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Dear Chief and Council,

RE: UBCIC 2021-2022 Membership

We are writing to invite your community to become a Member in Good Standing with the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) for the 2021–2022 fiscal year. The UBCIC greatly appreciates your ongoing direction and support.

About the UBCIC

The UBCIC is a non-profit Indigenous political organization representing over 100 First Nations in BC. In 2020–2021, under direction from the Chiefs Council, we continued to be a strong, principled voice for the political and territorial rights of Indigenous Peoples in British Columbia and the full and unqualified implementation of the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* across all levels of government. We have also continued to support and advance initiatives essential to the well-being of our communities, in areas such as energy and mining, justice, specific claims, children and families, citizenship, heritage and language, fisheries, forestry, water and addressing missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. During this last year, we worked hard to support First Nations in BC throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Benefits for member communities

In order to carry out its mandate, the UBCIC relies in part on membership dues and other contributions by First Nations. The UBCIC offers member communities the following services and opportunities:

- **Political advocacy:** The UBCIC advances the rights and priorities of our member communities at provincial, national, and international levels. The UBCIC has a collaborative political working relationship with the BC Assembly of First Nations and the First Nations Summit as the First Nations Leadership Council to address areas of common interest at the provincial and national level, and work with First Nation Councils to advance sectoral issues. We are a recognized Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations and we support Indigenous Nations who seek to participate in UN processes.

- **Legal and policy analysis:** The UBCIC engages legal counsel and employs policy staff to provide advice, research, and technical support in areas relevant to our members. We provide legal and policy documents, briefings, and position papers to the Chiefs Council for consideration. We also take direction from membership regarding hosting special workshops or symposiums that are mandated through resolution. Policy staff coordinate projects and proposals and help draft resolutions, press releases, and public statements.
- **Specific claims research and advocacy:** The Specific Claims Research Program (SCRCP) conducts band-directed research and legal analysis at no cost to individual bands. The program also advocates for specific claims policy reform by participating in regional and national committees and providing policy updates to Chiefs Council and member communities.
- **Use of our renowned Library and Archives:** The UBCIC Library and Archives houses one of the largest collections of research materials in BC related to Indigenous lands, resources, legal issues, and Indian Affairs materials in BC.
- **Community outreach:** The UBCIC offers free research workshops to our membership and continues to develop research publications on topics such as Indigenous use-and-occupancy mapping and historical research on Indigenous lands.
- **Travel support:** Dependent on funding, the UBCIC offers support for travel and accommodation for the Chief or the designated proxy for each Full Member to attend Chiefs Council meetings and Annual General Assembly.
- **Support for media activities:** The UBCIC helps members organize press conferences and distribute press releases.
- **Use of meeting facilities:** The UBCIC provides meeting facilities, free of charge for member communities, at our downtown Vancouver office. The UBCIC meeting rooms have served as off-reserve polling stations and are ideal for pre-meetings or meetings with government or industry.
- **A Unique UBCIC Member Welcome Package:** Starting in 2021-2022, UBCIC Membership will receive comprehensive membership and orientation package that will provide thorough details regarding our mandates, constitution and bylaws, member benefits, and the UBCIC's advocacy work in support of specific member-driven policy initiatives.

UBCIC's work in 2020-2021

Over the last year, at the direction of the Chiefs Council, the UBCIC has played a prominent advocacy role on many critical files. It is important to note that the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified this role as it has exacerbated pre-existing systemic discrimination and socioeconomic inequities and created new challenges to Indigenous peoples' Title and Rights, health, and safety. Please see Appendix B: 2020 UBCIC Key Advancements and Advocacy Roles.

Membership dues and support contributions

UBCIC operates through a combination of external funding and membership dues. Membership dues are calculated on a sliding scale based on community size. For existing member communities and First Nations interested in becoming members of the UBCIC Chiefs Council, the following section of the *UBCIC Constitution and Bylaws* outlines membership dues for April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022:

By-law Section 1(b): Each Full Member shall pay a membership fee to the U.B.C.I.C. depending on their registered Band Membership as follows:

- I.
- I. For members with up to 100 registered Band Members the sum of \$100.00,
 - II. For members with between 101–300 registered Band Members the sum of \$200.00,
 - III. For members with between 301–500 registered Band Members the sum of \$300.00,
 - IV. For members with between 501–800 registered Band Members the sum of \$400.00,
 - V. For members with 801 or more registered Band Members the sum of \$500.00.

