

OSOYOOS
INDIAN BAND



The Okanagan Correctional Centre

**A shovel-ready Opportunity
for the Province of British Columbia**

PRESENTED TO

**The Honourable
Minister Shirley Bond
BC Solicitor General**



PRESENTED BY

The Osoyoos Indian Band



IN COOPERATION AND SUPPORT WITH

Town of Oliver



Town of Osoyoos



**Regional District
of Okanagan-Similkameen**



SENKULMEN BUSINESS PARK

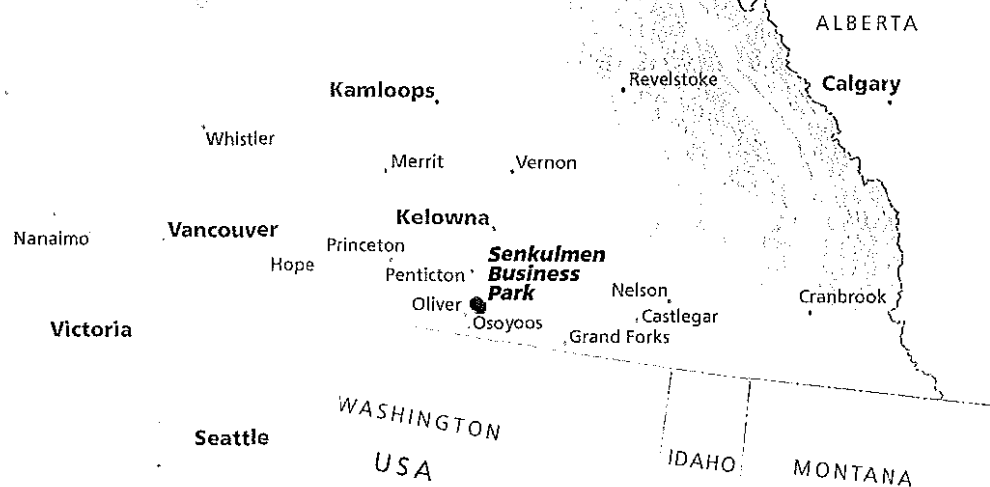
A Place To Work And Create

April 26, 2011



1. Meeting Intention ...

- To provide the compelling case for the Okanagan Correctional Centre to be located in the south Okanagan on First Nation lands as a major opportunity for the Government of British Columbia.
- To reflect strong, committed and unified support for the Correctional Centre from the Osoyoos Indian Band (OIB) and area communities of Oliver, Osoyoos and the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen.





2. Context for the Meeting ...

The BC Solicitor General requested expressions of interest from communities for the Okanagan Correctional Centre.



- The Communities of the South Okanagan in the past few years lost 200 jobs.
- Our present tourism and agriculture sectors, while growing, provide low income jobs that are prone to seasonality and economic cycles.
- A strong provincial presence will help stabilize the economy.
- High proportion of Aboriginals in the BC Correctional system
- Consideration for the Osoyoos Indian Band lands as the site of the Okanagan Correctional Centre.



3. Information on the Osoyoos Indian Band Community ...

- The OIB through our development corporation owns or has ownership in the following enterprises —
 - ❖ Nk'Mip RV Park – 400 sites
 - ❖ Sprit Ridge Resort – 226 rooms
 - ❖ Nk'Mip Cellars – 18,000 case winery
 - ❖ Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre – 20,000 sq. ft.
 - ❖ OIBHLP – lease division
 - ❖ Nk'Mip Canyon Golf Course – championship 18 holes
 - ❖ Nk'Mip Vineyards – 350 acres
 - ❖ Nk'Mip Construction
 - ❖ Nk'Mip Gas Bar
 - ❖ Oliver Read-Mix
- The OIB has over 700 Natives and non-Natives employed on reserve.
- In the past 10 years OIB generated over \$220 million in capital spending in the South Okanagan through business initiatives – impressive for a community of 450 members.
- OIB employs workers from 38 First Nations across Canada.

