

# *Declaration of Commitment*

*Strengthening relationships between the City of Whitehorse, Kwanlin Dün First Nation  
and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council*

Whereas it is recognized that the City of Whitehorse has been built on the traditional territories of the Tagish Kwan and Southern Tutchone peoples of Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council; original signatories to the first urban-based modern day treaties in Canada;

Whereas it is recognized that we have shared this land for hundreds of years and have established positive relationships over time;

Whereas it is recognized that Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council have made significant contributions to our heritage and social, cultural, spiritual and economic wealth that is enjoyed in the City of Whitehorse; and

Whereas it is recognized that this Declaration of Commitment is meant to strengthen the existing relationships and will benefit our community as a whole.

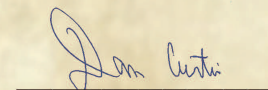
We declare our commitment to:

- Be respectful and supportive as neighbours and friends;
- Collaborate on outstanding issues to our mutual benefit, with future generations in mind;
- Establish and maintain ongoing communication and to meet jointly on a regular basis;
- Seek out economic, heritage, social, cultural and spiritual opportunities for partnership;
- Acknowledge the importance of Indigenous languages of the region and will defer to the expertise of Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Kwanlin Dün First Nation on language matters.
- Continue to work together to identify and assist with the removal of barriers that hinder full participation of citizens in community life;
- Continue to recognize the resourcefulness of our youth and Elders to assist with the creation of opportunities that will encourage them to participate in building our community;
- Create a safe and welcoming environment in the City of Whitehorse that all citizens feel comfortable in;
- Respect individual community needs, governance models and jurisdictions;
- Advocate and lobby other orders of government for the advancement of shared community interests;
- Embrace the principles and support the actions, where applicable, outlined in the report of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission, delivered June 3, 2015;
- Share knowledge, expertise and resources whenever possible; and
- Commit the resources needed to honour this Declaration of Commitment.

Whereas on this date of June 19th, 2018, at City Hall of the City of Whitehorse having agreed to the principles and spirit of this document, we sign on behalf of our communities.



*Chief Doris Bill*  
Kwanlin Dün First Nation



*Mayor Dan Curtis*  
City of Whitehorse



*Chief Kristina Kane*  
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