Voluntary Contribution to Support UBCIC Library, legal challenges and outreach

Each member Band is asked to provide a voluntary contribution toward the following aspects of our work:

1. Operation of the UBCIC Library and Archives, one of the largest Indigenous land rights research facilities in BC;
2. Timely legal analysis and assistance; and
3. Community outreach initiatives, through which the UBCIC provides our membership with materials, information, and support.

We encourage contribution amounts of \$500, \$1000 or \$1500 and welcome all contributions.

To pay your membership dues:

1. By Cheque: Send cheque payable to: “Union of BC Indian Chiefs” to:
Union of BC Indian Chiefs
209- 345 Chief Alex Thomas Way
Kamloops, BC, V2H 1H1
2. By Credit Card: Email Mildred Chartrand at mildred@ubcic.bc.ca or Tracy Point at tpoint@ubcic.bc.ca to arrange credit card payment.
3. By Interact E-Transfer: Send interact e-transfer to membershipfees@ubcic.bc.ca.
Please use password: “Chiefs”

In closing, we sincerely extend our deep gratitude to communities who will be renewing their dues and contributions for their ongoing involvement in the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

If you have any questions, please contact Jody Woods, Acting Administrative Director, at the Vancouver Office (1-800-793-9701) or Arnold Peters, Finance Manager, at the Kamloops Office (250-828-9746).

In solidarity,



Grand Chief Stewart Phillip
President



Chief Don Tom
Vice-President



Kukpi7 Judy Wilson
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosed: Union of BC Indian Chiefs Mandate

Appendix A: Union of BC Indian Chiefs Mandate

It is a guiding principle of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs (“UBCIC”) that our Aboriginal Title and Rights are inherent – a gift and responsibility given by the Creator to our Peoples, together with the laws to carry out these responsibilities. The UBCIC’s mandate is to work towards the implementation, exercise and recognition of our inherent Title, Rights and Treaty Rights and to protect our Lands and Waters, through the exercise, and implementation of our own laws and jurisdiction.

The UBCIC strengthens Indigenous Nations to assert and implement their Aboriginal Title, Rights, Treaty Rights and Right of Self-Determination as Peoples. The UBCIC works collectively amongst Indigenous Nations in B.C. and to act as an advocacy body to provide a cohesive voice (regionally, nationally and internationally) in support of Indigenous Nations and communities, and to promote and protect each Nation’s exercise of Sovereignty within their traditional territories.

The UBCIC upholds the principles and standards articulated in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (“UNDRIP”) for the establishment and maintenance of a universal framework of minimum standards for the survival, dignity, well-being and rights of Indigenous Peoples. The UBCIC advocates for Indigenous Peoples’ Right of Self-Determination under international law including to freely determine their political status and pursue economic, social and cultural development. The UBCIC affirms Indigenous rights to own, use, develop and control our lands, waters and resources, according to our own laws, and the requirement of states to give legal recognition and protection to these rights.

The UBCIC seeks to provide open, respectful communications with membership and people of the land and citizens of the Province. The UBCIC is collectively directed by Indigenous Nations and communities, to support and strengthen Indigenous governments in the exercise of our inherent rights and responsibilities, including in the areas of political, social, economic, cultural, and spiritual Sovereignty and development.

Appendix B: 2020 UBCIC Key Advancements and Advocacy Roles

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Negotiations

- As mandated by the Chiefs Council through resolution, the UBCIC is in discussions with BC on an ongoing basis related to negotiations for those outside of the BC Treaty Commission process (BCTC) and are in the process of drafting a framing document for that work. The shared goal of the UBCIC-BC table is to develop technical and principled guidance to elevate negotiations with First Nations external to the BCTC process, which ultimately would build into a single process that meets the needs of all First Nations. Draft negotiation principles for the Province to follow as a minimum standard will be brought to the Chiefs Council for review.
- The Chiefs Council requested a second symposium on negotiations beyond the BCTC process which will take place in April 2021, and the Chiefs will have the opportunity to hear updates from Nations who have completed large agreements with the Province and discuss strategy going forward.

