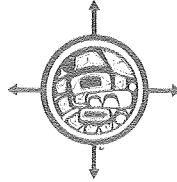


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Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs CHIEFS COUNCIL VANCOUVER, B.C.

Resolution no. 2005-01

Re: The New Relationship

WHEREAS the rulings of the Supreme Court of Canada in the *Taku River Tlingit* case and the *Haida* case require the governments of BC and Canada to fulfill their duties to act honourably toward all First Nations through meaningful consultation and accommodation, and through good faith negotiations aimed at fair reconciliation of pre-existing Aboriginal sovereignty and asserted Crown sovereignty

WHEREAS these cases have strengthened the legal position of First Nations to advance issues of Aboriginal Title and Rights;

WHEREAS the Union of BC Indian Chiefs Executive Committee, the First Nations Summit Task Group and the Vice-Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (BC) worked with a "Core Legal Group" to engage the Province of British Columbia to develop a framework document which is now entitled *The New Relationship – Vision and Principles*;

WHEREAS *The New Relationship – Vision and Principles* document has been presented to the UBCIC Chiefs Council on April 15, 2005 for their input and due consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCIC Chiefs Council support the further development and implementation of the Vision and Goals following the Principles and Action Plans as stated in *The New Relationship* document for the benefit of all First Nations;

BE IT FINALLY FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Indian Chiefs will continue to fully support First Nations to plan, coordinate and implement local, regional and provincial actions, including litigation, to exercise our inherent Aboriginal Title and Rights.

Moved: Chief Robert Pasco, Oregon Jack Creek Indian Band
Seconded: Chief Joseph Tom, Hesquiat First Nation
Disposition: Carried
Date: April 15, 2005