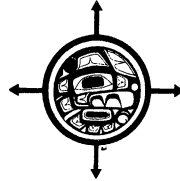


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UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS CHIEFS COUNCIL WESTBANK, B.C.

Resolution no. 2007-27

RE: Development of a First Nations Common Services (FNCS) Organization

WHEREAS the First Nations Technology Council (FNTC) is mandated to develop a Technology Plan to address issues, including:

- i high speed internet connection,
- ii technology skills development, and
- iii development of technical support.

WHEREAS the FNTC has developed a Criteria to Select a Community Cluster for the Fully Integrated Technologies Community (“FIT Community”) Proof of Concept Project that is a model for all communities to use technology to implement technology as a tool of transformative change;

WHEREAS the Leadership Council supports the First Nations Technology Council 2006-2008 Strategic Plan;

WHEREAS much has been accomplished but there are still approximately 100+ communities without broadband connectivity. BC has committed to connecting these communities and they, as well as the Leadership Council on behalf of FNTC, continue to lobby Canada to provide matching funding. The Connecting Communities Agreement of 2005 provided many currently served communities with a broadband point of presence. It did not, however, provide a ‘last mile’ solution which would distribute broadband to all community buildings. Most communities are not large enough to build a business case to become their own ISP (internet service provider), nor has there been a local ISP willing to serve the community; and

WHEREAS the FNTC is proposing to aggregate the 100+ communities still to be served and communities that have not distributed their broadband throughout the community in a Common Network Services organization, including ISP and Help Desk functions, to ensure the sustainability of a broadband network in small rural and remote communities. Opportunities to provide other common services i.e. GIS, multimedia, information management, etc. could be developed as needed. Without such a common

services organization, many of the small communities will not have the resources to use technology as a tool of transformative change.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCIC Chiefs Council support the First Nations Technology Council to develop the concept of First Nations Common Services organization with First Nations Network Services being the foundation.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCIC Chiefs Council support FNTC in seeking legal and professional organizational development advice to recommend the most appropriate organization required to provide common network services, including common ISP services: – cooperative, joint venture with industry partner(s), consortium of First Nations communities or Tribal Councils, etc.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the UBCIC Chiefs Council support FNTC in seeking resources to determine/develop a First Nations Common Network Services organization to support First Nations communities that could form a base from which to build on for application support and other common services.

Moved: Chief Keith Matthew, Simpcw First Nation
Seconded: Chief Michael LeBourdais, Whispering Pines Indian Band
Disposition: Carried
Date: June 26th, 2007