Cannabis

- UBCIC continues to participate on the BC First Nations Leadership Council ("FNLC") Cannabis Working Group, and the UBCIC political representative is Chief Don Tom.
- The First Nations members of the Cannabis Working Group are advancing several key priorities regarding First Nations jurisdiction and the government-to-government relationship with respect to cannabis, collaboration at the FNLC Cannabis Working Group, and economic support for BC First Nations and businesspeople involved in the cannabis sector.
- The Cannabis Working Group is in discussions about the impacts of COVID-19 on the cannabis industry and First Nations involved, and the FNLC is urging the Solicitor General, in collaboration with the Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness, to increase economic supports for the cannabis sector, and in particular, ensure there are targeted supports to meet the specific needs and priorities of Indigenous entrepreneurs and businesses. We continue to seek adequate funding to engage in the Cannabis Working Group.

Children and Families

- UBCIC, as part of the FNLC has continued to advocate for a BC-specific approach to the implementation of *An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families*, including a specific budget allocation to BC, and to ensure work continues on the implementation of the Act during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have hosted several Children and Families specific townhall sessions and webinar, and these sessions will be continuing over the next several months.
- The Tri-Partite Working Group continues to meet on a regular basis and to address matters related to First Nations jurisdiction over child welfare, reparations and redress for discriminatory practices and policies that have impacted First Nations children and families, and ongoing COVID-19 related issues.
- UBCIC technical staff and executive also continue to participate as part of the recently struck Jordan's Principle Working Group, supporting the operationalization and resourcing of Jordan's Principle in BC, and is working in collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee and the Province of BC on the development of a First Nations children and youth in care education strategy, as per the protocol signed with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Children and Family Development, and the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Climate Change

- Collaboration between the FNLC and the Province on the CleanBC climate plan is ongoing. The BC-FNLC Technical Working Group on Climate Change has finalized a set of engagement principles and is developing an engagement plan. Provincial engagement with First Nations regarding CleanBC is shifting to virtual engagement during COVID-19.
- Technical staff of UBCIC, the First Nations Summit (“FNS”), and the BC Assembly of First Nations (“BCAFN”) are collaborating to produce a draft BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan, which will be informed by the *FNLC Climate Emergency Survey* and other ongoing engagement and collaboration activities. Once a first draft is finalized, it will be shared with First Nations in BC for their input. An update draft will be worked through with the Chiefs Council either virtually or in person, depending on the status of COVID-19 at the time.
- In collaboration with Indigenous Climate Action, UBCIC co-authored a [submission](#) to the United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights which examined how the cultural rights of Indigenous peoples in Canada are being impacted by climate change. Key points raised in the report included the need to better protect cultural rights and land defenders from violence and harassment and the recommendation for states to improve funding and capacity for Indigenous communities to develop sovereign and independent climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies.

COVID-19

- The policy team, both in UBCIC and FNLC capacities, is currently engaged in advocacy efforts around COVID-19 in order to address the emergency, including:
 - Bi-weekly multi-agency leadership calls on COVID-19 with focused topics discussed (i.e., operational wildfire updates, the opioid crisis, the back-to-school plan and mental health for children and youth);
 - FNLC calls with individual ministries/departments/govts focused on recovery from COVID-19;
 - Forwarding a submission to the Province that includes UBCIC’s recommendations around implementing an economic recovery plan that addresses and works to resolve both the economic and social impacts and challenges associated with COVID-19; and
- Engagement with the Province regarding the need for First Nations’ jurisdiction to be upheld through inclusion in economic restart decision-making. UBCIC continues to amplify First Nations communications around COVID and remain in regular contact with the legal firm advancing the proximate data complaint by NTC, Tsilhqot’in and Heiltsuk. UBCIC engaged Mandell Pinder to produce a legal opinion about applicability of PHO orders on reserve, which finds that they are of general applicability since they are provincial orders and are enforceable on reserve.
- UBCIC is working to push for immediate implementation of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond’s report on systemic racism in BC health care, drawing on the connection to the current COVID-19 pandemic where First Nations have no choice but to interact with the health care system.

