

**AFFILIATION AGREEMENT
REGARDING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
between
shíshálh NATION, SECHELT BC
and
CAPILANO UNIVERSITY, NORTH VANCOUVER AND SECHELT BC**

This Affiliation Agreement constitutes an agreement between Capilano University and the shíshálh Nation (the "Agreement")

Objective of the Agreement

This Agreement is designed to support the following:

- Recognizing and privileging shíshálh Nation ways of knowing and learning within the University
- More efficient use of resources;
- Greater understanding of the roles of the parties;
- More integrative planning;
- Increased stability for shíshálh Nation students;
- Improvement in student performance and retention;
- Development of new and evolving linkages;
- Increased interaction between Capilano University and members of the shíshálh Nation; and,
- Enhanced opportunities for shíshálh Nation students to ladder and integrate into Capilano University programs.

Contextual Information in Support of the Agreement

Capilano University is committed to offering post-secondary educational opportunities to the adults of the shíshálh Nation in the territory of the shíshálh Nation.

The shíshálh Nation is deeply committed to supporting and enabling post-secondary education opportunities for both members of the shíshálh Nation and other Aboriginal peoples, in particular educational opportunities that support the promotion and study of Aboriginal history, culture, language, protocols and values, and that serve the capacity-building of First Nations communities.

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation and mutual respect, the shíshálh Nation and *kálay-ay* | the Sunshine Coast Campus of Capilano University wish to strengthen our collaboration in developing programs and services delivered in a culturally sensitive and inclusive way.

Capilano University is an educational institution designated under the Province of B.C. University Act to provide post-secondary education in a region incorporating the traditional lands of the shíshálh Nation.

Capilano University is deeply committed to creating access to Capilano University for Aboriginal learners and diverse learners from the shíshálh Nation within and outside of the shíshálh Nation territory, and

supports the integration of First Nations knowledge, culture, history and language into a university education.

The shíshálh Nation and Capilano University are committed to the continuing existence and future growth of academic programs and to making a difference by working together and recognizing the value of consultation and collaboration.

Through this Agreement the shíshálh Nation and Capilano University formally acknowledge their existing partnership in order to continue to deliver learning activities in the areas of academic, vocational, career/technical, and continuing community education for adult learners. This will involve overall program planning, implementing specific shíshálh Nation curriculum, and developing joint certificates, diplomas and degrees.

The parties agree that all shíshálh Nation students registered in the programs of Capilano University have all the rights and privileges of Capilano University students.

Purpose of the Affiliation Agreement

This Agreement is designed to achieve the following:

Further the educational mandates of both the shíshálh Nation and Capilano University.

Broaden the offerings of Capilano University, specifically at kálax-ay | the Sunshine Coast Campus.

Enhance the benefits of education and research for the shíshálh Nation and make facilities and knowledge available for the study of shíshálh Nation language and culture.

Assist shíshálh Nation citizens to establish self-determination in post-secondary education by maintaining provincial standards with respect to institutional accountability, tuition and fee schedules, admission policies, instructor qualifications and certification, curriculum standards and degree completion requirements.

Promote the advancement of higher education in ways that are mutually beneficial to the shíshálh Nation and Capilano University.

Engage in a partnership of collaboration defined by a joint commitment to and interest in Aboriginal post-secondary education and access for learners.

Promote developmental and educational opportunities to enable shíshálh people and the wider Aboriginal community to assume responsibility for and control of their own affairs and destiny.

Formalize, expand and enhance the working relationship between the parties, and set forth principles, objectives and process for the planning and development of specific educational and research programs that capitalize on the respective strengths of the parties.

