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A non-profit society working to advance our EDUCATION, TRAINING, ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT opportunities among aboriginal people in British Columbia;

An organization of ABORIGINAL PEOPLE, working for the ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY, PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND PROPER HOUSING for all aboriginal people in NEED;

An organization COMMITTED to a JUST SETTLEMENT OF LAND CLAIMS & RECOGNITION of our ABORIGINAL RIGHTS in British Columbia;

An organization of aboriginal people serving as a lobbying force FOR aboriginal people TO all groups and ALL levels of government.

WE ARE EDUCATED, COMMITTED, COMMUNITY-MINDED AND ENERGETIC WITH A DESIRE TO SHARE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT WITH OTHER ABORIGINAL PEOPLE FOR ALL TO ACHIEVE A BETTER STANDARD OF HEALTH AND PARTICIPATION..

You can contribute and help us in our GOALS!

THANK YOU TO THE WCB FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE!

WHO WE ARE

Formerly incorporated on April 28, 1969 as the B.C. ASSOCIATION OF NON-STATUS INDIANS (BCANSI), this organization was formed to address the Socio-Economic and Political concerns of ABORIGINAL PEOPLE living in isolated, remote and urban areas of British Columbia.

On February 21, 1977, the BCANSI name was changed to the UNITED NATIVE NATIONS (UNN) for proper expression of the ABORIGINAL PEOPLE represented by the organization.

WHO WE REPRESENT

THE UNITED NATIVE NATIONS represents 60,000 aboriginal people living in British Columbia with membership open to ANYONE OF ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY. Our membership is based solely on ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY and is not subject to the artificial definitions created by Canada's Indian Act.

Our major concern is to properly represent the INTERESTS of those ABORIGINAL PEOPLE who presently have no political voice on matters affecting their life and affairs.

THE UNITED NATIVE NATIONS is a member of the NATIVE COUNCIL OF CANADA who represent the non-status, off-reserve and Metis people nationally, with its head office in Ottawa. The Provincial Office of the UNITED NATIVE NATIONS is situated in Vancouver, British Columbia. We invite all who want to learn more about the ABORIGINAL PEOPLE to visit our office and share in the staff's work. The staff and type of work done, are listed on the back cover of this brochure.

OUR MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

ORGANIZATION OF OUR MEMBERS:

Our membership is organized into eighty Local chapters throughout British Columbia. Each Local manages and operates their Local activities independently of one another and of other organizations. At any time the Locals require support or guidance, the Provincial office assists them in their efforts.

Though independent, the Locals keep a close liaison with individual members both on and off-reserve; local Band and Tribal Councils; Metis Locals or Friendship Centres and Local Aboriginal Organizations in their area. UNN members and Locals volunteer their time and effort to networking and building strong ABORIGINAL communities in implementing the goals of the Society.

There are nine Zones in the Province, to which several UNN Locals in one area, belong. Each year, the Zones hold a Mini-Assembly in their area to:

BRING MEMBERS TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS AND ISSUES;
DISCUSS ISSUES THEY WANT BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY;
ELECT TWO PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS AND TWO ALTERNATES WITHIN THE ZONE WHO THEN REPRESENT THE ZONE'S INTERESTS TO THE PROVINCIAL BOARD AND THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNN.

THE UNITED NATIVE NATIONS has 18 Directors on the Provincial Board and 18 Alternates to substitute when a Director cannot attend one of the Provincial Board Meetings. Directors generally meet four times a year.

MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN

Concerns expressed through our membership at our Annual Assemblies are:

90% DROPOUT RATE AMONG ABORIGINAL YOUTH BY THE TIME THEY REACH GRADE TWELVE; 60% BY GRADE NINE;

65% - 90% UNEMPLOYMENT WITH A WORK FORCE AT LOW SKILL LEVELS IN NEED OF TRAINING;

EXTREMELY POOR HOUSING CONDITIONS WHICH CREATE FIRE HAZARDS AND OVER-CROWDING OF FAMILIES IN ONE DWELLING;

LACK OF GOOD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURES, AND LACK OF TRAINING TO MAINTAIN THEM;

VERY LOW RATES OF CAPITAL ACCUMULATION FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND LIMITED BASES OF SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS FORMATION;

LACK OF A LAND AND RESOURCE BASE FOR THE PEOPLE CLASSED AS NON-STATUS, METIS AND STATUS OFF-RESERVE BY THE GOVERNMENT.

