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UBCIC Resolutions Process

PURPOSE

Resolutions are the essential mechanism by which UBCIC Chiefs Council provides specific mandates and direction to the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' Executive and staff. To facilitate an efficient and effective resolution process, the UBCIC Resolution Committee proposes the following steps for consideration of the UBCIC Chiefs Council, to serve as the new UBCIC Resolution process.

PROCESS

- Resolutions should be provincial in scope and can:
 - establish a mandate for the Union of BC Indian Chiefs;
 - relate to internal matters regarding the operation of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs; or
 - support a particular First Nation, issue, event or situation
- Advance submission of a resolution is required:
 - resolutions and accompanying briefing notes for consideration at an Annual General Assembly or Chiefs Council meeting must be received by the UBCIC Resolutions Committee at least ten (10) business days prior to the start of the Assembly or meeting
 - resolutions received after this date will generally not be considered and would have to be re-submitted for consideration at a subsequent Assembly or meeting
- Urgent resolutions may be considered during an Annual General Assembly or Chiefs Council meeting
 - “urgent resolution” is defined as a resolution that is of extraordinary nature and requires action prior to the following Annual General Assembly or UBCIC Chiefs Council, and arises on the floor of a Annual General Assembly or UBCIC Chiefs Council
 - urgent resolutions arising from the floor of the meeting, will be drafted on-site by UBCIC staff and reviewed on-site by the UBCIC Resolutions Committee
 - the draft of an urgent resolution will be printed on a resolution template with initial boxes of the UBCIC Resolutions Committee
 - All urgent resolutions must be submitted by midnight the night before the last day of any UBCIC meeting.

- Acceptance of a resolution by the UBCIC Resolutions Committee
 - will only occur if the respective names and First Nations of the mover and seconder are noted on the resolution
 - the mover and seconder must be either a Chief or a duly mandated Proxy of a Full or Active Member in good standing of the UBCIC Chiefs Council
 - the mover and seconder must be available to speak to the Resolution

- Resolution format is preferably electronic
 - resolution templates are attached to assist in preparing a resolution and will be available on the UBCIC website at www.ubcic.bc.ca/resolutions

All resolution submissions and inquiries to:
UBCIC Resolutions Committee
Email: resolutions@ubcic.bc.ca
Tel: 1-800-793-9701 ext. 242
Fax: 604-684-5726

- As per Section XI (a) of the UBCIC Constitution and Bylaws (2010):
 - the Resolutions Committee, working with U.B.C.I.C. staff, will ensure that:
 - (i) Resolutions uphold and reflect the Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights Mandate of the U.B.C.I.C. and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
 - (ii) Timelines are set for the receipt of proposed resolutions from Full and Active Members in good standing;
 - (iii) There is no duplication or inconsistency between resolutions and encourage parties to reach consensus and submit joint resolutions; and
 - (iv) Final resolutions are distributed to all eligible members prior to voting at the Chiefs' Council, A.G.A. or Special General Meetings.

**UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS
CHIEFS COUNCIL/ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

DATE

LOCATION

Draft Resolution no. 2018-

RE: Title is descriptive and reflective of the intention of the resolution

WHEREAS This section provides the background information for the resolution;

WHEREAS It identifies the exact problem to be addressed and the rationale;

WHEREAS Reference relevant section(s) of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (A/RES/61/295 - Online copy: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfi/en/drip.html>)

WHEREAS Each “whereas” is a reason for the resolution and each reason requires a separate clause;

WHEREAS If the rationale cannot be explained in five clauses or less due to the complexity of the issue, then background or supporting documentation may be attached; and

WHEREAS This section prepares the reader for the action presented in the “therefore be it resolved” section.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED This is the very reason why the resolution is being drafted in the first place;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The course of action should be identified here;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Be as clear as possible what the resolution is to achieve.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Try to begin each clause with an action verb (direct, call-upon, request, etc.).

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED There should be no doubt as to what action is being requested, who should do it, how it should be done and when it should be done.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Clauses addressing federal or provincial issues should direct the UBCIC to request the federal or provincial government to work to achieve the desired objective (eg, “that the Chiefs-in-Assembly/UBCIC Chiefs Council direct the UBCIC to urge the federal or provincial government to...”).

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Chiefs-in-Assembly/Chiefs Council cannot direct another organization or government to do something, however, a course of action can be recommended to another organization (eg, “that the Chiefs-in-Assembly/UBCIC Chiefs Council direct the UBCIC Executive and staff to work with like-minded organizations to...”).

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED A recommendation for action must consider the cost of doing so and may be contingent upon funding – any available funding sources should be identified in the resolution

Moved: Chief/Proxy, First name and last name, community

Seconded: Chief/Proxy, First name and last name, community

Disposition:

Date:

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Draft Resolution no. 2018-

RE: Title is descriptive and reflective of the intention of the support resolution

WHEREAS This section provides the background information for the resolution;

WHEREAS It identifies the exact problem to be addressed and the rationale;

WHEREAS Reference relevant section(s) of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (A/RES/61/295 - Online copy: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfi/en/drip.html>)

WHEREAS Identify the organization who is working on the problem;

WHEREAS If the problem cannot be explained in five clauses or less due to the complexity of the issue, then background or supporting documentation may be attached; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council/Chiefs-in-Assembly fully support...;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The course of action should be identified here;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED There should be no doubt as to what action is being requested, who should do it, how it should be done and when it should be done.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Clauses addressing federal or provincial issues should direct the UBCIC to recognize, advocate, work to achieve the desired objective (eg, “that the Chiefs-in-Assembly/UBCIC Chiefs Council supports/urges/opposes the federal or provincial government...”).

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Chiefs-in-Assembly/Chiefs Council cannot direct another organization or government to do something, however, a course of action can be recommended to another organization (eg, “that the Chiefs-in-Assembly/UBCIC Chiefs Council direct the UBCIC Executive and staff to work with the [organization identified above] and other like-minded organizations to...”).

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED A recommendation for action must consider the cost of doing so and may be contingent upon funding – any available funding sources should be identified in the resolution

Moved: Chief/Proxy, First name and last name, community

Seconded: Chief/Proxy, First name and last name, community

Disposition:

Date: