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Whereas: Since 2004, the Stó:lō Tribal Council has sought to strengthen the governance of child welfare, improve services, increase investment for children and family services, liberate and renew failing federal and provincial policies. Since 2010, the Stó:lō Tribal Council has fully supported the mandate and work of the BC First Nations Health Council to create a BC First Nations Health Authority to transform health services and to make progress in the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for Healthy, Self-Determining, Vibrant BC First Nations Children, Families, and Communities.

Whereas: The BC Government released “Plecas Review, Part One: Decision Time” on Monday, December 14, 2015. The author, Bob Plecas, calls for the Ministry of Children and Family Development to implement immediately a four-year plan. The author also calls for increased funding for the Ministry for wages, training, and quality assurance.

Whereas: The Minister and Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Children and Family Development have commented in writing and publicly that they have accepted the Plecas recommendations and are taking steps to appoint a senior management team to implement the report’s recommendations.

Whereas: Grand Chief Edward John accepted appointment as a Special Advisor to the Minister of Children and Family Development to provide advice on permanency for First Nations and Aboriginal Children. The Minister and Deputy Minister have stated in writing and in public that they are not required to consult First Nations leaders and organizations such as the First Nations Health Council because they hired Grand Chief Edward John.

Be It Hereby Resolved That: Grand Chief Edward John resign from his role as Special Advisor to the Minister of Children and Family Development, immediately. His role as advisor to the MCFD cannot be reconciled with his positions as a member of both the First Nations Summit Task Group and the BC Leadership Council.

Be It Further Resolved That: Mr. Bob Plecas be released from his role as advisor to the Minister of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, immediately. Both his report and its recommendations, if adopted by the MCFD, pose an immediate threat to Aboriginal children in the care of the Ministry. Currently, well over 50% of the 8000 children in Ministry care are Aboriginal. The interests of these children are best served by the independent voice and oversight of the BC Representative of Children and Youth.



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Be It Finally Resolved That: The Province of British Columbia immediately shelve the Plecas Report and that the Ministry of Children and Family Development engage immediately First Nations Leaders and Organizations like the First Nations Health Council to implement the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that relate to children, youth and families.

Moved By Chief Ernie Crey

Seconded By: Chief Clem Seymour

December 18, 2015

In Favour: 79

Abstentions: 0

Opposed: 0