



District of Sechelt – Council Resolution “Act of Recognition”

WHEREAS:

All Canadians, including the shíshálh, are striving to achieve success for themselves and their children;

The shíshálh people have, since time immemorial, lived on the land caring for the ecosystem and all its inhabitants;

The District of Sechelt was founded on the traditional territory of the shíshálh and that this territory was never ceded through treaty, war or surrender;

Colonization of shíshálh traditional territory caused great harm to the shíshálh people and the land on which they lived and cared for;

The involuntary placement of shíshálh children in residential schools caused great harm to generations of shíshálh people and to other residents of the Sunshine Coast;

Reconciliation is an opportunity to grow further as a community and working together offers the best path to a prosperous future for all Sunshine Coast residents; and

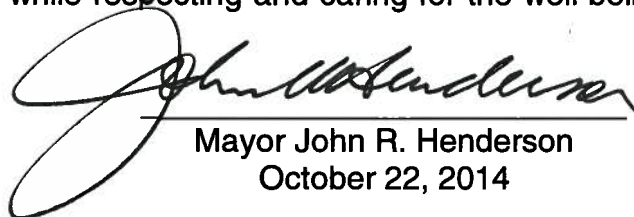
The District of Sechelt embraces collaborative and cooperative processes aimed at developing mutual respect and reconciliation for the collective benefit of our communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The District of Sechelt formally acknowledges that the lands on which the District of Sechelt community is situated are within the unceded traditional territory of the shíshálh;

The District of Sechelt commits to the working together with the shíshálh and all other communities of the Sunshine Coast to reconcile the interests of all for our collective benefit; and

The District of Sechelt commits to working together with the shíshálh to create prosperity for all, while respecting and caring for the well-being of the land, waters and people.



Mayor John R. Henderson
October 22, 2014