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Cc: Norton, Chris AFF:EX <Chris.Norton@gov.bc.ca>, Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>, Zachary, Dawnae AFF:EX <Dawnae.Zachary@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 5, 2021 2:52:41 PM PST
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Yes suggest we take the meeting. Later next would be good. Gives some time to get intel on this.

Arif Lalani | ADM | Agriculture Resource Division | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

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From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX

Sent: March 5, 2021 2:44 PM

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Importance: High

Any initial thoughts?

Best I have at the moment is to offer to take the meeting – and see if there is a remedy.

From: Lisa Dasilva <lisa@csfs.org>

Sent: March 4, 2021 3:41 PM

To: Minister, IRR IRR:EX <IRR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, AFF AFF:EX <AFF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, MMHA MMHA:EX <MMHA.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

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Please find attached a letter from Chief Corrina Leween, President of Carrier Sekani Family Services regarding Essential CSFS Indigenous healing facility – Province stands in the way. Please feel free to contact Warner Adam at Warner@csfs.org or Chief Leween at cleween@cheslatta.com.

Thank you in advance

Lisa Da Silva

Executive Assistant to:

Warner Adam, CEO



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Attachments: IN_ALC Tachik Lake community care facility_Feb 21.docx

Hi Arif – I suspect it was your staff who provided these comments to the ALC on the application. I will have to follow up with the Chief this week – wonderinf if I could get a quick note from staff on the situation? Nothing too fancy please since I think I have a lot of it already. Maybe a check in with Kim would be useful – char can you look into that?

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: March 5, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX ; McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX ; Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX
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Hi – if this generally works for you, I'll run it by Kim for her view, and connect with MHA for relevant updates to their section

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Hi, here is one that could come up in QP/media. Could we get an Issues note on this and holding language for MLP?
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Sent: March 8, 2021 10:07:37 AM PST
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As mentioned, attached is the letter and the ALC decision. This also landed with Tom and I provided Arif with the following summary, which might be helpful for your quick reference:

- Currently there is a resort and campground on the property that has been there since the 1950's and was grandfathered into the ALC.
- The current buildings on property have potential to be converted to agricultural uses should the resort cease operation, a new 2323m2 medical treatment building + 400m2 parking lot could not (i.e. land lost permanently)
- It appears there are other site options available to them that are outside of the ALR (not clear if ALC takes this into consideration that there are alternatives if they turn it down) and many of the points against the alternatives are economic (cost), which is not something the Commission takes into consideration in their decisions.
- States a concern that permitting this (and other similar) non-farm uses, would have the effect of increasing the value of agricultural properties generally and would not encourage the use of the Property for farming should the resort use cease.
- Mandate of the commission is clear – section 6: preserve agricultural land and encourage farming (other provincial considerations like reconciliation and overdose crises not part of their mandate). Construction of 2323m2 facility and 400m2 parking lot would further alienate property from future agriculture and inconsistent with their mandate.
- The decision does not approve construction of new buildings but does approve the non-farm use of the current infrastructure for a Community Care Facility (i.e. they will approve the use but no new buildings can be constructed).
- They can request a reconsideration of the decision at no cost.

Let me know if you have any questions or hear anything further on your side.

Cheers,
w.

From: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX
Sent: March 4, 2021 5:20 PM
To: Minaker, Willow AFF:EX
Cc: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX
Subject: FW: Sent on Behalf of Chief Corrina Leween RE: Essential Indigenous healing facility

Hi Willow,

Would you be able to track down this decision?

I searched the portal by name and the application ID provided 61143 but it did not show up.

Sam Godfrey

Senior Ministerial Advisor to the Honourable Lana Popham
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Hi Sam,

Would you be able to get more info on the below?

Feel free to give me a call.

Thanks,

Jason

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Date: March 4, 2021 at 4:02:49 PM PST

To: "Craik, Jason GCPE:EX" <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Sent on Behalf of Chief Corrina Leween RE: Essential Indigenous healing facility

Jason – can you ask the MO for some info on this?

