
NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

Province's land sale to Haisla Nation strengthens relationship

KITIMAT – Premier Christy Clark, Haisla Nation Chief Councillor Ellis Ross and Kitimat Mayor Joanne Monaghan today celebrated a recent land sale as a big step forward for the Kitimat region, the Haisla Nation and the Province.

The sale of the former District of Kitimat hospital lands by the Province to the Haisla Nation significantly enhances the relationship between the three governments, and will enable new economic development opportunities for the Haisla and the Kitimat community. The purchase was celebrated in a ceremony held at the former hospital site.

“This sale enables the Haisla to commercially develop this land, and provide their Nation more ways to meaningfully engage in the economy,” said Premier Christy Clark. “It’s going to create a lot of opportunities for the Haisla First Nation, the community of Kitimat, and the broader region.”

“Today’s agreement returns a key piece of Haisla traditional territory to the hands of the Haisla people,” said Haisla Nation Chief Councillor Ellis Ross. “It is our intent to develop this land for the benefit of everyone in the Kitimat Valley – Haisla and non Haisla alike. We thank the provincial government for its willingness to include us in these negotiations and the District of Kitimat for its commitment to reach an agreement.”

Through its corporate business arm, Haisla Business Operations Inc., the Haisla Nation will commercially develop the newly purchased lands, located centrally in Kitimat. The development will provide Haisla Nation more opportunities to meaningfully engage in the economy during all phases of the lands’ development, including construction and operations.

“We are pleased to be part of this celebration today recognizing a new relationship with our neighbours the Haisla,” said Kitimat Mayor Joanne Monaghan. “We hope to continue to work together for the betterment of our communities.”

“This agreement is another example of what can be achieved when three governments work together to pursue new economic opportunities,” said Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens’ Services. “Developing the former Kitimat hospital lands will benefit the community and strengthen the local economy as well.”

The former Kitimat hospital lands are located within the District of Kitimat and were transferred from the Northern Health Authority to the Province in 2010.

Concluded on May 22, 2014, the purchase follows the signing of a conditional sale agreement between the Haisla Nation and the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens’ Services in April 2013. The purchase was contingent on the Haisla Nation and the District of Kitimat

reaching agreement about how the lands will be developed.

The Province will continue to work with industry, First Nations and communities to ensure lasting benefits are achieved as the LNG industry develops in the Northwest.

Quick Facts

- Kitimat is a district municipality in the North Coast region of British Columbia and has a population of 9,009 (2012, BC Stats). It is a member municipality of the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine.
- The Haisla Nation comprises approximately 1780 members, with 700 people living on the main reserve, Kitamaat Village, situated at the head of Douglas Channel, 15 kilometres south of the District of Kitimat.
- Haisla Nation entered the treaty process in January 1994 and is in stage four of the six stage process, the agreement in principle stage.
- The Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation facilitated negotiations between Haisla Nation, District of Kitimat and the Ministry of Innovation, Technology and Citizens' Services, who were responsible for the land on behalf of the Province.
- On April 7, 2014, the District of Kitimat and Haisla Nation reached agreements on how the lands would be developed.
- A joint federal B.C. news conference on Jan. 22, 2013, announced final regulatory pieces to permit the building of a new LNG plant on Haisla Nation reserve land. The plant is a joint venture of Apache Canada and Chevron Canada, in co operation with Haisla Nation.
- Over the past decade, the Haisla Nation has engaged in 17 joint ventures with industries seeking to support economic activity for the region.
- On Sept.14, 2012, Haisla Nation and the Province signed the Haisla Framework Agreement (HFA) allowing for the purchase or lease of approximately 800 hectares of land adjacent to IR #6, intended for LNG development.
- The HFA also commits the parties to land use planning around the Douglas Channel, helping to create certainty and allowing other projects in the area to proceed.
- On April 11, 2013, Haisla and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations signed a term sheet for the sale of the lands. Negotiators concluded an interim lease over the lands and foreshore in accordance with the HFA on May 13, 2013, which came into effect on Aug. 15, 2013. Sale negotiations continue.

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MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS
AND RECONCILIATION
BRIEFING NOTE

Date: April 16, 2014
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File: 280-20

- I Prepared for the **INFORMATION** of Deputy Minister Steve Munro
- II **ISSUE:** Agreements reached between the District of Kitimat and Haisla Nation regarding the old Kitimat Hospital lands.
- III **BACKGROUND:**

Haisla Nation (Haisla) comprises approximately 1800 members, with 700 people living on the main reserve, Kitamaat Village, located at the head of the Douglas Channel, 15 km south of the District of Kitimat (DoK). Haisla has the sole Aboriginal rights and title claim within the northern Douglas Channel, where several Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) projects are being considered.

