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Regional District of the Central Okanagan  
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Via e-mail: Lisa.Pastro@rdco.com

**Re: Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) – Article 5**

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On December 19, 2022, Regional District of the Central Okanagan (RDCO) Indigenous Advisor, Lisa Pastro, attended a Policy Day discussion at Westbank First Nation (WFN), during which she provided Chief & Council with a Reconciliation Framework presentation. As a follow-up to the presentation, and in the spirit of reconciliation, WFN requests that RDCO explore options for making regional governance more inclusive of Indigenous peoples.

Article 5 of DRIPA states “Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the State.”

This letter serves as confirmation that WFN is committed to partnering with the RDCO and the Province of British Columbia to explore what full and fair representation at the RDCO Board would look like as an item toward meaningful reconciliation.

Sincerely,


**WESTBANK FIRST NATION CHIEF & COUNCIL**

  
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