Energy and Mines

- UBCIC has continued to advance its mandate to oppose Site C, and issued a call for the [halt of Site C construction during COVID-19](#) due to the high risks of transmission in work camps, and the possibility for workers in camp to spread the virus to nearby First Nations. As directed by resolution, UBCIC also [called for a moratorium on fracking near Peace River dams](#), drawing on a report by Ben Parfitt, noting the dangers posed by fracking and disposal well operations in the Peace River Region.
- UBCIC continues to push back on the TMX and other fossil fuel energy projects without full consent of Indigenous peoples involved and promote the safety and welfare of Indigenous land defenders, including signing on letters with Amnesty International and other human rights and Indigenous organizations. UBCIC is engaged in new work mandated through resolution of calling on major banks to revise their policies to address climate change and uphold Indigenous rights.

Emergency Management

- UBCIC is reaching out to all members about emergency preparedness in relation to COVID-19, assessing current capacity and where more support is needed.
- UBCIC has prepared a rolling draft of current travel bans and safety protocols adopted by First Nations in BC.
- Beyond COVID-19, UBCIC continues to focus on the long-term advocacy required for emergency management. Policy staff support the functioning of the Tripartite Emergency Management Working Group and the formation of its Sub-Committee on *Emergency Program Act* (“EPA”) modernization. Jocelyn Stacey, who assisted UBCIC with briefings on emergency management operations throughout earlier phases of the COVID-19 response, will represent UBCIC in a technical capacity on the Sub-Committee, and will brief the Executive on the status of the *EPA* modernization work as it develops.

Fishing

- The FNLC held a press conference with Chief Brian Assu, Chief Chris Roberts, Chief Wayne Sparrow, Bob Chamberlin, and Alexandra Morton calling on the DFO to act now to protect salmon from the spread of sea lice by transitioning open-pen fish farms to land-based containment, with First Nations as leaders and partners in the transition.
- The policy team continues to support the work of the Wild Salmon Summit Committee.
- The UBCIC is extremely concerned with the decline in returns and is working to bring attention to this devastating issue.
- At the direction of the Chiefs Council, the UBCIC will be participating in a joint intervention with the Fisheries Council, BCAFN, and FNS regarding the appeal of the Discovery Islands decision. The decision upheld the impacted First Nations’ desire for cessation of fish farms in their territories, and is being appealed by industry.

Forestry

- UBCIC remains active on the old growth forestry front and continues to work with the Endangered Ecosystem Alliance, Stand.Earth, and the Wilderness Committee to push the provincial and federal government to finance the protection of old growth forests and to help Indigenous peoples establish conservation-based economies. UBCIC met with Ken Wu, Executive Director of the Endangered Ecosystem Alliance, to strategize and find an approach that will pressure the provincial government’s support for conservation financing. UBCIC recently co-drafted a sign-on letter with Ken Wu to the province about conservation financing.
- Policy staff are working with member Nations to plan and hold a session on old growth for Chiefs to participate in and explore their options for action and advocacy.

Gaming

- The BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing GP distributed First Nations’ share of Provincial gaming revenue for 2020/2021 (Year 2 Funding). The FNLC has been advised that this year’s payment was expedited with an intent to extend and reduce reporting requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Distribution was made May 8, 2020 (ahead of May 31, 2020 deadline and as an outcome of direct feedback from limited partners), and the total 2020/2021 gaming revenue share distribution was \$99,095,737. The average 2020/2021 distribution to BC First Nations was \$500,484. UBCIC will continue working with the FNLC to support the advancement of this file.