Haisla has had a long standing interest in the old Kitimat Hospital lands, which are centrally located in Kitimat. DoK had maintained that it had a reversionary right over the helipad site and a "Right of First Refusal/Option to Purchase" for the former hospital site. However, there is no record of such arrangements with Northern Health Authority (NHA) or on the Certificates of Title. The Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services (TICS) holds the lands.

On April 11, 2013, TICS and Haisla signed a purchase and sale agreement over the lands on the condition of the Province being satisfied that the DoK and Haisla reach agreement on development of the land. On April 7, 2014, the Province received the approved transaction agreements between DoK and Haisla, and in accordance with the purchase and sale agreement, waived the conditions precedent. Now that the conditions have been waived by both Haisla and the Province, the parties have 90 days to close the purchase and sale agreement.

IV **DISCUSSION:**

Haisla and DoK see the completion of the transaction agreements as a significant step in the improvement of their relationship and would like to celebrate the achievement. Moreover, this type of event will get the message out to constituents in a positive manner. Both Haisla and DoK expect that word of the agreement will soon leak out, and there is a joint desire to announce the agreement with a ceremony or event. It is recommended that the Premier and/or other Ministers attend an event in Kitimat in early May.

V **KEY MESSAGES:**

The agreements between Haisla and DoK are a significant step in the improvement of their relationship and there is a joint desire for an announcement and a ceremony or event. It is recommended that Premier Christy Clark, Deputy Premier and Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing Richard Coleman, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation John Rustad, and/or Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services Andrew Wilkinson attend an event in Kitimat in early May.

Carina Diller, Negotiator, 250 356 9351

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Haisla Nation Purchase of Kitimat Old Hospital Lands

June 17, 2014

KEY MESSAGES

- The sale of the former Kitimat hospital lands by the Province to Haisla Nation significantly enhances the relationship between the three governments.
- The purchase provides the Haisla Nation more opportunities to meaningfully engage in the economy.
- We are committed to working in partnership with First Nations to ensure First Nations communities can participate and benefit from LNG success.
- This land sale demonstrates and acknowledges that the appropriate consultation and accommodation was carried out among the three governments.
- The development of the LNG industry in B.C. presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all British Columbians.
- The Province will continue to work with industry, First Nations and communities to ensure lasting benefits are achieved as the LNG industry develops.

PRONUNCIATIONS

- Haisla **HIGHS-** la

1. Why is the sale to Haisla Nation important?

- The sale of the former Kitimat hospital lands by the Province to Haisla Nation significantly enhances the relationship between the three governments.
- The purchase provides the Haisla Nation more opportunities to meaningfully engage in the economy.
- The sale of the lands provides greater certainty for the First Nations, industry and government.
- The Province will continue to work with industry, First Nations and communities to ensure lasting benefits are achieved as the LNG industry develops.

2. Why does the sale significantly enhance the relationship between the three governments?

- Our relationship with First Nations is about finding avenues for reconciliation and closing the socio-economic gaps that exist between First Nations and other British Columbians.
- Just like industry and communities, First Nations have an important role to play in resource development — such as with LNG — as industry proponents and community members.
- We firmly believe that strong economic growth and strong environmental stewardship can co-exist in B.C.
- The process of coming to agreement on the development of the former hospital lands reflects the positive dialogue and engagement that we wish to encourage among industry, communities and First Nations when it comes to resource development and economic activities.

3. How much did the Haisla Nation pay for the lands?

- The negotiated purchase price was based on appraisals jointly commissioned by the Province and Haisla Nation, and the lands were sold at fair market value, taking into account the remediation that will be required at the site.

4. Did the Haisla Nation get a ‘deal’?

- No. The lands were fully appraised and sold for fair market value.

5. What does the Haisla Nation intend to do with the lands?

- The Haisla are planning a mixed residential and commercial development, including a hotel, housing and shops.

6. What concerns did the District of Kitimat (DOK) have about the development of the lands? How were these concerns addressed?

- The District of Kitimat wishes to see a mixed commercial development occur in this prime central location in Kitimat. Such a development would benefit the growing need for accommodation and retail.
- The District of Kitimat was concerned that the property would not be developed in a timely manner to a level that allowed for the best use of the location.
- The District of Kitimat’s concerns have been addressed through the agreements negotiated with Haisla Nation that require development to commence in a timely manner, bearing in mind the requirements for rezoning and development permitting, as well as positive investment decisions by LNG industry proponents.

