



**STATEMENT OF POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE KAMLOOPS INDIAN BAND
AND THE CITY OF KAMLOOPS**
December, 1991



WHEREAS Kamloops has been part of the Shuswap People's territory for time immemorial; and

WHEREAS it is now some 180 years since the first non-native people came to Shuswap Country and erected a trading post which has grown to become what is now the City of Kamloops; and

WHEREAS the initial relationship between the Shuswap people and the newcomers was based upon trust and mutual respect - the initial settlers being honest and respectful of the Shuswap territory, leadership, laws and customs were, in turn, treated as guests by the Shuswap People who were hospitable and helpful to the newcomers; and

WHEREAS in recent years, the Shuswap People are experiencing a resurgence of their population and culture, and a continued assertion of their lawful inherent rights; and

WHEREAS the descendants of the first settlers and newcomers have insisted that their governments, in keeping with the judgements of the courts, deal justly, honourably and fairly with the Shuswap and other native peoples, on the basis of equality; and

WHEREAS the Chief and Council of the Kamloops Indian Band and Mayor and Council of the City of Kamloops have inaugurated formal meetings between the two bodies;

NOW THEREFORE the Mayor and Council of the City of Kamloops and the Chief and Council of the Kamloops Indian Band, on behalf of the good citizens of each, declare their mutual intentions to pursue a renewed and lasting relationship based upon mutual respect and honour, in keeping with that of the first White settlers and the original people of this territory; and

IN FURTHERANCE OF this renewed relationship, the following commitments are hereby undertaken:

1. At least twice each year, the Chief and Council of the Kamloops Indian Band and Mayor and Council of the City of Kamloops shall hold a joint meeting to discuss matters of mutual concern and to further cooperation on such matters.
2. To ensure continuity between the aforesaid meetings, the respective administrations of the Kamloops Indian Band and the City of Kamloops shall be directed to undertake such tasks, or perform such duties, as are required to fulfill any mutual decisions reached at the said meetings, and to facilitate the ongoing agenda and goals.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF

KAMLOOPS INDIAN BAND

THE CITY OF KAMLOOPS

THIS ___ DAY OF DECEMBER, 1991.

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