

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO APPOINT  
A REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**



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Dear Mr. Crawford, Ms. Ross and Ms. Heath:

On behalf of the Special Committee to Appoint a Representative for Children and Youth, I am writing to thank you very much for sharing your concerns regarding the posting for the Representative for Children and Youth position. The Committee has broadly distributed the position posting to encourage First Nations applications, including distribution to Aboriginal leaders and organizations.

The Legislative Assembly appointed the Committee on March 1, 2016 to unanimously recommend the appointment of a Representative, pursuant to section 2 of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act*. The Act is, in essence, the job description the Special Committee is required to follow in its work, and sets out the Representative's functions and general powers in sections 6 to 10.

I would like to reassure you that the Committee recognizes that the Representative must have strong knowledge, capacity and experience with Aboriginal communities in order to be effective in this important position. As such, the Committee added this information to the posting on the Committee's webpage, in order to affirm the importance of this section criteria in our search process. A copy is attached for your information.

Thank you again for your letter and sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

Don McRae, MLA  
Chair, Special Committee to Appoint a Representative for Children and Youth

cc: Members, Special Committee to Appoint a Representative for Children and Youth  
Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees