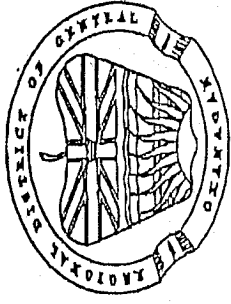




STATEMENT OF POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE WESTBANK FIRST NATION
AND THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
CENTRAL OKANAGAN
JANUARY 1999



WHEREAS the Okanagan people of Westbank have lived in the Okanagan territory since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS it is now some 150 years since the first non-native people came to the Okanagan Valley; and

WHEREAS in recent years, the Okanagan People are experiencing a resurgence of their population and culture, and a continued assertion of their lawful inherent rights; and

WHEREAS the descendants of the first settlers and newcomers now insist that their governments, in keeping with the judgements of the courts, deal justly, honourably and fairly with the Okanagan and other native peoples, on the basis of equality; and

WHEREAS the Chief and Council of the Westbank First Nation and Directors of the Regional District of Central Okanagan have inaugurated formal meetings between the two bodies; and

WHEREAS the Chairperson of the Regional District of Central Okanagan and the Chief and Council of the Westbank First Nation, on behalf of the good citizens of each, declare their mutual intentions to pursue a lasting relationship based upon mutual respect and honour, in respect and recognition; and

IN FURTHERANCE OF this renewed relationship, the following commitments are hereby undertaken:

1. At least twice each year, the Chief and Council of Westbank First Nation and the Chairperson and Directors of the Regional District of Central Okanagan shall hold a meeting to discuss matters of mutual concern.
2. To ensure continuity between the aforesaid meetings, the respective administration of the Westbank First Nation and Regional District of Central Okanagan shall be directed to undertake such tasks, or perform such duties, as are required to fulfill any mutual decision reached at the said meetings, and to facilitate the ongoing agenda and goals.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF:

WESTBANK FIRST NATION

Chief *Robertson*

Councilor *Cheryl v. Paul*

Councilor *Gregory S. Lee*

Councilor *W. J. F. Lee*

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THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY 1999