7. Are there any (environmental) issues associated with the former hospital lands?

- Yes, there is some contamination.
- The Haisla Nation purchased the land with the knowledge that they are responsible for remediating the land to the appropriate level prior to developing the lands.

8. What is the location of the former Kitimat hospital lands?

- The lands are located directly across from City Centre Mall in downtown Kitimat.

9. Where is the present-day hospital in Kitimat?

- Located at 920 Lahakas Boulevard South in Kitimat, the Kitimat Hospital and Health Centre replaced the Kitimat General Hospital in early 2002.
- The former hospital dated back to 1960.
- Opened in early 2002, the Kitimat Hospital and Health Centre is a full service hospital and health centre consisting of acute and long-term care facilities, as well as clinics for diabetes outreach, public health, home care, home support, mental health services, and offices for physicians and visiting specialists.
- The 58-bed hospital includes 36 multi-level care and 22 long-term care beds and features two operating rooms, complete laboratory, rehabilitation, and emergency and diagnostic imaging departments.

10. While the Haisla Nation support LNG development within their traditional territory, they do not support the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project. What will happen if the federal government approves this project?

- Our government has been consistent about the five conditions that must be met for any new heavy-oil pipelines in the province.
- One of those conditions, as you know, is that legal requirements regarding Aboriginal and treaty rights are addressed, and First Nations be provided with the opportunities, information and resources necessary to participate in and benefit from a heavy-oil project.
- Our government is not speaking on behalf of First Nations. Rather, we have laid out our position that, as a condition for the government's support, Aboriginal and treaty rights must be addressed and that First Nations have the opportunity to benefit from heavy oil pipeline projects. This is a reflection of our commitment to economic development in partnership with First Nations.

General LNG-First Nations questions

NOTE: THESE QUESTIONS FROM HERE ON ARE APPROVED RE GRASSY PT ANNOUNCEMENT – A COUPLE WERE UPDATED/REVISED TO PROVIDE CURRENT NUMBERS ABOUT AGREEMENTS

11. Can you update me on where things stand with LNG and agreements?

- Agreements with First Nations are a key part of moving B.C. forward and implementing our commitment to a strong economy and a secure tomorrow, and we will continue to work to establish agreements that create certainty and economic opportunities.
- Under the BC Jobs Plan, we made a commitment to deliver 10 economic benefit agreements (non-treaty agreements) that bring benefits more quickly to First Nations communities. Not only have we fulfilled that promise two years early, but we are committed to reaching another 10 agreements over the next two years.
- We remain determined to move forward in the B.C. treaty process, working patiently to secure long-term treaties that are the ultimate form of reconciliation and provide economic benefits and security for all.
- However, we recognize treaties take a long time and may not be the preferred approach for all First Nations.
- To that end, we have developed a range of tools that allow our government to be flexible in our approach. These include Reconciliation Protocols, Incremental Treaty Agreements, Strategic Engagement Agreements, Economic Benefit Agreements, Revenue Sharing Agreements and innovative government-to-government agreements.
- These agreements are also creating real progress outside the successful treaty process — new jobs, new economic opportunities, and brighter futures. And they allow First Nations that feel they are not yet ready to negotiate a treaty to begin realizing the benefits of shared economic agreements with the Province.

12. How do the Crown's obligations to First Nations affect resource development?

- When it comes to resource development on Crown land, there is no question it can be difficult for all parties, whether First Nations, industry or government, to see eye to eye.
- And while there is no legal duty to agree, the Province does have a legal duty to consult in a meaningful way.

13. How is the provincial government supporting Aboriginal participation in the LNG workforce?

- Nowhere is the need to align training with the jobs of tomorrow more critical than in the LNG sector.

- Government is committed to building a workforce for the LNG sector and we are taking this issue very seriously — we know the need is urgent and we are acting accordingly.
- Our government knows very well that the participation of Aboriginal people in the province's skills training programs is a critical component of filling the one million job openings expected between now and 2020.
- Which is why MARR will support JTST to deliver relevant programs that will increase the number of First Nations people participating in and graduating from our apprenticeship and skills training programs, to ensure economic prosperity includes Aboriginal people.
- In fact, Aboriginal participation in apprenticeship training at public post-secondary institutions increased 103% between 2006 and 2011.
- Government is also supporting First Nations peoples to access skills training opportunities in the province through agreements like the Labour Market Sector Solutions – for example, the recently announced (in July 2012) \$500,000 partnership with the Pacific Trail Pipelines Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership (PTP ASEP) to train more than 30 participants in the mineral exploration and mining sectors.

