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Mushuau Innu Government Vision Statement

To provide good government, that responds to the needs of the people and fosters unity, understanding and fairness to the Mushuau Innu.

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Mushuau Innu First Nation Band Council Resolution (BCR)

Whereas pursuant to our inherent right of self-government as free and self-governing people from time immemorial;

And Whereas as the duly selected government of the Mushuau Innu we have the power and responsibility to administer and govern our Nation within and as a part of Canada;

*And Whereas pursuant to the **Indian Act (R.S., 1985, c.I-5)**, and as designated in Section 3 of the Mushuau Innu First Nation Band Order P.C. 2002-1948, 21 November 2002, wherein we were declared to be a Band for the purposes of the said Indian Act and to be known as the Mushuau Innu First Nation (MIFN), under which we operate as registered Indians;*

*And Whereas pursuant to **Order in Council 2003-1985** dated December 11, 2003, Natuashish Indian Reserve #2 was created as a land base for the Mushuau Innu First Nation Band;*

*And Whereas being recognized by the **Indian Act (R.S., 1985, c.I-5)**, of the duly elected Government of the said body of Indians, we have the power and responsibility to administer and govern Natuashish Indian Reserve #2;*

And Whereas the Council has met in session on July 5, 2019 and constituted a quorum

WHEREAS:

- Innu have, after many years of effort, finally started receiving some federal funding for the provision of Innu child and family prevention services, starting as of 2016-17. However the funding has been essentially frozen for four years and is insufficient to meet community needs.
- As of 2018, based a ruling of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal in the *Caring Society* decision at, federal funding for First Nations child and family services has become significantly different for “agencies” vs non-agencies, including agencies involved in prevention only and not protection. The Province of Newfoundland & Labrador does not

set criteria for the establishment of child and family services agencies, and has not been involved in prevention services.

- The Innu First Nations have established the Labrador Innu Round Table Secretariat Inc. ("IRT Secretariat") as a corporation to assist both Innu First Nations with services, "as authorized by" the First Nations. Prevention services to Innu children and families are now being mainly provided by the IRT Secretariat, with our approval, in addition to certain services being provided at the First Nation level if desired.
- We wish to formally authorize the IRT Secretariat to provide prevention services for Innu children and families, and to formally designate the IRT Secretariat as our agency for that purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. We hereby designate the IRT Secretariat as **our agency** for the purpose of providing prevention services to our children and families. It is a pre-delegated agency, and is not providing protection services under provincial legislation at this time.
2. We **authorize** the IRT Secretariat to provide Innu prevention services and to take all incidental steps required to implement that purpose, including obtaining further funding.
3. Ongoing oversight and direction from our First Nation in these services shall be provided through the Board of the IRT Secretariat. The IRT Secretariat shall remain accountable to our First Nation through the Board and the corporation's audit and reporting processes.
4. This resolution does not prejudice the ability of our First Nation to provide certain prevention services and other health and wellbeing services directly, complementing the services provided jointly through the IRT Secretariat, if we choose to do so

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Moved By *[Signature]*

Seconded By *Nachelle Piker*

Voting in favour of BCR No. 2019-_____ Are

John Nui (Chief)

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Len Scott Rich (Deputy Chief)

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Angela Pasteen

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Mathias Rich

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Nachelle Piker

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Notes: Unless and abstain of nay vote is recorded, those recoded as voting were the majority of those members of the Mushuau Government at the aforesaid meeting of Council. A quorum of the Mushuau government is three members (3) which may include the Utshmau (Chief).

Number of members of Council present at the meeting: _____

Unless otherwise noted this BCR comes into effect the date upon which it was voted upon.