



**Qwelminté
Secwepemc**



To: QS-BC G2G Senior Council (BC Representatives)

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Via Email

Re: Qwelminté-Secwepemc G2G Referrals Suspension – COVID 19 closures,
Weytk-p,

During these times of uncertainty and in the interest of our communities, staff and teams many of the QS signatory offices including the Territorial Stewardship Offices (e.g. Natural Resource departments) have been closed. We understand that many of the Provincial staff and teams are also working remotely. The QS Office is also currently under special operational notice regarding COVID-19 and many are choosing to work remotely and self-isolate.

Due to these closures at this time the QS are suspending the operation of the online portal and will not receive any new referrals at this time. We also require that existing referrals with deadlines are given appropriate extensions of a minimum of 30 days. We do not have capacity to process, respond or adequately address our interests regarding referrals at this time.

We will not contribute further strain or stress on our teams and leadership. Our leadership at this time must focus on the protection and well-being of our communities as we go through these troubling times. We are assured that our QS-BC G2G representatives through meaningful discussions, will take appropriate measures to ensure that once this distressing time has passed, we will build a mutually agreeable plan to restart the flow of referrals and engagement through our G2G tables.

Please forward this within your organization and teams and we will be posting this letter with the suspension notification on the portal. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our Director of Transformation Sunny LeBourdais at Director@qwelminte.ca or 250-320-0712.

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Attachment:

Secwepemc Declaration of State of Emergency in Secwepemcúlecw