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NEXT STEPS FOR WAHTA PEACEMAKING PROCESS

STEP 1

JANUARY

Kevin and I will participate in Wahta's January 27-29th Wellness Conference with 60 community members. Our participation through keynotes and group leads will serve to summarize the presentations of the three workshops and our peace-making process. Our presentations during the conference will highlight key themes, lessons learned and promising ideas to build on. We will also help to clarify connections between our peacemaking process and the wellness workshops. The questions addressed during the conference will also help to clarify the steps that we will take as we move forward in the peacemaking process. We will share our proposed next steps to this process during this conference.

STEP 2

FEBRUARY

We are in the process of planning a community Peacemaking conference for February that will combine the work of Waneek Miller and her colleagues on Wahta's membership code and our peacemaking process. We intend to include Rick Hill as a major presenter during this conference. Rick will help us to create the foundation for the peacemaking process by sharing the history and teachings of the Great law of Peace and it's relationship to our current realities. This conference will lead us into the next step of our Peacemaking process that will involve bringing community members together to engage in dialogue about the important themes that community members have identified through the peacemaking process up to now.

STEP 3

Following Wahta's election in March and depending on decisions of the next Chief and Council, we are prepared to offer the next steps of the peacemaking process. This will involve engaging community members in selecting the most important topics for dialogue from the list of topics the community has identified. Our process will also make it possible for the community members to identify the order of those topics from the most important to the least important.

STEP 4

We will then invite community members to engage in a dialogue process that will enable them to take a position for each topic in favour of, against or not sure of. These dialogues will be moderated by us and will be guided until a position is determined that all participating members can agree to. This process will be conducted until all of the most important topics the community members have identified have been addressed and positions of consensus have been released.

STEP 5

This will provide the Chief and Council with a framework for governance that the community membership is in support of. This should also enable your community to create and maintain a more peaceful community. If the community finds the process to be useful it can be replicated into the future.

Sincerely,

Ed Connors

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