

# Environmental Assessment Revitalization Indigenous Implementation Committee – June 28, 2019

**Chairs:** Scott Bailey and Bob Chamberlin (Kwkwwasutinuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation)

**Members:**

Anna Osborne (Metlakatla Stewardship Society); Jackie Thomas (Saik'uz); Dave Nordquist (Adams Lake); Nalaine Morin (Arrowblade Consulting); Nicole Kapell (Ktunaxa Nation Council); Bruce Muir (West Moberly First Nations); Verna Power (Lake Babine First Nation); Sunny LeBourdais (LeBourdais and Associates); Melanie Walker (Tsleil-Waututh Nation); Ang Smith [Gitxsan Nation]

**EAO Attendees:** Kate Haines, Amy Avila, Tanner May-Poole

**FNEMC Observer(s):** Paul Blom

**Regrets:** Angel Ransom (First Nations Major Project Coalition); Maureen Chapman (Sq'ewá:lxw [Skawahlook] First Nation); John Risdale (Office of the Wet'suwet'en); Fern Stockman; Nathan Braun

## Opening Remarks

- Bob Chamberlin has been selected as the co-chair through August and Ang Smith from September onwards.

## IIC TOR

- The TOR was updated following the comments received from the June 16, 2019 IIC meeting, and sent out as Version 2.
- The potential need for legal advice being required at certain times during the lifetime of the IIC was flagged.
  - Participants also highlighted that the role of the IIC is primarily to provide technical input and advice raised about purpose of legal advice and need to keep the technical input nature of the committee.
  - EAO noted that they will be obtaining legal advice for development of policies and guidance to implement the new Act and it was unclear at this point what purpose legal advice through the committee would be.
- The BC-FNLC Commitment Document is referenced in the TOR and it was raised that it should be reviewed to determine how the four principles can be acknowledged in the TOR. It was raised that inclusion of the principles will need to be considered carefully in the context of the act (noting the principles go back several years).
- ACTION: EAO to review input and update TOR to DRAFT Version 3 and re-circulate before July 11 for comment.

## July 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- Main items proposed for the agenda:
  - Overview of Act and RPR

- Review various streams of work currently in development, or planned, to determine IIC priorities
- Potential area of focus of IIC is Indigenous knowledge
- New federal/provincial cooperation agreement is being developed with a federal representative attending the meeting to discuss the agreement.
- Set dates for IIC meetings in the fall
- Potential addition to agenda – conflict resolution

#### Other Items

- There is a high volume of offline work required of IIC. The EAO should be informed of how it proceeds and work with the IIC to make the process as efficient as possible.
- Proposed IIC dinner the evening prior to a September meeting.

#### Action Items

- Re-distribute TOR version 2
- Update TOR (TOR version 3):
  - Define difference between responsibilities and deliverables.
  - Develop an initial list of priority topics
- The BC-FNLC Commitment Document will be reviewed to determine what should be included with consideration that the document was completed in 2014, prior to revitalization and development of the new Act.