**SECHELT NATION PROPOSED 2018 CONSTITUTION COMPANION DOCUMENT**

The purpose of the Companion Document is to explain in general terms what the PROPOSED changes to the new shíshálh Constitution meaning. This information will assist the membership to understand what changes have been made in the updated Constitution, section by section, leading up to a referendum to approve any proposed changes.

DEFINITIONS

The 1993 Constitution has only 9 definitions. The proposed Constitution has over 30 definitions to update the Elections and Referendum sections. There will be more definitions added as more Constitution sections are updated.

One of the main changes to the definitions is the reference to shíshálh Nation instead of the Sechelt Indian Band. While the Sechelt Indian Band is still the legal name for the Nation until the self-government legislation is amended, the decision has been made to use shíshálh.

The second significant change is the definition of Band Elector. Now referred to as “Voter” means any shíshálh member over the age of 18. There is no longer a requirement to be “ordinarily resident on Sechelt Lands” in order to vote in Elections or Referendum or any other matter requiring consent of Voters.

Until the entire Constitution is amended, the original definitions will need to remain, even though the Nation does not want to be referenced as a “Band” or as “Sechelt”.