

**HUU–AY–AHT FIRST NATIONS
REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 27, 2013**

Title – HFN Children Status – Bill C 31

Type of Decision – Recommendation

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Background:

In the past (Pre Treaty) all status Indians newborns children were entitled to \$5,000.00 of Ottawa Trust Funds. At a band meeting prior to April 1, 2013 a motion was passed to give entitlement to Bill C 31 children as well.

Treaty funds were not set aside and motions and discussions at a band meeting could not be located; all motions made prior to Treaty were considered null and void. During another band meeting, members that were recognized as Huu-ay-aht but did not hold a status were given their \$5,000.00 including their non-aboriginal mother.

A citizen has inquired about receiving payment for their two children who fall under bill C31.

At the June 28, 2013 Executive Council meeting, direction was given to the Finance Committee to make a recommendation regarding providing payment to those individuals affected by Bill C31.

Issue:

At the August 16, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting Karen Haugen declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting for this discussion.

The Finance Committee agreed that there is great potential for risk. A precedence will be set if we start opening up old band council resolutions. It was noted that “transfer in” were not given a distribution and that Tom Happynook’s children did receive money under Bill C-31.

After a great deal of discussion the Finance Committee agreed that a report on the costs associated with payment to Bill C31 and Bill C3 children and legal risks associated with opening up old band council resolutions.

The following motion was passed at the Finance Committee meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Finance Committee recommends that Executive Council direct the Executive Director to prepare a report on the costs associated with payment to Bill C31 and Bil C3 children and legal risks associated with opening up old band council resolutions.

Recommendation:

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Motion:

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Follow Up:

Executive Director to prepare report as described in the motion.

Decision: