

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada ("AFAC")
("AFAC" known as "National Indigenous Fire Safety Council" ("NIFSC"))

And

The University of British Columbia ("UBC")
(Individually referred to as "Party" and collectively as "Parties")

Purpose

This MOU is intended to form a Collaboration Agreement between the two parties to contribute where possible and practical, research through scientific participation or other contributions.

Preamble

The purposes of the Association are to:

- A) Provide national coordination and collaboration to improve fire safety in all Indigenous communities across Canada to protect and enhance the quality of life, health and safety including the development and implementation of the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council and the service delivery arm (Indigenous Fire Marshal Service).
- B) Define service levels and deliver fire prevention programs, liaise with national non-Indigenous organizations to promote Indigenous representation and perspectives, promote NFPA standards and support the development of a national fire reporting system.
- C) Promote the evolution of a National Indigenous Fire Protection legislation developed by First Nations leaders, promote adoption of Building & Fire Codes, support the development of a national building inspection framework and support communities' abilities to meet insurance standards.
- D) Develop and support operational fire service standards, enhance community based Indigenous fire service, collaborate with regional organizations to support communities, and enhance level of service standards.

Consequently, the parties recognize the importance of strengthening the relationship between The University of British Columbia and the "National Indigenous Fire Safety Council." The parties will work together, to the extent possible, to harmonize research, educational programs and the needs of public service.

General Scope

Each Party may offer to the other opportunities for activities and programs, such as research, teaching, exchange of researchers and (in the case of educational institutions) advanced graduate students, and research staff development, all of which will foster a collaborative research relationship.

Specific Activities

Specific research activities and programs implemented under this MOU will be subject to availability of funds and the approval of each Party's authorized representatives. The Parties contemplate possible implementation of programs or activities such as:

- A) joint research, cultural, and educational activities;
- B) exchange of researchers and, in the case of educational institutions, faculty members and advanced graduate students for research lectures and discussions;
- C) participation in seminars and research meetings; and,
- D) exchange of research materials, tools, publications, and other information.

Tasks for the Parties:

Each Party will maintain regular and reasonable contact with the other Party and engage in discussions regarding collaboration and the research activities. Further, each Party will nominate a member(s) of its senior staff to be responsible for overseeing matters pertaining to this MOU.

Term

This MOU will enter into force as of the Effective Date and will terminate after 5 years, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the conditions outlined under the section on Termination below, or upon the written agreement of the Parties.

Termination. Either Party may terminate this MOU upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other Party. In the event of termination, the "National Indigenous Fire Safety Council" will be entitled to credit for work performed. Non-Binding: The matters recorded in this MOU represent the expression of sincere intention by the Parties. Until such intention is embodied in a binding written agreement, such expression of intention will not be legally binding upon the Parties.

Use of Tradenames: The names, crests and logos of each Party are the intellectual property of that Party, and may not be used without that Party's express written permission for each specific usage.

[Signatures in the following page]

The undersigned agree to all the principles outlined in this MOU dated this 3 day of December 2020 (the "Effective Date").

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL



December 3, 2020

Name: Blaine Wiggins

Date:

Title: Executive Director

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



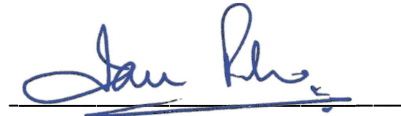
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Acknowledged and Agreed by:



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