14. What do you say to First Nations with environmental concerns around LNG?

- The proposed projects are still subject to the Environmental Assessment process and First Nations have a role in that process.
- First Nations leaders tell me that they want the types of economic development within their traditional territories that engage them as full and active partners.
- Our government is committed to continue working in partnership with First Nations in the north and right across B.C. to stimulate investment, to create jobs and to provide economic benefits.
- Environmental stewardship remains a priority for this government.
- Our government recognizes that responsible choices must be made to continue benefiting from natural resource development.

15. What progress has government made recently with First Nations agreements?

- Our government believes that working in partnership is the best way to provide a meaningful role in land and resource management for First Nations and provide for benefit sharing and economic opportunities — First Nations have seen the benefit of this pro-active approach.
- Under the BC Jobs Plan we made a commitment to deliver 10 economic benefits agreements that bring benefits more quickly to First Nations communities. Not only

did we fulfill that promise two years early – we’ve committed to reaching another 10 agreements over the next two years and we’ve already reached four of that ten.

- Currently we’ve successfully delivered 31 non-treaty agreements since the BC Jobs Plan was launched in 2011.
- These agreements include Strategic Engagement Agreements, which define First Nations’ role in land and resource decision-making; Economic and Community Development Agreements that share benefits from development; and Reconciliation Framework Agreements that provide tools to First Nations that facilitate economic and social development opportunities. They all support economic growth and job creation — not only for the First Nations involved, but for neighbouring communities.

16. What agreements has the Province signed with First Nations in relation to the LNG sector?

- Our government believes that working in partnership is the best way to provide a meaningful role in land and resource management for First Nations and to provide for benefit sharing and economic opportunities. For example:
- The Haisla Framework agreement allows the First Nation to acquire a key parcel of crown land for development and use for an LNG facility and associated marine export terminal in the Douglas Channel. We are looking to explore similar agreements with other First Nations on the coast.
- We’ve also completed an economic partnership agreement with 15 First Nations whose traditional territories are located along the Pacific Trail Pipeline route. That agreement will provide \$32 million for those First Nations when construction on the pipeline begins. And we’re looking to reach similar agreements on similar pipelines.
- There’s ongoing engagement and negotiation with the Treaty 8 First Nations on natural gas exploration, development and production. To date, they’ve completed five Economic Benefit Agreements and are working to finalize other agreements. These agreements share benefits with the First Nations and ensure they have a meaningful role in decision-making within their traditional territory.

17. The BC Jobs Plan seems to have placed the emphasis on these other agreements and turned the ministry focus away from treaty. Doesn’t government care about treaties anymore?

- Treaties remain a preferred form of reconciliation, providing economic benefits and security and we are proud of what the treaty nations in B.C. have achieved and continue to achieve.
- But we recognize that one-size does not fit all and that that treaties are not the right approach for all First Nations. So, we have responded with a flexible tool box of building blocks to a fuller reconciliation.

- Some of these innovative tools include a variety of economic benefit agreements that provide flexibility and another approach. They give opportunities to share economic benefits today, while continuing to facilitate reconciliation between our governments.
- However Reconciliation occurs, it is one of the foundations of our relationship with Aboriginal people and we will continue to build that relationship incrementally, one community at a time.

Event Proposal

Event Title: Celebration of Agreements with District of Kitimat and Sale of Former Kitimat hospital lands to Haisla Nation by the Province

Representative (Min/MLA): Premier Clark, others TBD

Date: Tues., June 17, 2014	Media Market: Major, industry and Aboriginal media
Location: former hospital land site Kitimat (District of Kitimat)	English Media Spokesperson:
	Multicultural Media Spokesperson:

THE EVENT

PROACTIVE EVENT OR INVITATION

- proactive event in collaboration with District of Kitimat (DOK) and Haisla Nation (Haisla)

EVENT

- A celebratory event to highlight the enhanced relationship of the District of Kitimat and the Haisla Nation due to the agreements reached that enable the Haisla to purchase the former Kitimat hospital lands, which are centrally located in Kitimat.
- Two parcels of land were sold to Haisla by the Province, as owned by the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services (MTICS) on May 22, 2014. Prior to that, agreements were negotiated by the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) between the Haisla and DOK regarding how the lands will be developed.
- The event to include (TBC): welcoming by Spirit of the Kitlope Dancers, prayer by Haisla Elder and Artist Sam Robinson, unveiling of artist rendition of proposed development plans, gift exchanges, and a final song by Spirit of the Kitlope Dancers, along with speeches from each government lead (Premier, Chief, Mayor).

GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FUNDING / PARTNER FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE):

- Government of B.C. funding: no
- Partner funding: Haisla Nation is purchasing land from Province
- Is there federal government money and participation: no

WHO'S ORGANIZING?

- MARR GCPE and Tara Zwaan, Premier's events co-ordinator in collaboration with the District of Kitimat and Haisla Nation.

Gift Exchange

- There will a gift exchange between B.C. and Haisla, and between DoK and Haisla.

PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE REQUESTED?

- Yes - accepted

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS and THEME:

- How does this fit into the Government's three key themes of **Jobs**, Families or Open Government?
 - The Haisla Nation has the sole Aboriginal rights and title claim within the northern Douglas Channel, where several liquified natural gas projects are being considered.
 - On April 7, 2014, the Province received the approved transaction agreements between the DOK and Haisla and the parties had 90 days to close the purchase and sale agreement. The sale was completed on May 22, 2014.
 - The agreements between the Haisla and DOK are a significant step in the enhancement of their relationship and there is a joint desire for an announcement and a ceremony/event.
 - Partnerships with First Nations are key to resource development in B.C.
 - The development of the lands, as envisioned by the Haisla, is dependent on LNG proponents decisions within their asserted traditional territory.

- The development would consist of a hotel, housing, retail shops and restaurants. Housing is a high need for the area, which would increase if the economy continues to grow via LNG. All development would provide jobs for the Haisla and the community through construction, operations and other subsequent spin-offs.
- It's important to note that in February 2013, the federal government approved an export licence for LNG in Kitimat and Haisla Chief Ross was a validator at their announcement. It was the largest licence to date approved (for a period of 25 years) and involves a joint venture comprised of Shell, Korea Gas, Mitsubishi and Petro-Canada.
- Additionally, on Jan. 22/13, a joint federal-B.C. news conference announced final regulatory pieces to permit a new LNG plant to be built on Haisla Nation reserve land. The plant is a joint venture of Apache Canada and Chevron Canada, in co-operation with Haisla Nation.

VENUE DESCRIPTION

- The former hospital lands site is the optimal place for the announcement. An old pink wall, helipad and parking lot are all that remains of the former facility, which also includes a grassy field/lawn and a backdrop of tall evergreen trees. The wall will be painted a medium-light blue colour and the lawn will be mowed prior to announcement. The announcement will take place near the parking lot to enable attendees, which will include Haisla elders, access to the event location, which will include approximately three white tents, one large 20X20 and two small (10X10?).

KEY STAKEHOLDERS / PARTICIPANTS (Speaking roles?)

- Premier Christy Clark
- (possibly) Minister Andrew Wilkinson, MTICS – or Minister Rich Coleman, MNGD – or Minister CSCD Coralee Oakes > note, a minister could be the emcee
- Chief Councillor Ellis Ross, Haisla Nation
- Mayor Joanne Monaghan, DOK
- CAO Ron Poole, DOK
- Councillors and members of Haisla Nation and Haisla Business Operations Inc.
- District of Kitimat councillors and staff
- MARR staff, including negotiators involved, and DM/executive

LIST OF VALIDATORS FOR POST-EVENT ROLLOUT

- TBC – could be:
 - Apache Canada
 - Chevron Canada
 - Federal Government

CAUCUS PARTICIPATION

- N/A

MEDIA INVITED?

- Yes
- A dial-in option for media may be included

AUDIENCE SIZE AND DESCRIPTION / TARGET AUDIENCES

- How many people are expected to attend this event? **TBD**
- Haisla Nation members
- Business community
- Kitimat community
- Industry representatives (LNG > Chevron, Apache; Rio Tinto Alcan)
- Employers and interested persons from the region, incl. Terrace

PREPOSITIONING:

- The agreements between the Haisla and DOK are a significant step in the enhancement of their relationship.
- Relationships, partnerships and collaboration with First Nations in B.C. are key to resource and jobs development.
- The path for reconciliation with First Nations is a core feature of natural resource policy and development in British Columbia.
- The Province is working in many ways to ensure all British Columbians can reap benefits from resource development projects in B.C. — whether it be through mining or forestry — or clean energy, such as liquefied natural gas.