From: Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 4, 2021 15:51

To: Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Fw: Sent on Behalf of Chief Corrina Leween RE: Essential Indigenous healing facility

Importance: High

Hi Alissa,

Can we get information about this ALR decision?

Don

From: Lisa Dasilva <lisa@csfs.org>

Sent: March 4, 2021 3:41 PM

To: Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, AFF AFF:EX; Minister, MMHA MMHA:EX

Cc: XT:Warner, Adam CITZ:IN; Priscilla Mueller; 'Colin Braker (cbraker@fns.bc.ca)'; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Bain, Don PREM:EX

Subject: Sent on Behalf of Chief Corrina Leween RE: Essential Indigenous healing facility

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Please find attached a letter from Chief Corrina Leween, President of Carrier Sekani Family Services regarding Essential CSFS Indigenous healing facility – Province stands in the way. Please feel free to contact Warner Adam at Warner@csfs.org or Chief Leween at cleween@cheslatta.com.

Thank you in advance

Lisa Da Silva

Executive Assistant to:

Warner Adam, CEO

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FW: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

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Sent: March 8, 2021 11:04:33 AM PST
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From: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX
Sent: March 5, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX
Cc: Popham, Lana AFF:EX
Subject: FW: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Hi Tom,

What do you think of this situation?

Thank you, Sam

Sam Godfrey

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Cc: Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Hi,

This looks to be a challenging file. I've pulled the ALC decision and it is attached. I see there is a strong request at the end of the letter for a meeting next week. The ALC is an independent decision-maker and the government does not have the authority under the governing legislation to overturn their decisions. Would you like to have a conversation about this? In the meantime I will see what the AFF DM thinks of this predicament.

S.

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Hi Tom - is it okay for me to send the attached docs to Kim as background for the meeting I'm setting up (on Wed). Just want to make sure as I don't want to send anything that she, as ALC CEO, shouldn't be privy to (specifically the incoming from the Chief).

Thanks,

Char

Charlene Evers
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February 26, 2021

ALC File: 61143

David McWalter
DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

Dear David McWalter:

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Yours truly,

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Michael McBurnie, Land Use Planner

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**AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION FILE 61143
REASONS FOR DECISION OF THE NORTH PANEL**

Non-Farm Use Application Submitted Under s.20(2) of the Agricultural Land Commission Act

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Agent: David McWalter, McWalter Consulting Limited

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Panel: Janice Tapp, North Panel Chair
Andrew Adams
Karen McKean



OVERVIEW

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- [4] The Proposal was considered in the context of the purposes and priorities of the Commission set out in s. 6 of the ALCA:

6 (1) The following are the purposes of the commission:

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EVIDENTIARY RECORD

- [5] The Proposal, along with related documentation from the Applicant, Agent, local government, third parties, and Commission is collectively referred to as the “Application”. All documentation in the Application was disclosed to the Agent in advance of this decision.

BACKGROUND

- [6] The existing resort includes a 185 m² main lodge and restaurant, 10 cabins, 33 seasonal campsites, several small outbuildings, and two sewage lagoons.
- [7] The Applicants provided evidence that the Property has operated as a resort since prior to the creation of the ALR. Any land use that predates the creation of the ALR on December 21, 1972, was a legal use on that date, and has not been interrupted for 6 consecutive months is an exception to the ALC Act and ALR regulations and can continue to operate within the ALR, in the same configuration it was in on December 21, 1972. This means that the Property can continue to be used as a resort, but no change of use or expansion of the non-farm use or buildings is permitted without an application to the ALC.

EVIDENCE AND FINDINGS

Issue: Whether the Proposal would impact the agricultural utility of the Property

- [8] To assess agricultural capability on the Property, the Panel referred to agricultural capability ratings. The ratings are identified using the Canada Land Inventory (CLI), ‘Soil Capability Classification for Agriculture’ system. The improved agricultural capability rating applicable to the Property is Class 5X.

Class 5 - land is capable of production of cultivated perennial forage crops and specially adapted crops. Soil and/or climate conditions severely limit capability.

The limiting subclass associated with this parcel of land is X (a combination of soil factors).

- [9] Based on the agricultural capability ratings, the Panel finds that the Property has secondary agricultural capability.

- [10] The proposed Community Care Facility would be a year-round residential treatment centre that would provide mental health and addiction recovery services to up to 60 people. The facility would be run by Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) which has entered into an agreement to purchase the property subject to ALR approval and rezoning.

- [11] The Applicant's plan is to use the existing 185 m² lodge for staff housing and to construct a 2323 m² (25,000 sq. ft.) main facility which will include meeting areas, counselling rooms, offices, kitchen, dining room, and accommodations for residents and staff. An additional 400 m² will also be required for 20 parking stalls. Detailed plans for the proposed facility have not yet been completed, though the preliminary plan is to abandon the cabins and campsites and build the new 2323 m² building on the north-eastern portion of the property

- [12] There is currently no agriculture occurring on the Property. The Applicant submits that the Community Care Facility would include "an agricultural theme which will form part of the rehabilitation process" and a vegetable garden for staff and residents.

- [13] At its meeting of October 8, 2020, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako ("RDBN") Board resolved to support the Proposal and forward it to the ALC. The RDBN noted that given that the long-standing use of the property as a resort, the RDBN anticipates that the overall impact to agriculture would be minimal.

- [14] The Panel received comments from the Saik'uz First Nation, which is located on the east end of Nulki Lake and Tachick Lake and is a member nation to CSFS. The Saik'uz First Nation submitted a letter in support of the Proposal, noting that Northern BC has been

identified as a hot spot for opioids addiction and that the proposed healing centre would represent a significant benefit to the health and well-being of the Saik'uz First Nation and the local community.

- [15] The Ministry of Agriculture staff (AFF Staff) submitted comments to the RDBN, identifying concerns with the location of the Proposal within an active farming area, including
- Potential conflicts between the Proposal and surrounding farming uses (including noise, dust, or odours), which may not always be in accord with the pursuit of a tranquil setting and may become a source of frustration.
 - Non-agricultural uses typically have an option to be located outside of the ALR or an existing farming area, while farms typically don't. Long-term access to land in the ALR for farming is in the interest of agriculture and food security.

AFF Staff also acknowledged the existing site development and the community importance of gaining such an amenity and recommended if the proposal is approved, that any development be limited to areas previously disturbed, and sited and sized to minimize the impact on arable land. The Agent responded to the AFF Staff comments, stating that the Proposal would have a smaller impact on surrounding agricultural operations than the current Tachick Lake Resort, and that the Community Care Facility is envisioned to have an agricultural theme which will form part of the rehabilitation process.

- [16] The Panel considered the Agent's submission that the Community Care Facility would have an agricultural theme but noted that agriculture is not the primary focus of the Proposal. In this case, the Panel finds that there is no guarantee that any substantial agricultural activities would occur in the long term.
- [17] The Panel received comments from a local resident who expressed concern with perceived negative impacts of the Proposal to his safety and quality of life, property value, and the loss of recreational access to Tachick Lake via Tachick Lake Resort. The Agent responded to these comments, stating he had met with the resident to discuss some concerns, and offered an assurance that there will be no hunting or firearms stored on the

property and that the CSFS is interested in working with neighbours regarding an alternative access route and fencing.

