



Chronological No. 2022/2023 – 20230330 - 002
File Reference No. Tuition Agreements/ESA

**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

		Cash Free Balance	
The Council of the <b>TRIBAL CHIEFS VENTURES INC.</b>		Capital Account	
		\$	
Date of Duly Convened Meeting	Province	Revenue Account	
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30    March    2023	<b>Alberta</b>	\$	

**WHEREAS** Tribal Chiefs Ventures Inc. (TCV) is a tribal council composed of the Chiefs of its member First Nations, namely: Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Cold Lake First Nations, Frog Lake First Nations, Heart Lake First Nation, Kehewin Cree Nation and Whitefish Lake First Nation #128; and

**WHEREAS** the Tribal Chiefs Ventures Inc. (TCVI) member First Nations are interested in effectively negotiating Education Services Agreements (ESA's) with the 4 provincial school boards in the TCVI region; and

**WHEREAS** Treaty No. 6 requires "Her Majesty agrees to maintain schools for instruction in such reserves hereby made as to Her Government of the Dominion of Canada may seem advisable, whenever the Indians of the reserve shall deserve it; and

**WHEREAS** the Crown in Right of Canada ("**Crown**") owes fiduciary obligations to the First Nations of the Tribal Chiefs Ventures Inc. ("**TCVI**") Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Cold Lake First Nations, Frog Lake First Nations, Heart Lake First Nation, Kehewin Cree Nation, and Whitefish Lake First Nation No. 128 ("**First Nations**"); and

**WHEREAS** the Crown owes fiduciary obligations to the First Nations and the First Nations' children; and

**WHEREAS** the Crown currently has Tuition Agreements with Aspen View School Division No. 19, Lakeland Catholic School Division No. 150, Northern Lights School Division No. 69, and St. Paul School Region Division No. 1 ("**Provincial School Authorities**") including "**Tuition Agreements**":

- a. Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and County of St. Paul, November 6, 1970
- b. The County of Smoky Lake No. 13 and Her Majesty the Queen, in Right of Canada June 22, 1971
- c. Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and The Board of Trustees Lakeland January 10, 1961
- d. Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and Bonnyville School Division 17 November 1971
- e. Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and Cold Lake Roman Catholic January 29, 1974; and

**WHEREAS** the Tuition Agreements are outdated and prejudicial to First Nations' children; and

**WHEREAS** the Tuition Agreements are contrary to provincial legislation and Ministerial Order September 22, 2022 (#015/2022); and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the First Nations as the Board of Directors of TCVI met at a duly convened meeting on March 30, 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Chiefs of the member First Nations demand that the Crown immediately rescind all Tuition Agreements as noted above.

