCIC.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip has always taken an active role in the defence of Aboriginal Title and Rights by readily offering support to Native communities in need. Throughout the years Stewart has stood with the People, demanding action, and working to achieve true measure of justice for Indigenous Women, Elders and Youth. A true leader, he is genuinely committed to fighting alongside all First Nations people and communities, with a track record at the grassroots level that very few in Turtle Island can meet.

Grand Chief Phillip had the opportunity to support the Fort Nelson First Nation in their battle against the destructive practice of 'fracking' to recover natural gas from shale deposits; support the Treaty 8 communities in their ongoing fight against the Site C dam proposal; support the 160 First Nation communities who are signatories to the 'Save the Fraser Declaration' and who are in solid opposition to Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline proposal; support the Tsleil-Waututh/Squamish and other First Nations who are opposing Kinder Morgan's efforts to 'twin' their antiquated pipeline; support the Tsilhqot'in communities in their 'Title Case' as well as their opposition to the so-called New Prosperity Mine proposal; support the Musqueam First Nation in their efforts to defend their sacred burial grounds at ɔsnaʔəm; support the Ktunaxa Nation in their efforts to oppose the Jumbo Ski Resort proposal. In addition, GC Phillip is proud to support the opposition to BC/Petronas's efforts to build an LNG facility on Lelu Island which would devastate Skeena wild salmon.

In addition, Grand Chief Phillip continues to support the Women's Memorial March Committee, the Oppal Inquiry Women's Coalition and continues to support the call for a National Inquiry into the issue of Missing & Murdered Women. Grand Chief Phillip has travelled to the Prince Rupert/Terrace area to support the families who publicly expressed complaints of police brutality and unsolved, suspicious deaths of young Native youth. Finally, Grand Chief Phillip has supported the efforts of the First Nations Education Steering Committee/First Nations Schools Association in their efforts to protect the Indigenous educational advances in BC.

Grand Chief Phillip has been married for thirty-one years to his wife Joan. They have four adult sons, two daughters, six granddaughters and nine grandsons. He is currently enjoying his 28th year of sobriety. In this regard, he is a firm believer in leading by example in a quiet, humble and respectful manner.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip recently stated, "I would like to continue walking, marching and working with our Traditional, Hereditary and Spiritual Leaders, our elected Leadership, our Elders and Matriarchs, Women and Youth so that we may continue to carry forward the work to breathe life into the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples through its implementation in accordance with the commitments of the Trudeau government. Fully support Indigenous Women in their work to effectively engage in the National Inquiry into Missing Indigenous Women & Girls. Fully implement the 94 recommendations of the Truth & reconciliation final report. Fully implement the recommendations of the Cohen Commission report. This is why I am seeking re-election as President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs".