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# **TCSA** Policies & Procedures

Section: Foundations & Basic Commitments

Reference: 1.1

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**Policy Title:** **Vision Statement “Strong Like Two People”**

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**Policy Statement:**

The TCSA recognizes that the vision of the Agency is “Strong Like Two People” .

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**Purpose:**

Strong Like Two People is a metaphor for the desire by community, Board members and Agency staff to build an organization and create programs and services that recognize the strength and importance of two cultures.

*From the document, A Strategic Framework & Business Plans 2005-2009... ”In 1971 a frail Chief Jimmy Bruneau officially opened the Edzo school that was to bear his name. On this occasion he spoke of the importance of a model of bicultural and bilingual education where equal emphasis must be given to educating children in two cultures. Some years later in 1991, a respected Behchokö elder, Elizabeth Mackenzie, commented on her understanding of the words of Chief Jimmy Bruneau, describing his vision as “Strong Like Two People”. Originally, the statement referred to young people, and meant learning from, and being competent in the worlds of two peoples...the traditional world of the Tlicho elders and the modern world that surrounds people today.*

In 1998 after the Dogrib Divisional Board of Education had expanded its mandate to include the delivery of health and social services, Board members, educators, healthcare professionals, social workers and other Board staff agreed that this vision of “Strong Like Two People” should continue...*as a metaphor for the desire to build an organization, and create programs and services that recognize the strength and importance of two cultures.”*

The origin and development of the vision statement was reviewed and reaffirmed for use by the Agency by the new Board of the Tlicho Community Services Agency in February 2006.

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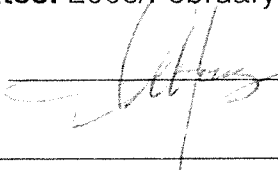
**Authorities:**

TCSA Act 13; Education Act, 117; Hospital Insurance & Health and Social Services Administration Act, 10(10), 13(1)

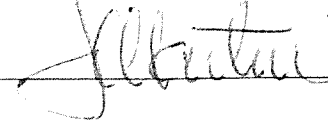
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