



January 15, 2020

Christie Harvie, Senior Negotiator
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
3rd Floor, 2957 Jutland Road
Victoria, BC V8T 5J9

Dear Ms. Harvie:

RE: Use of Treaty Advisory Committee Funds

I am following up on our telephone conversation from last week regarding requests from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) made to both Minister Fraser during our meeting with him at the 2019 UBCM Convention and the email sent to your Deputy Minister, Doug Caul in October 2019. As discussed in the meeting and email, the AVICC is still in possession of \$44,465 in Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC) funds that were provided to the Association in 2000 by the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (File No. 1150-20/VITAC). The full value of the Memorandum of Understanding was \$85,000.

As we are now almost 20 years since the date of this MOU, the AVICC is seeking permission from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to disburse the remaining TAC funds on initiatives that seek to increase relations and reconciliation between the Association members and our local First Nations. We have featured a number of events at our annual convention with the intent of raising awareness of First Nations reconciliation such as inviting Chief Dr. Robert Joseph from Reconciliation Canada to deliver a keynote address, and hosting blanket exercises and the Understanding the Village workshop. We would like to continue with initiatives such as I have described, and these funds would help to offset some of those costs for our Association.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl I. Jensen', is positioned above the printed name.

Carl I. Jensen
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