- [18] The Panel considered the resident's concerns and the Agent's responses and noted that the ALC is required to consider the Proposal with regards to s. 6 of the ALCA. The Panel considered the potential impacts of the Proposal on the use of the surrounding properties for agriculture, and finds that while expanding the non-farm use on the Property could lead to conflicts with surrounding farming uses, no compelling evidence has been presented that a change in use from a resort to a treatment centre would have a negative impact on agriculture on the neighbouring properties. The Panel further finds that the loss of recreational access to the lake is not germane to its mandate to preserve farmland and encourage farming. While the Panel appreciates that neighbours have non-agricultural concerns, these concerns would be more appropriately directed to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.
- [19] The Panel also received comments from another local resident who expressed support for the project but was concerned with locating it within the ALR.
- [20] The Panel considered the current use of the Property:
- The Property is currently used as a resort and no agriculture occurs on the Property.
 - As the use of the Property as a resort predates the creation of the ALC and is therefore permitted to continue to operate indefinitely. However, if the resort use ceases for 6 consecutive months or the resort is destroyed then a resumption of resort uses would require the ALC's approval.
 - The current resort use is limited to the footprint and configuration that existed on December 21, 1972 and cannot be expanded without ALC approval.
- [21] The Panel noted that the Property has secondary agricultural capability and that neighbouring parcels of similar agricultural capability are farmed. The Panel also notes that the current buildings on the Property have potential to be converted to agricultural uses should the resort use cease. In contrast, the Panel finds that the proposed 2323 m²

building and 400 m² parking lot would be less likely to be converted for agricultural use and therefore represent a more permanent non-farm use than the existing grandfathered use.

- [22] The Applicant submits that two assessments of site locations were carried out, in 2014 and 2020, with 24 siting options receiving preliminary assessment and 10 sites proceeding to a full assessment. The Applicant submits that one of the most important factors in selecting sites for evaluation is the proximity to water and the quality of the natural landscape. The Applicant clarified that water is profoundly significant in Carrier Sekani culture and a strong connection with water, combined by a high-quality natural setting, is vital in implementing their plans for a culturally appropriate, land-based healing model. The Applicant outlined a number of other considerations including access to utilities (such as water, power, sewage), access to medical care, remoteness of the site, and feasibility of acquiring the land.
- [23] The Applicant provided a table listing the nine other sites that received full assessments and summarizing why they are less preferable than the Property. Of these, one is within the ALR, two are outside of the ALR, and six are on First Nations reserve land which is exempt from the restrictions of the ALC Act. Among the issues identified are: remoteness; lack of cellphone coverage; cost and difficulty of construction; rough terrain; lack of water and natural setting; ease of access to potential addiction supplies; and potential issue in securing the land, including difficulties in leasing First Nations reserve land, which cannot be purchased in fee simple.
- [24] The Applicant also summarized reasons why the Proposal site was selected from the 2020 study:
- “Tachick Lake is considered the best option as it provides important long-term flexibility for CSFS with the ability to invest in a long-term asset that they would be able to continually benefit from and grow. ... By owning their own site, [CSFS] reduces long-term costs associated with leasing land as well as ensures that they can continue to utilize the land without the possibility of the lease ending or the cost of the lease increasing. Because there are already structures on the site, it also*

allows for cost savings by incorporating them into the treatment campus plan...

In summary, Tachick Lake Resort was chosen over all other potential sites because of the quality of water access and natural setting, existing infrastructure, certainty and timeliness that comes with developing on private (as opposed to reserve) land, and accessibility for staff."

