

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

### Tahltan Community Foundation – Founding Board Members

The Tahltan Community Foundation (TCF) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Tahltans who are interested in becoming 1 of 3 founding board of directors of the TCF.

The TCF is being created in response to 2 rounds of feedback from Tahltan members to deliver benefits from the income earned by the Tahltan Heritage Trust and other discretionary funds provided to the Tahltan Nation for broader community benefits.

This community-based organization is still under development but is expected to be delivering funding programs for Tahltan membership soon.

The 3 members of the founding board of directors will be responsible for governing the foundation including but not limited to:

- a. Submit the initial application to register the TCF as a BC Society;
- b. Engage membership and Tahltan organizations to get input on the process for filling the remaining five board positions - including coordinating the process to fill the remaining positions;
- c. Engage membership and Tahltan organizations to assess community priorities and the drafting of the TCF's first strategic plan;
- d. Establish initial delivery partnerships for interim programs until the strategic plan is complete; and
- e. Carry out other activities required to get the TCF operational.

Selection of 3 founding board members will be completed by consensus of the Iskut Band Council, Tahltan Central Government, and the Tahltan Band Council.

Interested founding directors must be Tahltan and are expected to possess the following:

- a. The time to dedicate to this important institutional building task;
- b. Ability to work effectively in a group;
- c. Strong ability to communicate collaboratively;

- d. An understanding of how to effectively engage Tahltan membership;
- e. Understanding and experience with board structures and processes; and
- f. Understanding and experience in institutional development.

Please address how you meet these criteria in your Expression of Interest. The founding board has the demanding task of getting the foundation operational in all areas based on direction gathered from the community. This will have to be done in ways that respect COVID-19 guidelines. This will require dedication, objectivity, creativity, and hard work.

The interim Executive Director, Garry Merkel, is coordinating this Expression of Interest process for Tahltan leadership.

Please feel free to contact Garry for questions or further direction. [garry.merkel@tahltan.org](mailto:garry.merkel@tahltan.org) or 250-427-0460. Individuals may submit their Expressions of

Interest to Garry before 4:00 pm (PST) on July 7, 2021, via email to [garry.merkel@tahltan.org](mailto:garry.merkel@tahltan.org).