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Summary of Chiefs Council Meetings [1]

21 February 2019

This is the first in a series of progress summaries to be provided quarterly to the Da'naxda'xw/Awaetlala membership.

Summary of Governance Discussions:

November 12, 2016: Prior to the initial meeting of the Chiefs Council, there was a Family Leadership meeting in Alert Bay in the Whe-La-La-U building. The priorities discussions really started at this point, our families living in the Whe-La-La-U had very little support and changes need to happen. Also coming from this meeting was the agreement that the membership need to be questioned on governance, which lead to the band meeting on January 12, 2017.

October 13, 2017: The initial meeting of the Chiefs Council established the working committee to prepare drafts of plans, budgets and other materials as required for review and discussion in the Chiefs Council meetings. A plan to meet monthly when possible was agreed to, considering the amount of work ahead. The discussions led to this committee supporting work on a draft budget for consideration.

Moving ahead through the next few meetings it was apparent that funding is the priority but planning and funding indicated support and engagement with a consultant. A draft RFP was developed and posted with no response. Alderhill Planning put forward a proposal, prior to the RFP and then subsequently retracted before a letter of acceptance was delivered. There is now further planning to support the work needed to be done to engage the Da'naxda'xw/Awaetlala membership and support the Chiefs Council to complete the work to build a governance code.

To have the Chiefs Council work more efficiently, it was agreed to have the governance discussions in the morning and plan afternoon meetings as needed to focus on current and ongoing concerns that need direction from Chiefs Council.

Understanding the need to engage membership for support and direction of the work to build our governance code has to start with healing or re-uniting our people, just as the Chiefs Council has moved through their own healing and reuniting as a team.

November 18, 2018: At the recent Membership Gathering, updates were shared and the new website was launched. The website contains a private Da'naxda'xw/Awaetlala registered members only area. Currently this area contains only "Records of Decisions" from meetings where formal decision-making was completed. The Chiefs Council did not expect to have a DRAFT Governance Code in place for review by the November 18th membership gathering. To begin drafting this work, there is some direction and input needed from the membership. Aside from a clear want to see a draft governance code, there was



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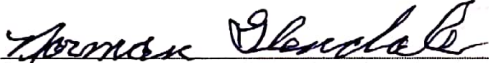
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also direct request to see a Terms of Reference for the Chiefs Council as well as some time spent working on understanding our family history and who we are.

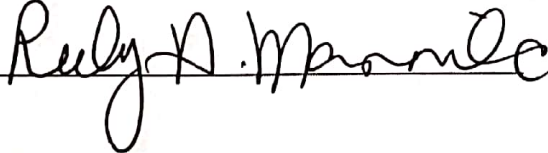
February 22, 2019: At the most recent Chiefs Council meeting, it was determined that the Governance and Priority Discussion Summaries would be drafted and approved for communications on a quarterly basis. If not possible or needed, other arrangements would be made but there is also a plan to engage the membership on a regular schedule moving forward as it is recognized that membership engagement is needed to move this work forward...



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on behalf of Chief Billy Peter