

Memorandum of Understanding on Communication & Cooperation
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Whereas the Parties:

1. Recognize and respect that the Lheidli T'enneh, the City of Prince George, and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George governments each have unique responsibilities, authorities, and jurisdictions;
2. Commit themselves to the important and ongoing work of reconciliation as defined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;
3. Contribute to the development of sustainable and inclusive communities that meet the unique economic, cultural, social, and environmental needs of all parties;
4. Acknowledge the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh and the importance of respect for the land, people, and history of the territory and;
5. Affirm the necessity of mutual respect and collaborative relationships to promote environmental sustainability, and advance the region economically, socially, and culturally.

Guided by Core Values including:

- Trust
- Mutual Respect
- Open Listening
- Cooperation
- Understanding

Now Therefore the Parties agree to:

1. Invest in the building of intergovernmental relationships at all levels (elected officials, administration, citizens);
2. Establish regular, transparent, and constructive communication and dialogue on matters of mutual interest;
3. Collaborate on decision-making and establish cooperative action plans to further shared initiatives;
4. Develop service agreements that are mutually beneficial;
5. Cultivate cross-cultural awareness to promote an understanding of local cultures and values, economies, and communities;
6. Maintain and further develop cooperative relationships based on trust, mutual respect, understanding, and communication;
7. Provide capacity building opportunities;
8. Build understanding of governing structures, capacities, traditions, roles, responsibilities, and current projects;
9. Define roles and responsibilities to meet legal obligations for consultation and;
10. Encourage and promote effective methods of dispute resolution.
11. Meet formally as staffs, councils, and governments no less than once per year.

Reference:

“To the Commission, reconciliation is about establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this country. In order for that to happen, there has to be awareness of the past, acknowledgement of the harm that has been inflicted, atonement for the causes, and action to change behaviour” (Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015, Pg. 1).

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