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BRIEFING NOTE

TO: BCAFN CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY
FROM: BCAFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DATE: MARCH 9, 2023
RE: DRAFT SCA RESOLUTION 06/2023 – ADVANCING A POSITIVE PATH FORWARD ON FIRST NATIONS GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE

To provide recommendations to the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly on draft resolution 06/2023, Advancing a Positive Path Forward on First Nations Governance.

DISCUSSION

1. At its meeting on March 8, 2023, the BCAFN Board of Directors reviewed draft written resolutions received by BCAFN pursuant to the Standing Rules of Procedures for Assemblies (the “Rules”).
2. Rule #53 requires the Board to conduct a review and ensure that, for each draft resolution:
 - a. form and deadline requirements have been met;
 - b. the content of the draft resolution is consistent with the purposes of the BCAFN, as set out in the Society's Constitution and Bylaws, and to determine if there are elements that could prevent consensus;
 - c. the draft resolution does not conflict with past resolutions or, if there is a conflict that the proposed change is clearly stated as an intent or a purpose of the draft resolution; and
 - d. the draft resolution is not in conflict with a draft resolution already submitted for consideration at the same meeting.
3. After its review, the Board has made the following determinations with respect to draft resolution 06-2023:
 - a. the form and deadline requirements have been met;
 - b. there are elements that could prevent consensus, namely:



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- i. lack of clarity around the current status of the arm's length Health Governance Review;
 - ii. lack of support for the notion that the federal or provincial governments require the arm's length Health Governance Review to be concluded prior to renewing the ten-year funding agreement; and
 - iii. lack of support for the idea that health funding would be at risk unless the arm's length Health Governance Review is halted;
 - c. the draft resolution is in conflict with past resolutions, and while that conflict is noted in the draft resolution, the wording could more plainly disclose the position adopted by the Chiefs-in-Assembly in Resolutions 02-2021 and 23-2022 and that this resolution is intended to rescind or reverse those positions;
 - d. there is no conflict with another draft resolution before this Special Chiefs Assembly.
4. Due to its determinations under 3(b) and (c) above, and pursuant to Rule 56, the Board:
 - a. recommends to the Chiefs-in-Assembly that draft resolution 06-2023 be tabled and brought back for reconsideration at the next BCAFN meeting following this Special Chiefs Assembly;
 - b. submits this briefing note to the Chiefs-in-Assembly as its reasons for recommendation.
5. Pursuant to Rule 56, the Chiefs-in-Assembly will determine whether or not to discuss draft resolution 06-2023.



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