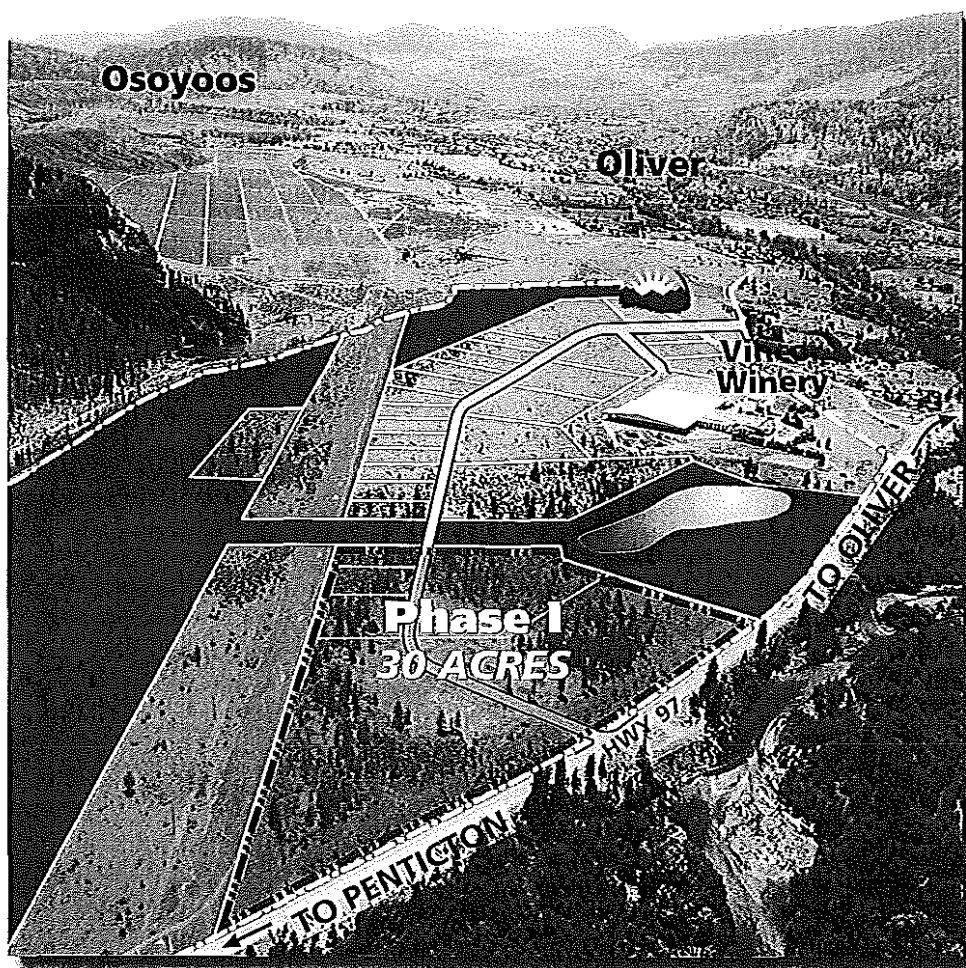
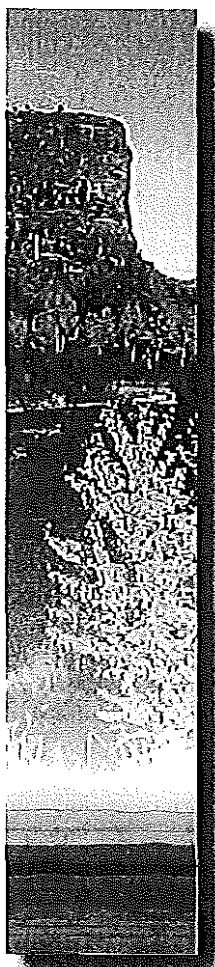




A little information on the OIB Community ... cont'd

- This year the OIB opens the 112 acre Senkulmen Business Park - the finest greenest business park in the BC Interior ...

... and it is this initiative that offers BC the opportunity under discussion today.

