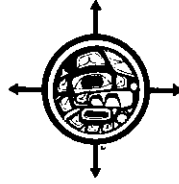


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Chief Stewart Phillip Elected for Third Consecutive Term as President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs

(Vancouver/Coast Salish Territory – December 2, 2004) Chief Stewart Phillip stated today “I am deeply honoured that the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the 36th Annual General Assembly have entrusted me to be the President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs for the next three years.”

With today's election, Chief Phillip will begin his third consecutive three-year term as the President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

“The Union of BC Indian Chiefs is well known for its uncompromising efforts to promote and defend the Aboriginal Title and Rights of Aboriginal Peoples and give Aboriginal People a voice strong enough to be heard in every corner of the world,” stated Chief Phillip.

Chief Phillip remarked “I have seen first-hand the impact of fish farms in the Broughton Archipelago. I have lobbied MPs on Parliament Hill to defeat the First Nations Governance Act. I have stood with Elders of Treaty 8 against oil and gas development in the Peace River. I have burned referendum ballots with my fellow chiefs in protest. I am proud to have stood on the steps of the BC Legislature in May of 2004 with 3000 other people united under the Title and Rights Alliance banner”

“I will continue to commit my energy and efforts to unite our people in order that we may force the federal and provincial governments and third-party interests to fully recognize, respect and accommodate our Aboriginal Title in our respective territories. I am greatly honoured to have the renewed opportunity and mandate to continue to be part of this historic fight,” concluded Chief Phillip.

Chief Stewart Phillip has been married for twenty years to Joan Phillip. Joan and Stewart have four grown sons, two daughters, three granddaughters and two grandsons. Chief Phillip was recently re-elected to a third consecutive term as Chief of the Penticton Indian Band and was recently appointed as Chair of the Okanagan Nation Alliance.

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