PROMOTING THE EVENT:

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VISUAL MESSAGE(S)

DESIRED PICTURE (STILL)

- Premier Clark and Chief Councillor Ellis Ross shaking hands, eye to eye contact

DESIRED PICTURE (VIDEO)

- Unveiling of Haisla plans / vision for development of lands by Premier Clark, Chief Councillor Ellis Ross and Mayor Joanne Monaghan

ACTUAL SPEAKING BACKDROP

- Describe actual backdrop and podium sign. **TBC**
- The event will be outdoors with tenting and visuals will depend on weather to some degree.
- The backdrop could include a forested area in the far background, the newly painted wall (which is about 3 ft. high) in the distance, with the unveiling of the vision/scope of the Haisla lands development (2 posters?) in the foreground.
- Or, the backdrop could be inside the 20X20 white tent.

LENGTH OF SPEECH

- 6 minutes **TBC**

TOPE

- Celebratory, uplifting yet business-like.

ATTIRE

- Business casual.

WRITTEN MESSAGE(S)

NEWS RELEASE HEADLINE

- Province's land sale to Haisla Nation strengthens relationship

DESIRED MEDIA HEADLINE

- LNG Hopes Strengthened by Land Sale to Haisla

DESIRED SOUNDBITE / KEY NEWS RELEASE SOUNDBITE

- Insert key sound bite to be used as the first two quotes in the news release **TBC**

KEY MESSAGES

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KEY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why is the sale to Haisla Nation important?

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 - We firmly believe that strong economic growth and strong environmental stewardship can co-exist in B.C.
 - The process of coming to agreement on the development of the former hospital lands reflects the positive dialogue and engagement that we wish to encourage among industry, communities and First Nations when it comes to resource development and economic activities.
- 3. How much did the Haisla Nation pay for the lands?**
 - The negotiated purchase price was based on appraisals jointly commissioned by the Province and Haisla Nation, and the lands were sold at fair market value, taking into account the remediation that will be required at the site.
- 4. Did the Haisla Nation get a 'deal'?**
 - No. The lands were fully appraised and sold for fair market value.
- 5. What does the Haisla Nation intend to do with the lands?**
 - The Haisla are planning a mixed residential and commercial development, including a hotel, housing and shops.
- 6. What concerns did the District of Kitimat (DOK) have about the development of the lands? How were these concerns addressed?**
 - The District of Kitimat wishes to see a mixed commercial development occur in this prime central location in Kitimat. Such a development would benefit the growing need for accommodation and retail.
 - The District of Kitimat was concerned that the property would not be developed in a timely manner to a level that allowed for the best use of the location.
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- 7. Are there any (environmental) issues associated with the former hospital lands?**
 - Yes, there is some contamination. The Haisla Nation purchased the land with the knowledge that they are responsible for remediating the land to the appropriate level prior to developing the lands.

RESEARCH NEEDS

- N/A

ROLLOUT

COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS

- ☒ Media Advisory
- ☒ Speech
- ☒ New Release
- ☐ Background(s)
- ☐ Fact Sheet
- ☐ Biographies
- ☐ Talking Points
- ☒ Q&A
- ☐ MLA / Caucus Kit
- ☐ Props (describe)
- ☐ Post-Event Media (Twitter, Facebook)
- ☐ Web Content
- ☐ Photo Release
- ☐ Other (describe)
- ☐ For Information
- ☐ Comment

MEDIA PLAN

PLANNING

- ☐ Live Coverage (check if yes) **TBC**
- ☐ Photographer booked (to distribute photos to media) **TBC**
- ☐ Readout/transcript
- ☐ Validators
- ☐ Caucus roll-out

STRATEGY

- Insert strategy such as to “maximize coverage (provincial and regional),” or “target specific media outlets,” or “policy announcement.”

PROMOTING THE EVENT

Media Advisory

- Provincewide

Contacting Media

- See media list

FOLLOW-UP MEDIA (ONE-ON-ONES to be booked)

English Media Interviews

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Dress: Business

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Final of PCC Haisla NR release for tomorrow.

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From: Boudreau, Marc GCPE:EX
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Subject: FW: For Final Edits/Approval - Province's land sale to Haisla Nation strengthens relationship

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Here is the updated copy as entered into NRMS. You can use the earlier email as your printable versions but this is the one that will be disseminated through the system. There were no edits made between this copy and the one sent under a separate cover.

Please call with any edits.

Thanks!

Marc
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