- [25] The Panel considered the reasons for selecting the Property and the reasons for not selecting the other locations. The Panel noted that many of the reasons for selecting the Property over other locations are economic, including the cost of acquiring the land, and the cost of construction and providing utilities. The Panel noted that the ALC Act does not provide for economic considerations when considering a non-farm use. The Panel confirmed that land values in the ALR tend to be lower than similar land outside of the ALR, because of the restrictions on uses (to agriculture). Permitting this Proposal, and similar non-farm uses, would have the effect of increasing the value of agricultural properties generally and would not encourage the use of the Property for farming should the resort use cease.
- [26] The Panel also finds that although the other sites identified for the proposal are less preferable to the Applicant than the Property, there are opportunities for the Proposal to be located on lands outside of the ALR or lands exempt from the restrictions of the ALC Act.
- [27] While the Panel appreciates the social benefits of the Proposal, the Panel must consider the mandate of the Commission, as set under s. 6 of the ALCA: to preserve agricultural land and encourage farming on agricultural land. The Panel finds that the construction of 2723 m² building and 400 m² parking lot could further alienate the Property from future agricultural endeavours and is therefore inconsistent with the mandate of the Commission.
- [28] However, the Panel recognized that the existing resort is a longstanding non-farm use, and is prepared to permit an alternate proposal to use the existing buildings on the Property for a Community Care Facility, without constructing any further buildings (the



“Alternate Proposal”). The Panel finds that changing the use from a resort to a Community Care Facility within the existing buildings on the Property would not negatively impact the agricultural potential of the property or surrounding properties.

DECISION

[29] For the reasons given above, the Panel refuses the Proposal to construct and operate a new 2723 m² Community Care Facility on the Property and convert the existing Tachick Lake Lodge into staff quarters. However, the Panel approves the Alternate Proposal to use only the existing buildings on the Property for a Community Care Facility, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Siting of the non-farm use in accordance with Schedule A;
- (b) No expansion of the non-farm use beyond the existing buildings; and
- (c) Approval for the non-farm use is granted for the sole benefit of Carrier Sekani Family Services and is non-transferable.

[30] This decision does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government, and decisions and orders of any person or body having jurisdiction over the land under an enactment.

[31] These are the unanimous reasons of the Panel.

[32] A decision of the Panel is a decision of the Commission pursuant to s. 11.1(3) of the ALCA.

[33] Resolution #68/2020
Released on February 26, 2021

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Janice Tapp, Panel Chair

On behalf of the North Panel



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BACKGROUND

- [6] The existing resort includes a 185 m² main lodge and restaurant, 10 cabins, 33 seasonal campsites, several small outbuildings, and two sewage lagoons.
- [7] The Applicants provided evidence that the Property has operated as a resort since prior to the creation of the ALR. Any land use that predates the creation of the ALR on December 21, 1972, was a legal use on that date, and has not been interrupted for 6 consecutive months is an exception to the ALC Act and ALR regulations and can continue to operate within the ALR, in the same configuration it was in on December 21, 1972. This means that the Property can continue to be used as a resort, but no change of use or expansion of the non-farm use or buildings is permitted without an application to the ALC.

EVIDENCE AND FINDINGS

Issue: Whether the Proposal would impact the agricultural utility of the Property

- [8] To assess agricultural capability on the Property, the Panel referred to agricultural capability ratings. The ratings are identified using the Canada Land Inventory (CLI), ‘Soil Capability Classification for Agriculture’ system. The improved agricultural capability rating applicable to the Property is Class 5X.

Class 5 - land is capable of production of cultivated perennial forage crops and specially adapted crops. Soil and/or climate conditions severely limit capability.

The limiting subclass associated with this parcel of land is X (a combination of soil factors).

- [9] Based on the agricultural capability ratings, the Panel finds that the Property has secondary agricultural capability.

- [10] The proposed Community Care Facility would be a year-round residential treatment centre that would provide mental health and addiction recovery services to up to 60 people. The facility would be run by Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) which has entered into an agreement to purchase the property subject to ALR approval and rezoning.

- [11] The Applicant's plan is to use the existing 185 m² lodge for staff housing and to construct a 2323 m² (25,000 sq. ft.) main facility which will include meeting areas, counselling rooms, offices, kitchen, dining room, and accommodations for residents and staff. An additional 400 m² will also be required for 20 parking stalls. Detailed plans for the proposed facility have not yet been completed, though the preliminary plan is to abandon the cabins and campsites and build the new 2323 m² building on the north-eastern portion of the property

- [12] There is currently no agriculture occurring on the Property. The Applicant submits that the Community Care Facility would include "an agricultural theme which will form part of the rehabilitation process" and a vegetable garden for staff and residents.

