

Heiltsuk Communication - SOK Settlement Agreement

Re: Eligible Members with Powers of Attorney and Authorized Representatives

This Heiltsuk Communication is for Heiltsuk members who are entitled to get a payment under the Gernyn SOK Settlement Agreement and want someone else to receive their payment. These may arise in different situations, including for people who already have someone else who manage their financial affairs. We refer to these members as “Entitled Members” in this communication.

1. When to Use this Communication

Use this Communication for information on how to request payment if the all of the following are true:

- Eligible Member wants someone else to manage their payment for them.
- Eligible Member has NOT been declared mentally incompetent and/or Eligible Member signed a Power of Attorney or Representation Agreement already.
- Eligible Member was on the Heiltsuk band list on July 16, 2019, or was entitled to automatic registration on the Heiltsuk band list as of July 16, 2019.

2. Document Needed

HTC will need ONLY ONE OF the following documents before they can issue a payment for an Eligible Member to someone else other than the Eligible Member:

☐ Enduring Power of Attorney: validly signed and witnessed

OR

☐ Representation Agreement: validly signed and witnessed

3. How to Get the Required Document

If you do not have one of these documents yet, you will need a lawyer to help prepare them. Page 2 has a list of potential lawyers that you may wish to use.

4. General Information

For general information, contact:

Councillor Louisa Jones Housty
Heiltsuk Tribal Council Administration Office
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Law Firms

*The following are a list of law firms that provide the above types of legal services for Powers of Attorney and Representation Agreements. **This is not a recommendation** it is meant for your consideration only. HTC has not used any of these firms and cannot be held responsible for the service they provide. Each person using a lawyer will be responsible for their own legal fees.*

Vancouver

1. Munro & Crawford, 5670 Yew Street, Phone: (604) 266-7174, Email: abeesley@munrocrawford.ca
2. Shebeare Law, 400-1681 Chestnut Street, Phone: (778) 331-8868, Email: Monique@shebearelaw.com

Victoria

1. Mullen DeMeo Wirk, 1626 Garnet Rd, Phone: (250) 477-3327, Website: <https://www.realestatelawvictoria.com/>, Email: paul@mdlawcorp.com

Nanaimo

1. Merrill Long & Co, 201 Milton Street, Phone: (250) 754-4441, Email: Phillip@merrill-long.com

Prince Rupert

1. Johnston Law, # 7 222 3 Ave W, Phone: (250) 6224-2106

For Low-Income Seniors:

1. Low-income seniors in BC may contact Seniors First BC to see if they qualify for free legal services, Phone: (local) 604-437-1940, Phone: (toll-free) 1-866-437-19940, Website: <http://seniorsfirstbc.ca/programs/legal-programs/>

General Referral Service in BC:

1. Any British Columbian may use Access Pro Bono's Lawyer Referral Service by calling 1-800-663-1919 or (604) 687-3221 (in Metro Vancouver) from Monday to Friday—8:30am to 5:00pm. They may also email lawyerreferral@accessprobono.ca