



Shtunni's tu Hwulmuhw AMENDMENT



Did you know?

The *Shtunni's tu Hwulmuhw* Amendment Working Group have resumed working on the completion of edits to *Cowichan Indian Band Membership Rules (1992)* virtually through Zoom!

Cowichan Tribes is a section 10 band under the Indian Act! That means registration and membership are separate. In 1985, there was an amendment to the Indian Act that allowed for individual First Nations to gain jurisdiction over membership called Bill C-31. Cowichan Tribes gained jurisdiction in 1986.

Registration	MEMBERSHIP
Indigenous Services Canada jurisdiction through Indian Act.	COWICHAN TRIBES JURISDICTION THROUGH <i>SHTUNNI'S TU HWULMUHW</i> (PREVIOUSLY COWICHAN INDIAN BAND MEMBERSHIP RULES 1992)
Benefits of registration: Non-Insured Health Benefits, Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS), Tax Exemption on reserve.	BENEFITS OF COWICHAN TRIBES MEMBERSHIP: ON-RESERVE HOUSING AND LAND OWNERSHIP, VOTING IN ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS, ANNUAL TOBACCO TAX DISTRIBUTION.
Legislation has been amended twice since 1985 with Bill C-3 (2011) and Bill S-3 (2017). Both amendments to the Indian Act expand the eligibility for Registration and acquiring Status.	LEGISLATION HAS BEEN UPDATED ONCE IN 1992. ACQUIRING COWICHAN STATUS IS THE FIRST STEP TO ACQUIRING COWICHAN MEMBERSHIP.

Any questions? Email membership@cowichantribes.com or contact me on FB!

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