

## **Local Band Council resolution: Call for a Poverty Reduction Plan for British Columbia**

### **WHEREAS:**

1. The poverty rate in British Columbia continues to be among the highest in Canada at approximately 1 in 10 using the most conservative estimate (Low Income Cut-Off – After Tax), and child poverty rates in BC are still 1 in 5;
2. Many impacts of poverty are experienced at the local level, and local residents pay for poverty in increased health care costs, higher crime, higher demand for community, social and charitable services, lack of school readiness, reduced school success, and lower economic productivity;
3. Indigenous communities face much higher rates of poverty than other groups due to the long-term effects of colonization and cultural oppression;
4. 78% of British Columbians want the provincial government to implement a poverty reduction plan;
5. BC is the last province in Canada to have a commitment to a poverty reduction plan;

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT this council advocate to the provincial government to develop and implement a provincial poverty reduction strategy to reduce the number of people living in poverty in BC by setting concrete targets and timelines to reduce poverty.

### **For more information:**

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