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NAME OF SOCIETY: **FRASER VALLEY ABORIGINAL CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SOCIETY**

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The name of the Society is FRASER VALLEY ABORIGINAL CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SOCIETY

The purposes of the Society are:

To provide culturally appropriate support services and programs to Aboriginal (i.e. Status, Non-Status, On Reserve, Off Reserve, Stó:lô and other First Nations, Inuit, and Métis) children, youth and their families residing within Stó:lô territory, including: family strengthening programs, child safety, guardianship, family finding, and caregiver recruitment and support.

The Society shall achieve its purpose(s) guided by the following:

- (a) To promote the overall welfare and development and delivery of a full range of children and family programs and services to Aboriginal people located within Stó:lô So:lh Téméxw.
- (b) To work with like minded agencies within the Stó:lô territory to establish, promote and facilitate the development and delivery of a full range of children and family programs and services to Aboriginal people located within Stó:lô So:lh Téméxw.
- (c) To recognize the responsibilities of the Stó:lô in taking care of Lets'ó:lmexw in the Stó:lô So:lh Téméxw according to Stó:lô customs, practices and laws to ensure Lets'ó:lmexw abide by and recognize Stó:lô So:lh Téméxw and protocol.
- (d) To adhere to the following Guiding Principles in establishing the Society's Governance Model:
  - i. The Society will act in the best interests, safety and well-being of Aboriginal children, youth and families and respect the cultural diversity of all Stakeholders;
  - ii. The Society will nominate and elect Board Directors who reside and are not affiliated as an elected or self-appointed political leader in a First Nation government or an Aboriginal political organization within Stó:lô territory;
  - iii. The Society will nominate and elect Board members to ensure adequate geographical representation of the four regions of So:lh Téméxw;
  - iv. The Society will select Board members using a process that is based on transparency and merit;
  - v. The Society will ensure the elders and youth are represented on the Board;
  - vi. The Society will promote and maintain good governance through accountability and transparency with Stó:lô Leadership and community members.
- (e) To engage in ongoing consultations with all Aboriginal and First Nation communities served

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by FVACFSS and residing within Stó:lô So:lh Téméxw to ensure that the views of the Aboriginal communities are reflected, to the extent practicable and possible, in the programs and services developed and provided by the Society.

(f) To provide direction and guidance for the delivery of the Society's programs and services in a manner that promotes and preserves the best interests, safety and well-being of Aboriginal children, youth and families and that respects the cultural diversity of the Aboriginal communities.

(g) To promote the development of programs and services that encourage community involvement regarding the care and protection of Aboriginal children within Stó:lô So:lh Téméxw.

(h) To adopt and utilize dispute resolution mechanisms to resolve disputes that may arise between the members of the Society.

(i) To do everything incidental and necessary to promote and attain the foregoing purposes.

