

First Nations of Northern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority (hereinafter "The Northern Authority") Communication Protocol

WHEREAS:

- A. The duties and responsibilities of the Northern Authority are set out in *The Child and Family Services Authorities Act* (Authorities Act) and *Regulations* and *The Child and Family Services Act* and *Regulations* (hereinafter the "Duties").
- B. Information and records maintained by and in the possession of the Northern Authority contain confidential information as defined in Section 76 of *The Child and Family Service Act*.
- C. Pursuant to the provisions of the Authorities Act the Board of Directors of the Northern Authority are appointed by Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.
- D. The Northern Authority and its Directors, Officers, Employees and/or Agents are bound to maintain confidentiality with respect to Northern Authority information, records, and activities and are not to disclose same except as and when required for the purposes of the aforesaid Duties.
- E. The Directors, Officers, Employees and/or Agents of the Northern Authority do not independently make representations on behalf of and/or represent the Northern Authority.
- F. The Board of Directors has authority to direct the organization only when acting as a group. No individual Director has any authority over the organization. To function effectively, the Board of Directors must speak with one voice. For greater certainty, the Board of Directors speaks with one voice, as represented by the Chairperson and/or the Chief Executive Officer.

NOW THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR THE NORTHERN AUTHORITY IN ANY AND ALL OF ITS COMMUNICATION WITH THIRD PARTIES, THE GOVERNMENT OF MAINTOBA, ANY ENTITIES OR PERSONS:

The Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Authority has full authority to make representation on behalf of the Northern Authority and to represent the Northern Authority.

- I. A quorum of the Board of Directors of the Northern Authority has full authority at all times and for the purpose to make representations on behalf of the Northern Authority and to represent the Northern Authority.
- II. Any Director, Officer, Employee or Agent of the Northern Authority upon a quorum of the Board of Directors of the Northern Authority is authorized to communicate on behalf of and/or to represent the Northern Authority with respect to any matter expressly identified in the said authorization.
- III. Any Director, Officer, Employee or Agent of the Northern Authority authorized to communicate on behalf of and/or to represent the Northern Authority shall report said communication or representation in a timely manner to the Board of Directors.
- IV. This protocol shall be circulated to the Government of Manitoba and all agencies and entities with which the Northern Authority has regular dealings and shall be published on the Northern Authority's website for the notification of the general public.

Dated this 25 day of March 2013 at Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Vice-Chairperson

Director

Director

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Director