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Notice to: Haisla Membership
From: Haisla Nation Elected Chief and Council
Date: May 15, 2024
Subject: Notice of Proposed Update to Haisla Nation Membership Law

We hope this notice finds you well. The Haisla Nation Council wishes to inform you of our intention to update the existing Membership Law, which has been in place since 1987. This update is necessary due to significant changes within our Nation since the law's inception.

The current Membership Law was enacted by Kitamaat Village Council in 1987 based on a Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) template in response to a requirement by DIA to create a Membership Code or to have one imposed by DIA. However, it has become evident that it is now outdated and no longer fully reflects the evolving needs and practices of our community. One crucial aspect that highlights the necessity for an update is the substantial shift in our financial landscape. Previously reliant primarily on federal (Indigenous Services Canada) funding, the Haisla Nation now generates Own Source Revenue, marking a significant milestone in our economic autonomy and self-sufficiency.

Recognizing these changes and the need for a Membership Law that aligns with our current realities, Haisla Nation Council has initiated the process to review and revise the existing law. The proposed update aims to ensure that our Membership Law is not only reflective of our Haisla legal orders and contemporary circumstances but also addresses the aspirations and priorities of our community members.

We recognize the importance of transparency and inclusivity in this process, and as such, we are committed to engaging with the Haisla membership throughout the development and implementation of the updated Membership Law. Your input, feedback, and perspectives are invaluable in shaping the future of our Nation, and we strongly encourage active participation from all members.

In the coming weeks and months, we will be organizing community consultations, engagement sessions, and opportunities for dialogue to gather input from our members. Additionally, relevant documents and updates regarding the progress of the Membership Law review will be shared with the community to ensure transparency and accountability.

We invite all Haisla Nation members to actively participate in this important process and contribute to the shaping of our collective future. Together, we can ensure that our Membership Law reflects our values, aspirations, and identity as a Nation.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the proposed update to the Membership Law, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Haisla Nation Council through the Membership Code Committee email at membershipcode@haisla.ca. Your feedback is essential, and we welcome the opportunity to engage with you.

Thank you for your attention, support, and commitment to the well-being and prosperity of the Haisla Nation.