

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

CHILCOTIN NATIONAL CONGRESS (CNC)

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VISION STATEMENT:

"We the Chilcotin National Congress, the National Executive Committee and Council of Hereditary Chiefs, are determined to develop ourselves to be a self sufficient and self reliant Nation by the end of the second decade of the 21st century".

BACKGROUND:

Since time immemorial, the Chilcotin people have lived in a spiritual way in keeping with our sacred laws, principles and values given to us by the Creator. Our ways of life are based on respect for the land and its resources, a sacred regard for all relations and the survival of our language, culture, customs and traditions. Consequently, the Chilcotin National Congress (CNC) is founded on the aspiration of the Chilcotin people and the War Chiefs, emphasizing a strong protection of our sovereignty. The Chilcotin Hereditary Chieftaincy and the War Chiefs have been in place since time immemorial to govern our affairs in this land. They have survived as a Chilcotin institution, even through the colonial era of the last century. We are committed to the principles of our War Chiefs and those contained in the *Chilcotin Nation's Declaration of Sovereignty*.

WHO WE ARE:

The Chilcotin National Congress is a political organization of the Chilcotin Nation which is presently led and managed by a National Executive Committee, that is responsible for and actively involved in all matters related to our Nation's Aboriginal title And Rights. CNC is committed to working together with our Nation's communities, people and other Aboriginal Nations to demand the governments of Canada and British Columbia, to establish acceptable methods for the realization of our lawful rights and interests. This approach is in keeping with the new legal landscape of the Delgamuukw decision which clarifies the law with regard to the ownership of our lands and resources. It also requires the governments of Canada and British Columbia to act honourably and in good faith by having meaningful dialogue with the Chilcotin Nation as equals.

Our struggle against the governments of Canada and British Columbia are based on the aspirations of the Chilcotin communities and people and not those of the government of Canada and those who have more to gain from our oppression. The Chilcotin National Congress is committed to dismantling the Indian Act Legislation, learn from its blundering colonial policies and start afresh in developing laws founded upon our rights, traditional laws, customs and practices. It is our belief, that the Indian Act and the elected system has brought us nothing, but further oppression, rampant corruption and mismanagement of our national resources. Furthermore, the Indian Act legislation was made into law to dismantle and supplement our governance structures with colonial institutions and the European system of governance. The Indian Act has been and continues to be devastating to our culture, customs, traditions and the survival of our people.

We call for an end to the oppression of our people and violations of our people's fundamental human rights by the governments of Canada. We further call upon the Chilcotin people and communities to participate in the decolonization of the Chilcotin people and to help to dismantle the Indian Act legislation. As long as our Aboriginal Title and Rights continue to be threatened by the governments of Canada and British Columbia, we will continue to fight to protect and enhance the right of our people, for the well being of future generations. Because our aboriginal title and rights continue to be threatened, we call upon you the Chilcotin people to join CNC in fighting against the Canadian governments and their institutions:

- *By providing support in promoting, preserving and maintaining the Chilcotin Nation's Aboriginal title and Rights.*
- *Through Involvement in the national outcry against the continuing ethnic cleansing of the Indigenous peoples of Canada, including the Chilcotin people.*
- *By taking direct action in support of the Chilcotin National Congress (CNC) in its fight to stop the ethnic cleansing of the Chilcotin people by the governments of Canada and British Columbia.*
- *Through the Protection and return of traditional lands and resources to the rightful owners, the Chilcotin people.*
- *Through the Reversal of environmental degradation that endangers our traditional ways and threatens our very existence as a people.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The Chilcotin National Congress's mission is to work with our nation's communities and people, honoring our ancestors the (*Chilcotin War Chiefs*), and our future generations to achieve our political and fundamental human rights within our sacred homelands in Canada. Our mission is to also work with other Aboriginal Nations in British Columbia and Canada that share the same fundamental principle with the Chilcotin National Congress, to fight to protect "Our Respective Aboriginal Title and Rights from Extinguishment" by the governments of Canada and British Columbia.

OUR GOALS:

Our political goal is to free the Chilcotin people and communities from all forms of oppression and to achieve developmental goals by providing advisory and technical services and support to the Nation's communities. We will accomplish our goals by blending the Chilcotin philosophy of caring for the land and life with the application of modern technology, management and developmental techniques. With the combined knowledge of our elders and our commitment to our nation's communities, it is our goal to promote and strengthen sustainable economic development initiatives within our communities, while preserving the nature and beauty of our lands and waters.

We share the goal of establishing and implementing community **Capacity - Building** initiatives with our Nation's communities, the governments of Canada, other Aboriginal Nations and governments of the world. Our goal is to work in partnership with our Nation's communities, the governments of Canada, other Aboriginal Nations and governments of the world to develop our national institutions, natural resources, projects and programs that would provide on-the job-training and sustainable employment opportunities for the Chilcotin people. The long term goal of CNC is to gain control and jurisdiction over our lands and resources for the future of our children, grand children and those yet unborn.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)

The National Executive Committee comprises of the following:

Patrick Charleyboy	Hereditary Chief and National Executive Committee Member
Dave Quilt	Hereditary Chief and National Executive Committee Member
Daniel Case	National Executive Committee Member
Francis Laceese	National Executive Committee Member
Joe Case	National Executive Committee Member
Stanley Stump	National Executive Committee Member

MEMBERSHIP

Membership to the Chilcotin National Congress is open to all Chilcotin people and communities who subscribe to the vision of the Chilcotin National Congress.

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