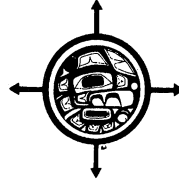


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Prime Minister Stephen Harper  
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SENT VIA FAX: (613) 995-0101

Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier  
Government of British Columbia  
SENT VIA FAX: (250) 387-0087

Dear Prime Minister Harper and Premier Campbell:

Please find enclosed a copy of UBCIC Resolution 2007-01 entitled *Hwilitsum Support*, a duly passed resolution which was unanimously endorsed at the UBCIC Chiefs Council of January 30, 2007.

The UBCIC Executive conveys its complete support of the Hwilitsum First Nation to protect their Aboriginal Title. Furthermore, we fully support the Hwilitsum First Nation's right to a full and complete consultation process that will properly accommodate their Aboriginal Title interest before ratification of the Tsawwassen treaty.

Sincerely,

Chief Stewart Phillip  
President

Chief Robert Shintah  
Vice-President

Chief Mike Retasket  
Secretary-Treasurer

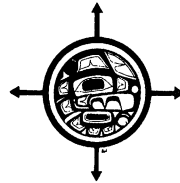
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**Resolution no. 2007-01**

#### **RE: Hwlitsum Support**

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs Council honour the efforts which the Hwlitsum people have made in order to advance the recognition of the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples to their Aboriginal Title territories;

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC fully support efforts made by all Indigenous Peoples to take action to assert and protect their Aboriginal Title; and

**WHEREAS** UBCIC recognizes that the advancement of our inherent rights as Indigenous Peoples will flow from the political will of our Peoples and our willingness to take a stand to fight for our Aboriginal Title.

**WHEREAS** the Hwlitsum First Nation and the Tsawwassen First Nation signed a letter of protocol on September 27, 2000 that states:

*The Tsawwassen First Nation and the Hwlitsum First Nation support each other's pursuit of a just and honourable treaty with Canada and British Columbia. Each nation is proud of their Coast Salish heritage and are intent on maintaining good relations with all other Coast Salish people*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs Council continue to fully support the actions of Hwlitsum First Nation to fully protect their Aboriginal Title; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chiefs Council support the Hwlitsum First Nation's position that they should be fully consulted and the overlap issue be resolved before a treaty is ratified.

**Moved:** Chief Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Ron Ignace, Skeetchestn Indian Band  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**Date:** January 30, 2007