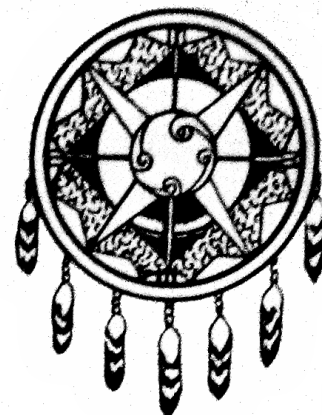




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Dr. Owen Anderson
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Enclosed please find a formal proposal from United Native Nations in regard to an enumeration process which we are looking forward to proceed with in the near future.

We wish to have the opportunity to meet with you for the purpose of discussing this application further.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Yours truly,

UNITED NATIVE NATIONS

Bill Lightbown
President

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enclosure

PROPOSAL TO
Department of Indian Affairs

The following is a proposal from the United Native Nations to hold workshops regarding the upcoming changes to the Indian Act that affect membership.

The proposed changes to the Indian Act introduced this past June were developed without any significant input from the people it affects. The government's view was that the status/on-reserve people would be the ones most affected. The Bill is geared toward reinstatement of those without status, therefore "non-status" aboriginal people must be the target group in any further consultation.

Part of this consultation process will be done through our proposed workshop process. The workshops will be held across B.C. for our membership and will involve everyone, regardless of status, as the ultimate objective is to create unity through a common understanding. These workshops will continue the process we initiated of soliciting peoples views on what the proposed "membership" changes should be. Another objective of the workshops will be to identify the transition process. One other objective of the workshops will be alleviating many of the unfounded fears that have been expressed regarding over-crowding on reserves, over-taxing of already limited resources as a result of non-status people having their rights recognized.

This proposal is a response to direction given to the executive at our last Annual Assembly by the some fourteen hundred members present. The motions giving us this direction were also supported by the B.C. Tribal Forum at their September 1984 meeting in Prince Rupert.

As the workshop process concludes, this would logically lead to an enumeration process of those non-status people who will be registered. With our established community base we are submitting a proposal for funding to your department to carry out all aspects of enumerating and registering all those affected by the proposed changes to the Indian Act.