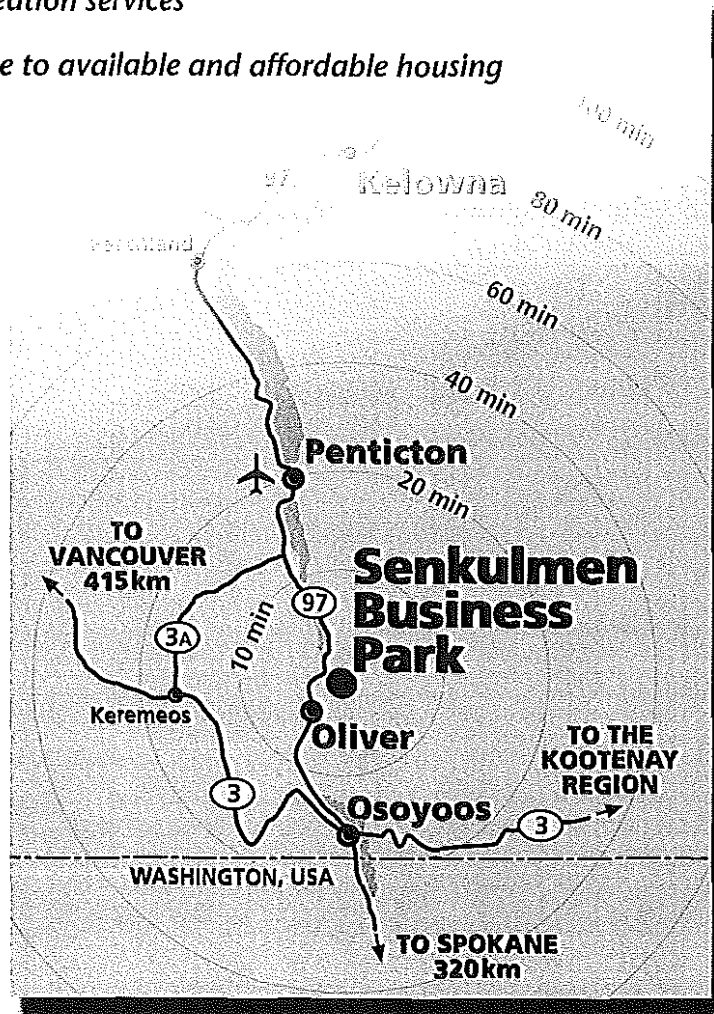
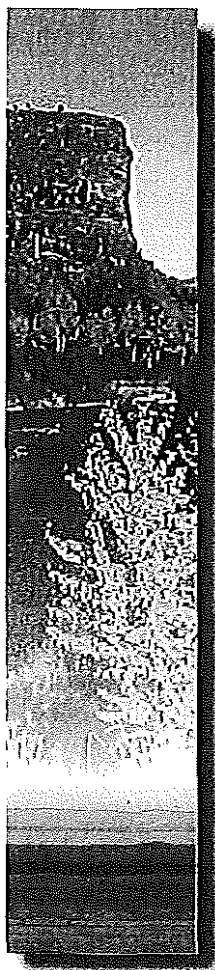




