

SECHELT INDIAN BAND LAW NO. 1996-03

A LAW TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE CULTURAL
HERITAGE OF THE SECHELT INDIAN BAND

WHEREAS the Sechelt Indian Band considers it necessary to undertake measures for the protection and promotion of the cultural heritage of the people of the Sechelt Indian Band;

AND WHEREAS Part III of the Constitution of the Band and paragraphs 14(f), (g) and (u) of the Sechelt Indian Band Self-Government Act authorize the Council of the Band to make laws in relation to:

- (a) the administration and management of property belonging to the Band;
- (b) education of Band members on Sechelt lands;
- (c) matters related to the good government of the Band, its members or Sechelt lands;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Sechelt Indian Band, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This law may be cited for all purposes as the "Heritage Protection Law".

Cultural Practices

2. The people of the Sechelt Indian Band (shishalh) will at all times be at liberty to engage without interference in their traditional cultural practices. Such traditional practices include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) potlatches (tle' e'nak);
- (b) spirit dances;
- (c) games;
- (d) picking of berries;
- (e) gathering of herbs;
- (f) digging of clams;
- (g) harvesting of fish, flora and fauna;
- (h) pictographs and moon rocks;

- (i) coming of age ceremonies (o''ey-ús-tsut);
- (j) attending at sacred locations (che'na'nasten) and training grounds;
- (k) culturally modifying trees.

Traditional Language

3. The people of the Sechelt Indian Band will at all times be at liberty to speak the traditional Sechelt language shasheshalhem.

Artifacts and Regalia

4. Subject to claims by individual Band members, the Sechelt Indian Band asserts ownership over artifacts and regalia located on Sechelt lands and will undertake to achieve repatriation of artifacts and regalia which have been removed therefrom.

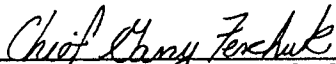
5. The tems swiya museum will be the official repository of all artifacts and regalia found on Sechelt lands or repatriated from entities off Sechelt lands.

Read a first time this 1st day of May, 1996.

Read a second time this 2nd day of May, 1996.

Read a third time this 3rd day of May, 1996.

Reconsidered, finally passed and adopted by the Band Council and signed by the Chief on the 7th day of May, 1996.



Chief Garry Feschuk

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