



**CANIM LAKE BAND**  
Council Resolution

Chronological No.

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Region: **Vancouver**

Place: **Canim Lake**

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The Canim Lake Band Council strive to be responsible and accountable with its membership and all of its business entities and social programs. We take pride in our foundation of rich culture and traditions. We are committed to building a healthy community. We are committed to providing services in a fair, accessible and professional manner. We believe in the leadership potential of our people.

**WHEREAS:**

- A. We, the Tsq'scenem'c, also known as Canim Lake Band, have stewardship rights and responsibilities over our Traditional Territory based upon our prior and continuing use of the land and resources for our sustenance and way of life. Our stewardship responsibilities are supported by our Aboriginal rights and title which are protected by section 35(1) of the *Constitution Act*, 1982. Section 35(1) requires the Crown to recognize and affirm existing Aboriginal rights and title, and substantially address our concern on the potential impacts of forestry activities on our way of life.  
It is an objective of the Tsq'escenem'c to maintain traditionally forest resources in a manner that supports the food, social, ceremonial and commercial use of the forest by members of the Tsq'escenem'c and the Canim Lake Band.
- B. Statutory decision makers and staff must ensure the cultural heritage resource objectives of the Canim Lake Band are adhered to based upon provincial forestry legislation. "Cultural heritage resources" are one of the eleven objectives included under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* ("FRPA"). Under the results-based FRPA framework, forestry operators must develop forest stewardship plans that consist primarily of management results and strategies for each FRPA resource value, including cultural heritage resources.
- C. The current management regime under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, Forest Stewardship Plans and professional reliance have allowed for an inflated AAC, the over-allocation of timber and unacceptable cumulative impacts on our Aboriginal interests.

- D. The Canim Lake Band requires a land use plan. We have completed a land use planning exercise over the core of our Traditional Territory. This area is known as **Snine Forest** (pronounced “sneena”, the Secwepemc word for Owl).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**


The Canim Lake Band Council on behalf of the Tsq’escenem’c approves the Forest Stewardship Retention Plan (“FSRP”) over the **Snine Forest**, designed to protect and manage key Aboriginal interests on the following basis:

- A. That this FSRP is Version 1.0 of the Canim Lake Band’s Land Use Plan.
- B. That this FSRP defines and clarifies cultural heritage resources and objectives.
- C. That this FSRP confirms the Tsq’escenem’c expectations regarding consultation and accommodation, and indicates minimum standards for land use planning and decision-making affecting Tsq’escenem’c Traditional Territory.
- D. That this FSRP is without prejudice to Aboriginal rights and title and treaty negotiations.

Quorum Three (3)

  
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