- [13] At its meeting of October 8, 2020, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako ("RDBN") Board resolved to support the Proposal and forward it to the ALC. The RDBN noted that given that the long-standing use of the property as a resort, the RDBN anticipates that the overall impact to agriculture would be minimal.

- [14] The Panel received comments from the Saik'uz First Nation, which is located on the east end of Nulki Lake and Tachick Lake and is a member nation to CSFS. The Saik'uz First Nation submitted a letter in support of the Proposal, noting that Northern BC has been

identified as a hot spot for opioids addiction and that the proposed healing centre would represent a significant benefit to the health and well-being of the Saik'uz First Nation and the local community.

- [15] The Ministry of Agriculture staff (AFF Staff) submitted comments to the RDBN, identifying concerns with the location of the Proposal within an active farming area, including
- Potential conflicts between the Proposal and surrounding farming uses (including noise, dust, or odours), which may not always be in accord with the pursuit of a tranquil setting and may become a source of frustration.
 - Non-agricultural uses typically have an option to be located outside of the ALR or an existing farming area, while farms typically don't. Long-term access to land in the ALR for farming is in the interest of agriculture and food security.

AFF Staff also acknowledged the existing site development and the community importance of gaining such an amenity and recommended if the proposal is approved, that any development be limited to areas previously disturbed, and sited and sized to minimize the impact on arable land. The Agent responded to the AFF Staff comments, stating that the Proposal would have a smaller impact on surrounding agricultural operations than the current Tachick Lake Resort, and that the Community Care Facility is envisioned to have an agricultural theme which will form part of the rehabilitation process.

- [16] The Panel considered the Agent's submission that the Community Care Facility would have an agricultural theme but noted that agriculture is not the primary focus of the Proposal. In this case, the Panel finds that there is no guarantee that any substantial agricultural activities would occur in the long term.
- [17] The Panel received comments from a local resident who expressed concern with perceived negative impacts of the Proposal to his safety and quality of life, property value, and the loss of recreational access to Tachick Lake via Tachick Lake Resort. The Agent responded to these comments, stating he had met with the resident to discuss some concerns, and offered an assurance that there will be no hunting or firearms stored on the

property and that the CSFS is interested in working with neighbours regarding an alternative access route and fencing.

- [18] The Panel considered the resident's concerns and the Agent's responses and noted that the ALC is required to consider the Proposal with regards to s. 6 of the ALCA. The Panel considered the potential impacts of the Proposal on the use of the surrounding properties for agriculture, and finds that while expanding the non-farm use on the Property could lead to conflicts with surrounding farming uses, no compelling evidence has been presented that a change in use from a resort to a treatment centre would have a negative impact on agriculture on the neighbouring properties. The Panel further finds that the loss of recreational access to the lake is not germane to its mandate to preserve farmland and encourage farming. While the Panel appreciates that neighbours have non-agricultural concerns, these concerns would be more appropriately directed to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.
- [19] The Panel also received comments from another local resident who expressed support for the project but was concerned with locating it within the ALR.
- [20] The Panel considered the current use of the Property:
- The Property is currently used as a resort and no agriculture occurs on the Property.
 - As the use of the Property as a resort predates the creation of the ALC and is therefore permitted to continue to operate indefinitely. However, if the resort use ceases for 6 consecutive months or the resort is destroyed then a resumption of resort uses would require the ALC's approval.
 - The current resort use is limited to the footprint and configuration that existed on December 21, 1972 and cannot be expanded without ALC approval.
- [21] The Panel noted that the Property has secondary agricultural capability and that neighbouring parcels of similar agricultural capability are farmed. The Panel also notes that the current buildings on the Property have potential to be converted to agricultural uses should the resort use cease. In contrast, the Panel finds that the proposed 2323 m²

building and 400 m² parking lot would be less likely to be converted for agricultural use and therefore represent a more permanent non-farm use than the existing grandfathered use.