OUR MAIN TARGET GROUPS

ABORIGINAL people who live off their reserve and are Status; people classed as Metis or Non-Status by the government and those from out of Province and are Metis, Non-Status or Status in need of assistance or want to help in our organizaiton as members.

We serve remote and isolated communities and urban people who often come from an outlying area to urban centres for post-secondary and high school education, vocational training, employment and economic opportunities.

UNN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

B.C. NATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION (BCNHC)

The UNN has a three year agreement with CMHC to deliver programs and services to Native and Non-Native people in British Columbia through its subsidiary B.C. NATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION;

BCNHC delivers the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) to Bands on request supported by Band Council Resolution;

Ten Native Housing Societies, with separate Boards of Directors autonomous of the UNN, were set up in B.C. with help from the BCNHC. The Societies are responsible for their own operations and activities.

ABORIGINAL FISHERIES

The UNN is actively involved with the B.C. ABORIGINAL PEOPLES FISHERIES COMMISSION which represents many Bands and Tribal Councils' interests in our ABORIGINAL right to fish;

It is our desire to resolve conflicts of jurisdiction in fisheries with honesty, trust and co-operation through TRIBAL TRADITIONAL processes;

The UNN is exploring all aspects of our fisheries to initiate viable economic development ventures where possible.

BILL C-31

The UNN received a grant from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to help provide information to ABORIGINAL individuals or families entitled to reinstatement of their status under the Indian Act;

The UNN utilized this grant to hold 75 information workshops throughout B.C. and of these, 16 were held with Bands. Our staff assisted many individuals with their applications and researching of their family documents;

We are assisting many Bands now in the process of developing membership codes for their Band and advising those who are seeking membership in a Band.

UNITED NATIVE NATIONS PROVINCIAL LOTTERY

The UNN is the first Native Organization to implement a province-wide lottery sanctioned by the B.C. LOTTERIES BRANCH as a means of encouraging sources of funds independent of Government Grants to help ABORIGINAL PEOPLE toward SELF-RELIANCE;

Two successful lotteries were conducted throughout B.C. since October, 1985. These efforts were largely supported by people in ABORIGINAL communities who retained a percentage of revenues they generated by selling tickets in their areas;

The UNN Lottery will continue as a means of generating fund-raising activities in ABORIGINAL communities.

EDUCATION

The UNN has very limited resources when it comes to providing help in education matters and training programs. We have an information referral system to groups and organizations with the resources to assist POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS;

The UNN manages the CALVERLY ESTATE FUND left to the UNITED NATIVE NATIONS as a source of SCHOLARSHIPS for students who do not qualify for other grants.

ABORIGINAL YOUTH

The UNN TENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY gave us a mandate to organize a UNN YOUTH COUNCIL for British Columbia to:

ENCOURAGE ABORIGINAL YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATION AND CONSENSUS-BUILDING;

CREATE FORUMS WHERE ABORIGINAL YOUTH CAN EXCHANGE VIEWS AND CONCERNS RELATING TO ISSUES FACING THEM TODAY;

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO MEET AND CONSULT WITH ABORIGINAL ELDERS;

HELP FORM POLICIES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNN.

PROVIDE OUR YOUTH THE CHANCE TO GAIN SOME PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

The UNN also maintains a core staff for the development of aboriginal self-government; fund-raising in the community & to outside major granting agencies and support staff to the Executive of the Society.

