



Letter of Intent

Between

**Minister of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation
(Hon. John Rustad)**

and

**The Chief of the Kwakiutl Indian Band
(Yakawilas Coreen Child)**

Whereas The Chief of the Kwakiutl Indian Band (KIB) and the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) met on October 08, 2015 to talk about building harmonious relations on the foundation of the 1851 Douglas Treaty;

Whereas KIB and MARR agree that nothing in this Letter is intended to abrogate or derogate from the Aboriginal, Treaty or inherent rights of the Kwakiutl Indian Band; and

Whereas KIB and MARR agree that this Letter is not intended; neither shall be construed as modifying the Douglas Treaty, nor is it intended as creating a new Treaty, nor a Treaty Making process whatsoever; and

Whereas This Letter of Intent does not create or constitute any legally binding or enforceable obligations or liabilities between KIB and MARR, and may be subject in future to further amendment or modification.

Therefore the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and the Kwakiutl Indian Band resolve that:

1. The Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) and Kwakiutl Indian Band (KIB) will each assign a person to work towards preparation of a Terms of Reference (TOR), detailed description and plan to establish a new and innovative process for building harmonious relations with an emphasis on a mutual understanding of the 1851 Douglas Treaty Implementation.
2. MARR and KIB affirm their shared desire for respectful dialogue to help identify specific KIB community priorities, with a view to supporting the economic, health and wellbeing of the KIB members.
3. MARR and KIB will additionally explore co-operation and support from the federal government to take part in building harmonious relations.
4. MARR and KIB agree that their representatives will ensure that the Minister and Chief are kept informed of progress with opportunities to confirm or reassess progress on a regular basis.
5. MARR and KIB agree that the Minister will undertake to seek initial capacity funds to assist KIB in its participation in developing the Terms of Reference and plan for ongoing consultation and engagement, and whereupon review of the Terms of Reference and a plan that outlines practical steps and tangible outcomes the parties can agree to support, MARR will seek authority for further capacity funds.

Signed this 9 day of Nov, 2015 in the community of Tsakis, Kwakiutl Treaty Lands and Territory


Hon. John Rustad


Chief Yakawilas Coreen Child