Health

- Engaging with the Province and other government agencies to address the opioid overdose crisis that has been exacerbated by COVID-19; advocating for more treatment and recovery beds and resources.
- Protesting Bill 22 and its proposed amendments to BC's *Mental Health Act* (which will see youth involuntarily detained for a week following an overdose) and hosting a press conference on July 27, 2020 with the BC Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) and Health Justice to call attention to key concerns.
- Sending a UBCIC, BCCLA, and Pivot Legal Society letter to the Vancouver Parks Board recommending against proposed changes to the by-laws concerning temporary sheltering in parks; the dual public health crises associated with COVID-19 and opioid overdoses cause dangerous daily displacement.
- Supporting members in their considerations to revise the current health governance structure.
- UBCIC is supporting the recommendation of "In Plan Sight" and is engaged in advocacy to address systemic racism toward First Nations in BC's health care system.

Hunting

- At the direction of the Chiefs Council in February 2020, UBCIC is working to revitalize advocacy on First Nations' hunting rights. While physically coming together has been made impossible by the pandemic, UBCIC hosted a [webinar on Hunting Rights, COVID-19, and the Path Forward](#) on June 3, 2020 from 1:00-3:00pm.
- The webinar provided a forum for conversation on next steps with hunting advocacy and collaboration, and UBCIC developed a discussion paper and resolution which were endorsed by the Chiefs Council at the February 2021 Chiefs Council meeting. UBCIC will now work to advance the mandate on hunting approved by the Chiefs.

Heritage

- Continue to support the work of the Joint Working Group on First Nations Heritage Conservation ("JWGFNHC").
- FNLC held an All-Chiefs meeting to update Chiefs on the work of the JWGFNHC and dialogue on First Nations Heritage Issues.
- Advocated to the Province to immediately implement section 4 of the *Heritage Conservation Act* and section 7 of the *Declaration Act* to clear roadblocks to Nations entering into decision making agreements related to heritage conservation.
- Made recommendations on heritage conservation for the *Declaration Act* Action Plan.

International

- Submitting a [report](#) to the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights regarding the impact of COVID-19 on Indigenous peoples in Canada. The report draws attention to the gaps in government services, funding, and programs for Indigenous Peoples, and the improvements needed in BC's response to COVID-19, including implementing better data collection and human rights oversight.
- Contracted Rachel Singleton-Polster to prepare a detailed manual, to be distributed to First Nations, on participating on UN bodies and forums and maximizing advocacy goals.

Justice

- UBCIC, BCCLA, and Hogan's Alley Society hosted a press conference condemning the inherent racism of street checks and [published a letter](#) received from Police Complaint Commissioner Clayton Pecknold detailing racism witnessed by researchers while conducting the Vancouver Police Board Street Check Review.
- UBCIC co-authored an [open letter](#) with 73 co-signatory organizations calling for Vancouver and the Province of BC to ban police street checks, and shared a [petition](#) for action that received more than 6,400 signatures. UBCIC continues to advance work on this file.
- UBCIC will participate in presentation to the Standing Committee to reform the *Police Act* with the FNLC.
- UBCIC continues to support Nations with individual requests regarding justice issues.

MMIWG2S

- The Coalition on MMIWG has continued its monthly meetings via Zoom and has met with Bruno Steinke, Sr. Director of the MMIWG Secretariat and Gina Wilson, Chair of Core MMWIG Working Group to hear about the structure and organization of its working groups on the National Action Plan. The Coalition is currently working on a letter to the MMIWG Secretariat and Working Groups to advance the Coalition's concerns and priorities for the development and implementation of the National Action Plan. The Coalition has also requested a list of names of those on the working groups and information on how the Secretariat plans to share their content and information outside their working groups for feedback. The [open letter](#) the Coalition previously sent to the provincial political parties to make the Calls for Justice an election priority has also been forwarded to the new NDP government with the expectation of a response.

UNDRIP/DRIPA

- UBCIC continues to participate with the BCAFN and FNS as the FNLC, as part of the Commitment Document table with the Province.
- The Joint Core Working Group has been the main body tasked with overseeing implementation of the Commitment Document. Focus is currently on preparing an Action Plan to implement the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. There will be extensive engagement with First Nations on the draft. UBCIC staff have reviewed UBCIC resolutions and pulled together a chart connecting resolutions with potential priorities in the Action Plan.
- UBCIC Library and Archives reviewed materials to identify legislation and policy the Chiefs have historically identified as needing to be improved with respect to Indigenous Title and Rights. This material will go to the legal team working on alignment of laws. Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond represents UBCIC at the legal table.
- UBCIC continues to engage in efforts to pass federal legislation to implement UNDRIP and has participated in numerous All Chiefs meetings. UBCIC will present to the standing committee as part of the FNLC and will bring forward changes noted in resolution from the UBCIC.

Specific Claims

- UBCIC Research Director sits as a technical representative in an ongoing process to reform specific claims: the AFN-Canada Joint Technical Working Group ("JTWG") on specific claims. The aim of JTWG work is to create a fully independent process that eliminates Canada's conflict of interest. The next step in JTWG work is to produce a proposed model of an independent specific claims process. Throughout all engagement by the JTWG, the BC Specific Claims Working Group ("BCSCWG") (created by UBCIC resolution in 2013) has been a strong advocate for a process that is fully independent and which integrates Indigenous laws and legal protocols on equal footing with Canadian law.

- The BCSCWG has been leading efforts to (a) understand the effects of COVID-19 on claims processes and (b) hold Canada accountable for continuing to advance claims and uphold its lawful obligations and the honour of the Crown. This has involved reaching out to the claimant community for feedback and then communicating findings to Canada.
- The BCSCWG, working with Ardith Walkem, has launched an online resource to support Indigenous Nations in using Indigenous laws and legal protocols to resolve historical land-related grievances. Our Laws Arise from the Land (www.ourlawsarisefromtheland.org) contains a discussion paper and videos with Indigenous experts about how Nations are articulating laws in relation to historic losses. New resources and videos are being continually added.
- The BCSCWG is overseeing research by UBCIC Research into the effect of the Trans Mountain pipeline on specific claims. So far, this research has examined which existing specific claims might be affected by the expansion of the pipeline and archaeological losses from the construction of the first pipeline in 1952–53 (i.e., significant heritage losses for which Canada has failed to provide redress).
- UBCIC Research has led the National Claims Research Directors in holding Canada accountable for recent changes related to research funding that posed risks to the autonomy, authority, and overall budgets of claims research units and Indigenous Nations across Canada. Advocacy by the NCRD has led to the reinstatement of a working group through which decisions on research funding can be made collaboratively.
- In November 2019, UBCIC led the NCRD in making a formal submission to the Department of Justice's Stakeholder Engagement Process. The submission was titled "Canada's Proposed Modernization of the Privacy Act: Issues and Concerns for Indigenous Peoples." Its key recommendation stressed the need for continued, direct engagement with Indigenous peoples and their representative organizations regarding legislative reform, obtaining their FPIC to ensure they are equal decision-making partners in matters that concern them.

Shared Territories and Overlaps

- The UBCIC was directed by resolution to work with the BCAFN and the FNS as the FNLC to host an All Chiefs meeting on Shared Territories and Overlaps ("STO"). The meeting was open to both elected and hereditary leadership. The STO meeting was intended to address the question "What is a principled approach to addressing shared territories and overlaps, and what are the components of a framework (e.g., mechanisms, structures, tools, institutions, principles, goals, and approaches) that would be helpful in addressing shared territories and overlaps?"
- During discussion at the February 2020 UBCIC Chiefs Council, the Chiefs agreed to additionally table at the STO a UBCIC document titled "Analysis of Shared Territory and Overlaps, the Recognition and Reconciliation of Rights Policy for Treaty Negotiations in British Columbia, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."
- Although the STO meeting was scheduled to go from March 11-13, 2020, due to COVID-19 being declared a pandemic during the beginning of the meeting, the FNLC made the difficult decision to cancel the meeting midway through March 12. There was time for a governance workshop and a case study presentation. Attendees missed breakouts on principles and institutions, and summary discussion on the last day. We are currently working on next steps.