4. What the South Okanagan and specifically the Senkulmen Business Park location offers ...

- A great Location —

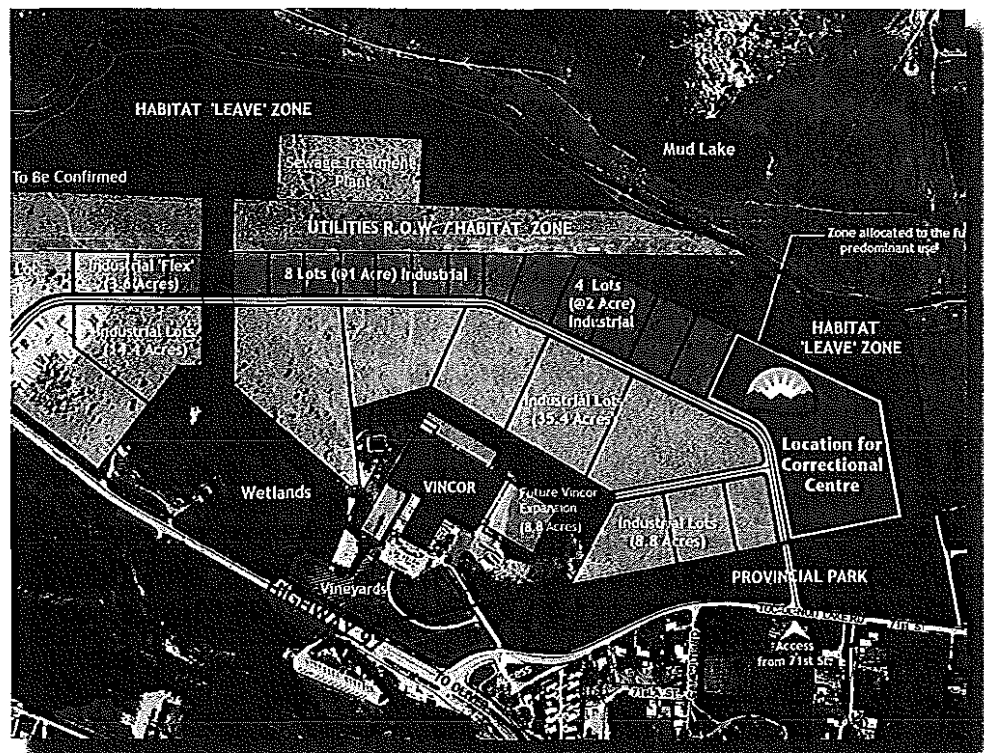
- ❖ 7 kms north of Oliver on Highway 97
- ❖ 20 minutes from Penticton
- ❖ 1 hour and 20 minutes from Kelowna
- ❖ 25 minutes to Highway 3 at Osoyoos
- ❖ Great access to schools, hospital, shopping and recreation services
- ❖ Close to available and affordable housing





What the Senkulmen Business Park location offers ... *cont'd*

- A Site ... *very shovel ready!*
 - ❖ Environmental approvals (EIA) complete
 - ❖ Fully serviced with \$10 million in green focused infrastructure
 - ❖ State of the art sanitary system (able to service 1,200 homes)
 - ❖ 600,000 gallon water reservoir with the finest quality water
 - ❖ Fire protection from Oliver
 - ❖ Fiber optics for high speed communication
 - ❖ Power and Gas – fully serviced by Fortis
 - ❖ High surveillance capability
 - ❖ \$ 1.4 million new intersection off Hwy97 under construction
 - ❖ Pending Geo thermal district heat system
 - ❖ 5 acre residential site provided for low cost housing to employees



THE OKANAGAN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE 7



What the Senkulmen Business Park location offers ... *cont'd*

- Potential Post-Secondary Education and Work Programs
 - ❖ *The newly proposed Okanagan College facility could provide correctional residents with career educational/vocational opportunities*
 - ❖ *Deliver OIB and area businesses available for correctional work programs*
- Low Land Costs
 - ❖ *Significantly lower cost than Kelowna, Summerland and Penticton*
 - ❖ *Flexible land lease tenure*
- Project Team ready to assist BC
 - ❖ *Professional and Proven*





5. The South Okanagan Communities *Spirit-of-Cooperation* ...

- The Osoyoos Indian Band has exceptional working relationships with the Oliver, Osoyoos and the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen.
- Our communities work collaboratively —
 - ❖ *Significant regional promotion* – Osoyoos Gateway Centre and Destination Osoyoos
 - ❖ *Major tourism attractions* – the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre helped by a partnership with the Town of Osoyoos
 - ❖ *Highway upgrades* – Hwy 97 intersection in Oliver
 - ❖ *Servicing agreements* – Oliver / Osoyoos fire protection
 - ❖ *Utility transmission expansion* – Fortis transmission project connecting Osoyoos power grid to Penticton
 - ❖ *Infrastructure improvements* – water and treatment plants servicing RDOS citizens – Gallagher Lake residents
 - ❖ *Land planning cooperation*
- For a year OIB and the Okanagan College have met to advance a post-secondary educational centre on the Senkulmen Business Park for the wine and hospitality industry.
- Other learning needs, such as those required by BC Corrections, could be delivered by the college.