Guiding Principles

The shíshálh Nation and Capilano University mutually recognize and accept the mission and principles of their respective institutions and further agree to and recognize the following:

- The shíshálh Nation maintains ownership over all cultural material for which it has intellectual property rights;
- The shíshálh Nation is responsible to ensure that shíshálh Nation adults have access to high quality learning in the area of shíshálh language (sháshíshálhem) and culture;
- The shíshálh Nation will be consulted regarding the appointment of faculty to teach shíshálh Nation language and culture courses;
- Both parties recognize the value of consultation and establish it as a fundamental principle of all elements of this Agreement;
- Capilano University, as established under the University Act, has a mandate to serve the educational needs of all British Columbians in its region;
- Capilano University will continue to work to establish and maintain the credibility of the shíshálh Nation as a post- secondary educational partner mandated to serve shíshálh Nation members.
- The shíshálh Nation will work to support Capilano University in developing a sensitive and effective relationship with Aboriginal people and First Nations around the world;
- The parties wish to develop and formalize an affiliation that will facilitate cooperation in the creation of research and educational programs in the shíshálh Nation region that build upon their respective strengths; and,
- This relationship is not exclusive.

Protocols Governing Collaboration

The objectives of this Agreement will support the following:

- Consultation and cooperation between the shíshálh Nation and Capilano University in areas of mutual concern;
- Involvement of Elders in educational planning wherever possible;
- Collaboration in promoting the development and growth of the shíshálh Nation;
- Definition of the individual and mutual roles of each body;
- Research and teaching of shíshálh Nation language and culture developed in accordance with shíshálh Nation and western principles of scholarly integrity;
- Courses and programs to be offered enriched by shíshálh Nation content, while maintaining the same academic standards as those courses taught at Capilano University and the shíshálh Nation; and,
- Consultation with shíshálh Nation on shíshálh Nation language and culture components of courses modified for delivery by shíshálh Nation.

In addition, this Agreement supports the following protocol for collaboration:

- Seeking and securing funding for programs;
- Maintaining the high level of cooperation that exists between the parties through regularly scheduled meetings including the First Nation's Advisory Committee;
- Designing and implementing a process of program evaluation;
- Ensuring priority registration for shíshálh Nation students both in courses contracted through the shíshálh Nation and in all Capilano University courses;
- Securing appropriate documentation as follows: for each student of the shíshálh Nation for whom a certification fee has been paid by shíshálh Nation, Capilano University will provide an official transcript indicating their performance in each accredited course. shíshálh Nation will obtain an appropriate release from each individual student to allow for this exchange of information with Capilano University;

- Supporting shíshálh Nation participation in Capilano University planning meetings as follows: Capilano University agrees to appoint and pay reasonable and documented travel expenses to enable a shíshálh Nation-appointed representative to sit on the First Nation's Advisory Committee ;
- Protecting student information in accordance with the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- Jointly recruiting and registering students;
- The parties agree that this Agreement shall not create any funding expectation, nor shall either party be responsible for the actions of the other party, nor of third parties or associates who may participate in activities outlined in this Agreement; and
- For greater certainty, nothing in this Agreement obliges either party to act in a manner inconsistent with Canadian Provincial or Federal laws and legislation and University policies.

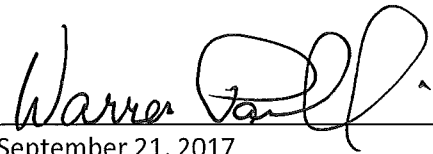
Duration and Termination of the Agreement

The term of this Agreement will be for a period of five years commencing September 21, 2017 unless earlier terminated by either party as permitted herein. Upon expiry, this Agreement will be subject to review and renewal upon mutual agreement of the parties. If there are impediments to renewal, the parties will communicate with each other regarding the nature of the impediments, with the goal of negotiating a new agreement.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time provided that the terminating party provides at least six months prior written notice to the other party.

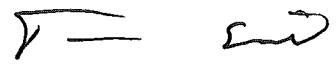
This Agreement may be amended, and any provision of it may be waived, on the mutual written agreement of the authorized representative of the parties.

On behalf of the shíshálh Nation



 September 21, 2017

On behalf of Capilano University



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