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Mr. Brendan Sheppard
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RE: Accelerated Process of Enrolment

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

Further to the discussions held at the Implementation Committee, I am writing to confirm that the parties to the Agreement for the Recognition of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq Band have reached the following agreement:

First, in addition to fulfilling their obligations pursuant to the above-noted Agreement, the parties have agreed to ask the Enrolment Committee, following its provision of the Founding Members List pursuant to section 4.2.18.5 of the Agreement, to provide them, on dates to be agreed to by the parties, with updates to the Founding Members List until, at a minimum, the Enrolment Committee has had an opportunity to determine whether those applicants who filed completed applications on or before November 30, 2009, are eligible to be added as Founding Members. Every four months after the adoption of the Recognition Order, the Minister will recommend to the Governor-in-Council to amend the schedule to the Recognition Order to add the names listed on said updates. The above does not extend the commencement or conclusion of the second stage of the Enrolment Process.

Second, the parties have agreed to extend the time limits set out in section 6.5.2 of the Agreement by six months so that this section reads as follows:

Within twelve months of the date of the establishment of the Band, its Band Council shall announce the date of the first election for all positions on Band Council, and such election shall be held in accordance with the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band Custom Election rules no later than eighteen months following the date of the establishment of the Band.

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By signing this letter, I hereby confirm that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-status Indians, on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Canada, agrees with the above. Please indicate your concurrence on behalf of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians by returning a signed copy of this letter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,



for
Élisabeth Châtillon
Resolution and Individual Affairs Sector

I concur:



Brendan Sheppard

March 09th - 2010
Date