6. The Aboriginal context ...

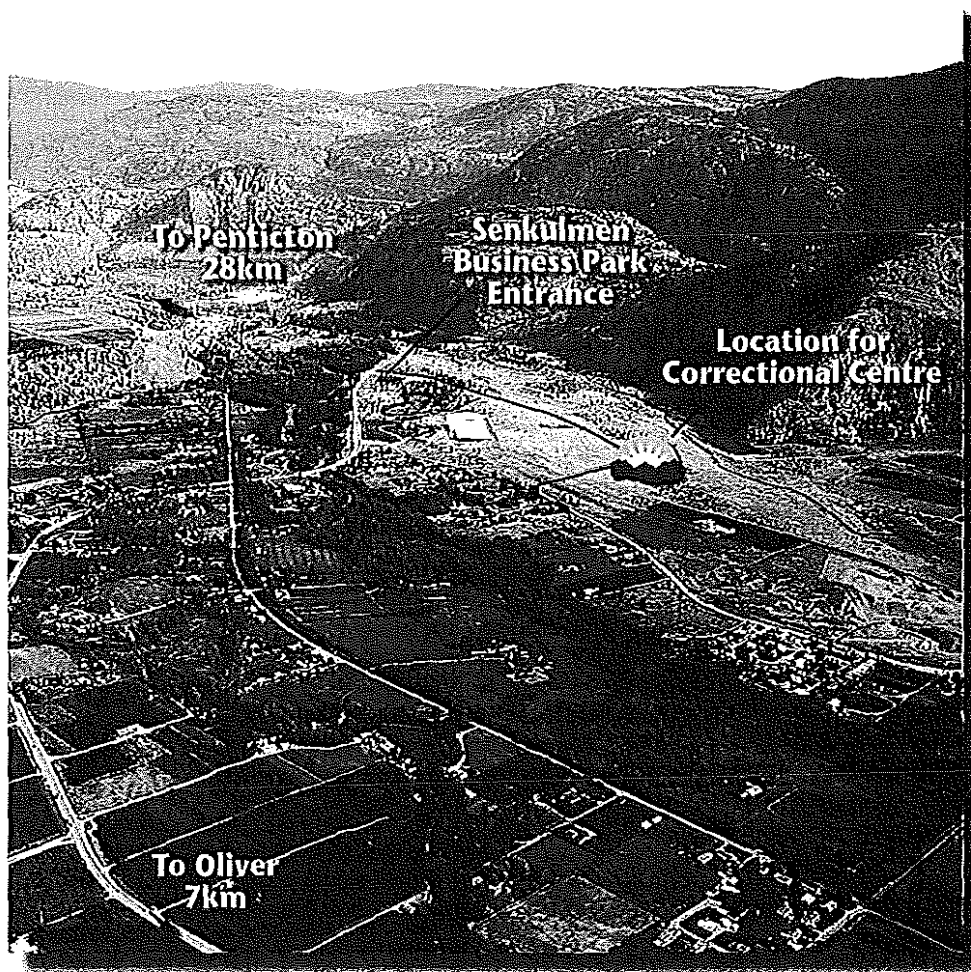
- Aboriginal Peoples at 4.4% of the BC population comprise 24% of the BC correctional population. (Stats Canada)
- The incarceration rate is 3 X higher for Aboriginals than non-Aboriginals. *(Note- Chief Clarence Louie was a member of the Federal Corrections Review Panel and is only too cognizant of the situation)*
- The above incarceration facts highlights the case for the Correctional Centre to be located on First Nation lands – a first for BC and Canada.
- Further the BC Solicitor General's goal to improve Aboriginal programming.





7. What the South Okanagan wants ...

A decision by the BC government to locate the new Okanagan Correctional Centre north of Oliver on Osoyoos Indian Band lands within the Senkulmen Business Park.





8. How BC benefits ...

- Meeting a critical BC Corrections need with the ability to fast-track the Okanagan Correctional Centre on OIB lands.
- More likely to meet the BC Corrections priority to provide effective Aboriginal correctional programming with OIB participation.
- Supporting this unique partnership between a prominent First Nation and area communities will set a positive spirit for other Native and non-Native ventures in the Province.
- Helping diversify and stabilize the South Okanagan area economies.
- Creating employment opportunities for Okanagan communities.
- Satisfaction that the Centre will build on land with the highest contemporary development standards.

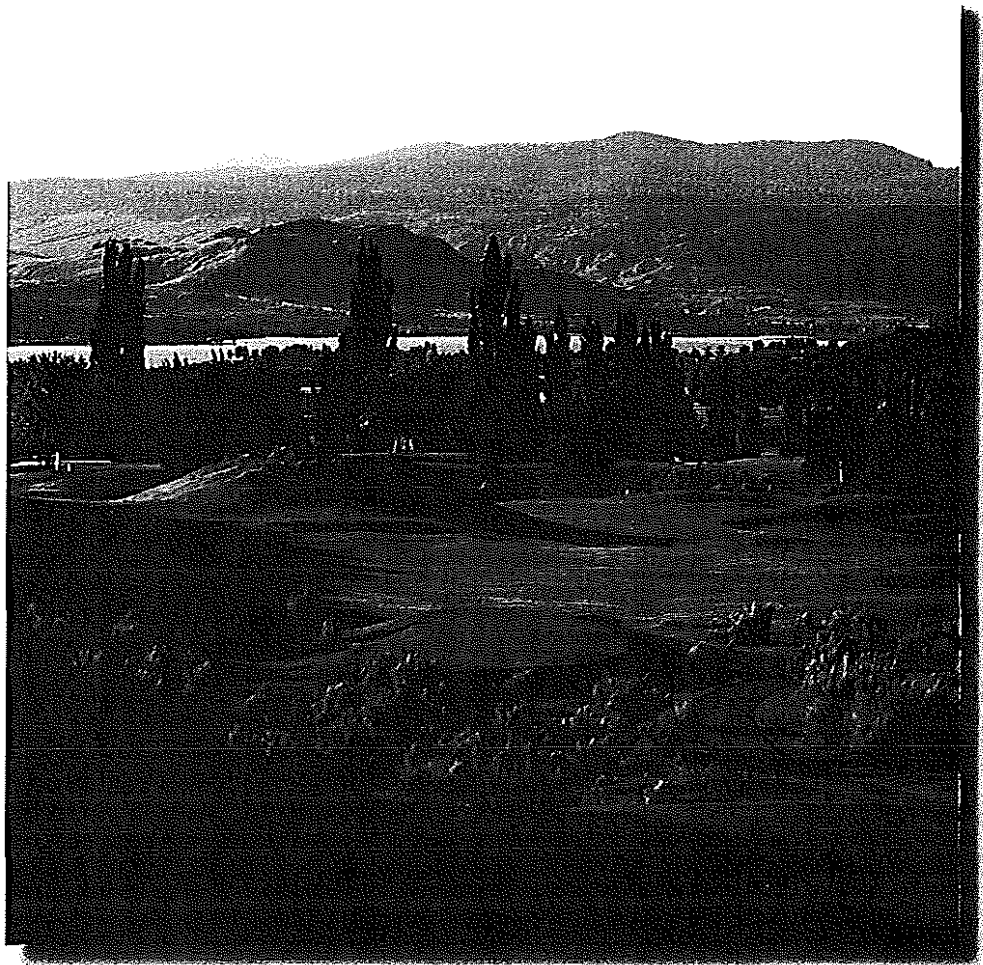


... cont'd next page



How BC benefits ... *cont'd*

- Reduced capital costs through low land costs.
- High quality of life factors for Correctional Centre employees.





9. To Summarize ...

-  Superior location *ready-to-go*.
-  Infrastructure in place ... and green.
-  Support of area Communities.
-  An affordable and quality lifestyle for employees.
-  Post-secondary education possibilities.
-  Work experience in a real life context.
-  Solid and Proven Project team headed by Chief Louie.
-  First Nations endorsement and participation.

.... all meeting the Solicitor General and BC Corrections needs.



10. Thank you ...

Pat Hampson
Mayor Town of Oliver

Stu Wells
Mayor Town of Osoyoos

Allan Patton
Regional Director,
Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen

Mark Pendergraft
Regional Director,
Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen

Donna Lomas
Regional Dean
Okanagan College

John Slater
MLA for the
Boundary Similkameen

Clarence Louie
Chief Osoyoos Indian Band
and CEO OIBDC



Pages 16 through 349 redacted for the following reasons:

S. 12