UNN PHILOSOPHY & POLICY

THE UNN IS NON-DISCRIMINATORY IN OUR SERVICE TO ALL ABORIGINAL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF FALSE DEFINITIONS CREATED BY THE INDIAN ACT;

THE UNN EXERCISES AN OPEN-DOOR POLICY WITH STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY IN RELATION TO ALL OUR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES;

THE UNN BELIEVES IN FULL PARTICIPATION, AND THE EXERCISE OF OUR TRADITIONAL SYSTEMS WITH RESPECT FOR ALL ABORIGINAL NATIONS IN THEIR TERRITORIES AND GOVERNMENTS;

THE UNN FULLY PRACTISES AND ENCOURAGES WITH ITS MEMBERSHIP ETHICAL STANDARDS OF HONESTY AND OPENNESS IN ALL BUSINESS DEALINGS, IN THE HANDLING OF FINANCES AND ADMINISTRATION;

THE UNN BELIEVES IN PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE TO GIVE THEM WORK EXPERIENCE AND DO SO THROUGH OUR ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES;

THE UNN BELIEVES IN WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PEOPLE TO BECOME INDEPENDENT OF OUR OFFICES AND SELF-RELIANT IN THEIR OWN RIGHT;

THE UNN ACTIVELY SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITY OF ACCESS FOR ALL ABORIGINAL PEOPLE TO PROGRAMS, FUNDS, POLICIES AND RESOURCES OF GOVERNMENTS IN CANADA;

THE UNN BELIEVES IN COMMITMENT, HARD WORK AND ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OUR OWN EFFORTS AS A MEANS TO OUR LONG-TERM GOALS;

THE UNN BELIEVES FULLY IN TAKING DIRECTION ON POLICY, POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND ECONOMIC EFFORTS FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNING OUR PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION TO MEET THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES EXPRESSED BY THEM.

FINANCIAL PROFILE

The UNITED NATIVE NATIONS receives grants in a number of ways to pursue various programs and objectives:

EXTERNAL SOURCES OF FUNDS:

SECRETARY OF STATE CANADA

- CORE FUNDING

CANADA MORTGAGE & HOUSING

CANADA EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION

- CHALLENGE '87

INDIAN & NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA

NATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

INTERNAL FUND-RAISING EVENTS:

UNN PROVINCIAL LOTTERY

CALVERLY ESTATE FUND

CAPITAL BUILDING FUND TO GENERATE FUNDS
FOR PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT BUILDING IN
THE GREATER VANCOUVER AREA

MISCELLANEOUS FUND RAISING FOR GOODS &
SERVICES FOR LOCALS AND HEAD OFFICE
GRANTS & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FROM BOTH
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR.

In conjunction with the Locals and Regional Zones, the UNN seeks both financial and technical support for our program activities in community development.

We welcome your support and involvement in our efforts in whatever way you can.

We also welcome donations which can be specified for whichever program activity you want to support.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

The strength of the UNN is in our HOUSING and ECONOMIC PROGRAMS which we do best and intend to build on;

The long-term goal of the UNN is to build self-reliance in our ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES by systematically assuming increased control over management of those resources presently at our disposal;

A process of planned and consistent Economic Development will lay the firm foundation the UNN requires for increased economic strength as the security necessary to protect legal & political rights for ABORIGINAL PEOPLE;

Increased socio-economic participation will enable UNN communities to share equitably in the Provincial economy and increase ECONOMIC SELF-DETERMINATION;

We are presently developing plans in major areas of ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT such as:

HOUSING.....BUILDING & CONTRACTING
TOURISM.....COASTAL TOURS & RESORTS
FISHERIES.....CANNERIES & FISH-PACKING
BUSINESS VENTURES...WHOLESALE & EXPORT
CONSULTING FIRM....PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

We intend to achieve our self-sufficiency by adhering to established standards of strict accountability, consistent professionalism in the conduct of our affairs toward people in our communities whom we serve and to all those whom we conduct our business with;

We intend to work in co-operation with all those who share our goals and wish to work in conjunction with our efforts.

THE UNN PROVINCIAL OFFICE

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