



Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation

Band Council Resolution BCR

Band Council Resolution # 2019-018

Resolution on IRT Secretariat as Agency for Innu Prevention Services

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.

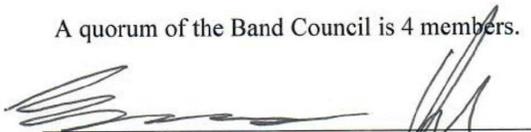
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- 4. This resolution does not prejudice the ability of our First Nation to provide certain prevention services and other health and wellbeing services directly, complementing the services provided jointly through the IRT Secretariat, if we choose to do so.

Adopted by the Council of Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation at a duly convened meeting on June 15, 2019

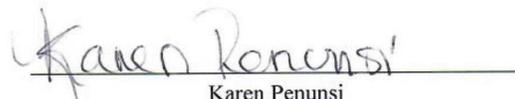
Those in favour of the resolution:

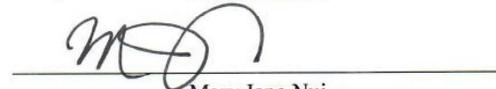
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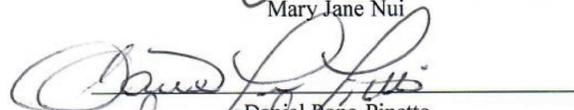

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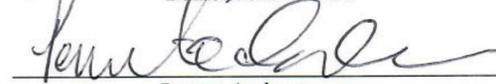

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