



September 16, 2022

Chief Terry Teegee
1004 Landooz Road
Prince George BC V2K 5S3

Dear Chief Teegee:

I am writing with the hope of arranging a meeting with the First Nations Leadership Council to discuss opportunities to strengthen our relationship in accordance with provincial commitments under the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and to discuss the First Nations health governance structure.

The Government of British Columbia passed the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (Declaration Act) in November 2019 that established a provincial framework for reconciliation. The Declaration Act supports the affirmation of, and development of relationships with, Indigenous Governing Bodies as defined in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. The Declaration Act provides us with an important opportunity to revisit previous process and to work together to ensure that the interests of First Nations rights holders are appropriately acknowledged and included.

The Ministry of Health is committed to working in partnership with First Nations to advance implementation of the Declaration Act. The Ministry is also fully committed to continuing our collective pursuit of transformative change within the provincial health care system to improve health and wellness outcomes for First Nations.

With these commitments in mind, I would like to meet with you to discuss the interests of the First Nations Leadership Council. My office will reach out to you to arrange a meeting in the near future. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss that matter further and to continuing our important partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Dix".

Adrian Dix
Minister

pc: Andrea Glickman, Policy Director, Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs