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RESOLUTION NO. 14/2017

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING**

WHEREAS First Nations in Quebec and Labrador hold Aboriginal rights, Aboriginal title and treaty rights, as recognized and affirmed by the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada has called upon the federal government to commit to the recognition and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Call to Action 42);

WHEREAS under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, First Nations in Quebec and Labrador “have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development. In particular, Indigenous Peoples have the right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing and other economic and social programmes affecting them and, as far as possible, to administer such programmes through their own institutions.” (Article 23);

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, has expressed its intention to implement the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in full partnership with Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, in his 2017 mandate letter to the new Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, has directed the Minister to “work with Indigenous Peoples to support them in their work to rebuild and reconstitute their nations, advancing self-determination and, for First Nations, facilitating the transition away from the Indian Act and toward self-government”;

WHEREAS Comprehensive Community Planning is a community-led approach that promotes capacity building and leads to self-sufficiency, viability and self-governance. As such, it is one of the core tools used by First Nations throughout Canada to create and implement their own vision of community development, in a way that fully respects their culture and their rights, recognizing that nation-to-nation and community-to-community learning are key elements of the Comprehensive Community Planning approach;

WHEREAS First Nations in Quebec and Labrador have adopted a Sustainable Development Strategy which identifies the components as sustainable development, stating that “The indivisible links between sustainable development issues are as follows: the preservation and promotion of First Nation cultures and languages; the preservation of the quality of the territories; resource sustainability; social development, economic development; the need for partnerships; and participation in decision-making processes”;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, through a statement from the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, has stated that it is “committed to working in partnership with First Nations across Canada to support long-term planning for the future of their communities”, recognizing that Comprehensive Community Planning is “community-driven and nation-based planning which is proven to build stronger, healthier and more sustainable communities”,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the First Nations in Quebec and Labrador fully support the use of Comprehensive Community Planning as a community-led, nation-based approach that lays a path to viable, self-determined and self-sufficient communities;

THAT the First Nations in Quebec and Labrador call upon the government of Canada and the government of Quebec to fully support Comprehensive Community Planning initiatives, including by providing adequate, flexible and multi-year funding for First Nation communities at all stages of the process, from pre-planning to implementation and evaluation;

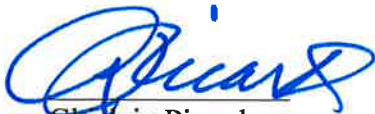
THAT the First Nations in Quebec and Labrador ask that the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute continue to support First Nation communities with their Comprehensive Community Planning initiatives, to facilitate community-to-community learning and to create spaces for discussion around the issue of Community Development;

THAT the First Nations in Quebec and Labrador mandate the Regional Chief of the AFNQL to bring the issue of support for Comprehensive Community Planning to the Assembly of First Nations, to ensure that the initiative is broadly supported at all levels of government and leadership.

PROPOSED BY: Chief Manon Jeannotte, Gespeg

SECONDED BY: Grand Chief Serge Simon, Kanesatake

ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS ON OCTOBER 31, 2017 IN MONTREAL



Ghislain Picard
Chief of the AFNQL