

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
JUSTICE INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (JIBC)
AND
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL (NIFSC)**

A Memorandum of Understanding effective January 1, 2023, made in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada between the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC), founded in 1978 as a public post-secondary education institution created by the Government of British Columbia under the “Colleges & Institutes Act” and the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (Hereinafter called NIFSC). Aboriginal Firefighter’s Association of Canada (AFAC) was created in 1991 and was renamed the NIFSC in 2022. NIFSC is an Indigenous organization developed by national and regional Indigenous bodies to support Indigenous communities to build capacity to mitigate public safety risks.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) describes generally our shared understanding of opportunities for collaboration on training and education. Enhanced coordination between NIFSC and educational institutions can help to facilitate solutions to local issues, often shared, of which successes will be recognized and challenges monitored for continuous improvement.

It is hereby agreed between the parties as follows:

1. Provide communications platform to align, promote, and share best practices with respect to each organization’s mandate(s).
2. Explore and wherever possible promote and initiate joint efforts, including, but not limited to
 - Regional, community-based, rural and remote, training opportunities;
 - Curriculum development projects that include Indigenized curriculum where applicable;
 - Indigenous instructor development; and
 - Applied research projects.
3. Both parties shall enter into separate and detailed contracts which shall specify the terms and conditions of this collaboration.

4. Both parties hereby agree the proposed contracts shall contain the following provisions:
 - a. the financial and legal obligations of the parties hereto;
 - b. the terms and conditions of the agreed upon activity, including but not limited to, the details of its duration, the location, the notice necessary for termination, the number of students and their scheduling (if applicable), and the commencement, administration and monitoring of the course projects involved; and
 - c. the duties and responsibilities of the parties to the contract.
5. The parties hereto shall appoint representatives to carry out educational, financial, and administrative feasibility analysis of entering into contracts contemplated herein.
6. The parties shall in good faith continue the Memorandum of Understanding which shall be valid for a period of three (3) years commencing from the date hereof, and the parties may, by mutual agreement between them, extend for any period beyond stipulated period which they consider appropriate.
7. Either party may give three (3) months' notice in writing to the other, of their desire to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding. At the end of the three (3) months period calculated from the date of the said notice, this Memorandum of Understanding shall be terminated.
8. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be construed as a statement of intent and is not binding on either party.
9. Nothing in the Memorandum of Understanding shall prejudice the right of JIBC from establishing similar collaborative arrangements with organizations other than NIFSC and not prevent NIFSC from entering into similar relationships with other institutions other than JIBC.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding on the date first above written.

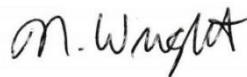
SIGNED FOR JIBC:



Dr. Michel Tarko
President and CEO, JIBC

Date: January 16, 2023

SIGNED FOR NIFSC:



Nathan Wright
Executive Director, NIFSC

Date: January 17, 2023