

First Peoples'

Committed to the revitalization of BC's
Aboriginal languages, arts and cultures.

First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council

The Legislative Amendment Initiative

Summer 2009

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT www.firstpeoples.ca



OBJECTIVES

- Introduce this legislative amendment initiative
- Describe what it aims to achieve and why
- Request your help communicating this initiative and in seeking input from those interested in the changes.



FPHLCC - A quick refresher

- A First Nation directed Crown corporation created to:

PRESERVE
RESTORE
ENHANCE

**INCREASE
UNDERSTANDING**
**SHARE
KNOWLEDGE**

**HEIGHTEN
APPRECIATION OF
WEALTH OF
CULTURAL
DIVERSITY IN BC**

FIRST NATIONS HERITAGE, LANGUAGE, AND CULTURE

Provide programs that create, fund and oversee arts, language and culture

Provide advice to government on the preservation and fostering of heritage, arts, languages and culture

Develop of resources and provision of training

Partner with First Nation communities to:

- Revitalize/Archive Cultures
- Restore language literacy and fluency



WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

- FPHLCC is recommending that its legislation be amended to:
 - ✓ include representation from all B.C. First Nations language groups on its Advisory Committee;
 - ✓ have more control over its operations in line with best practices for other crown corporations;
 - ✓ be responsive to governance changes as they occur in First Nations communities; and
 - ✓ enhance its credibility with First Nations, governments, funders and other partners.



REASONS FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- The existing Act is outdated
- It creates three challenges to the Council's ability to deliver its mandate:
 1. Exclusion of more than 50% of B.C.'s First Nations language groups
 2. Lack of Clarity
 3. Outdated Governance Model
- Each challenge and what is being proposed to address it is outlined as follows:



EMBRACE ALL FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGE GROUPS IN BC

- Expand membership to include all language groups – committee membership would increase from 20 to 32
- Open, transparent nomination process managed by Governance Committee of the Board
- Any BC First Nations individual, organization or community could nominate a person/persons
- All BC Tribal Councils AND groups not currently represented like Cultural Centres and Language Authorities could nominate



AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE CLARITY

- Reflect the wide range of artists, language champions, leaders and organizations engaged by the Council
- Reflect heritage, language and the arts as interdependent components of 'culture'
- Clarify 'culture' includes the arts
- Provide flexibility for the Council to collaborate with First Nations governing organizations to be responsive to changing priorities



MODERNIZE GOVERNANCE

1. Advisory Committee and Board roles defined in Council bylaws rather than in legislation to make them easier to adapt
2. Advisory Council role clarified to provide guidance on programming
3. Board role clarified as to provide corporate governance and advice to government based on input from the Advisory Council and other feedback such as from forums and regional language gatherings
4. Council provided with greater control, flexibility over its operations to enable it to be more responsive



YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

- Please read the Discussion Paper at www.fphlcc.ca or request a print copy by calling 250-652-5952
- Fill out the Feedback form also on the website or available in print copy by July 17, 2009
- Contact us by email: feedback@fphlcc.ca, or write us at:

First Peoples' Heritage, Language & Culture Council
1A Boat Ramp Road
Brentwood Bay, BC, V8M 1N9

- Call us at 250-652-5952 for more information and/or to discuss this proposal

