

MAYOR REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: September 13, 2022

TO: CITY COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Lyn Hall, Mayor

SUBJECT: Lheidli T'enneh First Nation - Plaque Presentation

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Communication

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council:

1. DIRECTS the territorial acknowledgement plaque received from the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation be displayed in City Hall;
2. DIRECTS City Council and Council Committee meetings be opened using the land acknowledgement wording substantially as shown on the plaque; and
3. AUTHORIZES Administration to prepare an administrative procedure regarding the staff use of a land acknowledgement.

BACKGROUND:

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, together with its membership in the Coalition of Inclusive Communities, have guided the City of Prince George's reconciliation efforts. Over the past several years, there have been significant achievements, including the renaming of Fort George Park to Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park, the permanent presence of the Lheidli T'enneh flag at City Hall and in City Council Chambers, a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Communication signed by the Lheidli T'enneh, the City of Prince George, and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George, and the opening of the Lheidli T'enneh Pavilion.

Chief and Council of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation will be in attendance at the September 19, 2022 meeting of City Council to present the City with a territorial acknowledgement plaque. The Lheidli T'enneh's presentation of a territorial acknowledgement plaque for display at City Hall, and Council's consideration of the opportunity to open Council and Council Committee meetings with a land acknowledgement is another milestone in the reconciliation journey.

Council committed to act on relevant calls-to-action established by the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada and to continue to build relations with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and Urban Indigenous organizations in the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan. This action continues to make progress on this commitment.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Lyn Hall, Mayor

Meeting Date: 2022/09/21