



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

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Nuu-chah-nulth Supportive of First Nations Health Council Decision

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The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council is supportive of the First Nations Health Council decision to begin a leadership transition for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair. Elections for the chair and Deputy Chair will take place on August 16, 2019.

The First Nations Health Council is committed to its work to evolve and establish good governance to advance the health needs of BC First Nations Children, Families and Communities and plays a key and pivotal role in providing quality health care to all First Nations people in BC. The work of the First Nations Health Council is very important on the path of First Nations self-determination in health.

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council holds health services as one of the highest priorities in order to care for our people and ensure they are healthy. Judith Sayers, President of the NTC, stated, "The Nuuchahnulth have worked with the First Nations Health Authority and First Nation Health Council to ensure the transfer of health services from the Federal Government to the BC First Nations is done in the best possible manner. The NTC supports the Terms of Reference and mandate of the Health Council to ensure health services are community based and Nation driven."

The First Nations Health Council is an important body in the delivery of services and having good leadership in place is essential in order to do that. Being responsive to all First Nations is also critical.

Judith Sayers added, "The NTC would like to thank Grand Chief Doug Kelly and Allan Louis for their work as Chair and Deputy Chair over the years and all their efforts to make the health council a vehicle to ensure the health needs of our people."

Change in leadership brings new insights and energy, and combining new leadership with the old, makes for a powerful team in advancing health priorities in the province.

Background: In 2006, BC and First Nations entered into a bilateral agreement called the Transformative Change Accord: First Nations Health Plan. Part of this agreement included the creation of a First Nations Health Council. The federal government joined First Nations and BC in a subsequent agreement that retained most of the direction in the bilateral plan and committed the signatories to develop a tripartite First Nations Health Plan for BC. The FNHC was established in 2007 and reformed to a regional model in 2010. The role of FNHC is to provide a focus for BC First Nations to continue the work of reforming health care that will include First Nations values and our knowledge.

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About Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) provides programs and services to over 10,000 registered members. The role of the NTC is to represent 14 First Nations in three regions stretching 300 kilometers of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island from Brooks Peninsula in the north to Point-no-Point in the south. The NTC represents Ahousaht, Ditidaht, Ehattesaht/Chinehkint, Hesquiaht, Hupacasath, Huu-ay-aht, Kyuquot/Checklesah, Mowachaht /Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Tseshaht, Uchucklesaht and Ucluelet First Nations and provides a variety of programs and services to them.

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