- [22] The Applicant submits that two assessments of site locations were carried out, in 2014 and 2020, with 24 siting options receiving preliminary assessment and 10 sites proceeding to a full assessment. The Applicant submits that one of the most important factors in selecting sites for evaluation is the proximity to water and the quality of the natural landscape. The Applicant clarified that water is profoundly significant in Carrier Sekani culture and a strong connection with water, combined by a high-quality natural setting, is vital in implementing their plans for a culturally appropriate, land-based healing model. The Applicant outlined a number of other considerations including access to utilities (such as water, power, sewage), access to medical care, remoteness of the site, and feasibility of acquiring the land.
- [23] The Applicant provided a table listing the nine other sites that received full assessments and summarizing why they are less preferable than the Property. Of these, one is within the ALR, two are outside of the ALR, and six are on First Nations reserve land which is exempt from the restrictions of the ALC Act. Among the issues identified are: remoteness; lack of cellphone coverage; cost and difficulty of construction; rough terrain; lack of water and natural setting; ease of access to potential addiction supplies; and potential issue in securing the land, including difficulties in leasing First Nations reserve land, which cannot be purchased in fee simple.
- [24] The Applicant also summarized reasons why the Proposal site was selected from the 2020 study:
- “Tachick Lake is considered the best option as it provides important long-term flexibility for CSFS with the ability to invest in a long-term asset that they would be able to continually benefit from and grow. ... By owning their own site, [CSFS] reduces long-term costs associated with leasing land as well as ensures that they can continue to utilize the land without the possibility of the lease ending or the cost of the lease increasing. Because there are already structures on the site, it also*

allows for cost savings by incorporating them into the treatment campus plan...

In summary, Tachick Lake Resort was chosen over all other potential sites because of the quality of water access and natural setting, existing infrastructure, certainty and timeliness that comes with developing on private (as opposed to reserve) land, and accessibility for staff."

- [25] The Panel considered the reasons for selecting the Property and the reasons for not selecting the other locations. The Panel noted that many of the reasons for selecting the Property over other locations are economic, including the cost of acquiring the land, and the cost of construction and providing utilities. The Panel noted that the ALC Act does not provide for economic considerations when considering a non-farm use. The Panel confirmed that land values in the ALR tend to be lower than similar land outside of the ALR, because of the restrictions on uses (to agriculture). Permitting this Proposal, and similar non-farm uses, would have the effect of increasing the value of agricultural properties generally and would not encourage the use of the Property for farming should the resort use cease.
- [26] The Panel also finds that although the other sites identified for the proposal are less preferable to the Applicant than the Property, there are opportunities for the Proposal to be located on lands outside of the ALR or lands exempt from the restrictions of the ALC Act.
- [27] While the Panel appreciates the social benefits of the Proposal, the Panel must consider the mandate of the Commission, as set under s. 6 of the ALCA: to preserve agricultural land and encourage farming on agricultural land. The Panel finds that the construction of 2723 m² building and 400 m² parking lot could further alienate the Property from future agricultural endeavours and is therefore inconsistent with the mandate of the Commission.
- [28] However, the Panel recognized that the existing resort is a longstanding non-farm use, and is prepared to permit an alternate proposal to use the existing buildings on the Property for a Community Care Facility, without constructing any further buildings (the



"Alternate Proposal"). The Panel finds that changing the use from a resort to a Community Care Facility within the existing buildings on the Property would not negatively impact the agricultural potential of the property or surrounding properties.

DECISION

[29] For the reasons given above, the Panel refuses the Proposal to construct and operate a new 2723 m² Community Care Facility on the Property and convert the existing Tachick Lake Lodge into staff quarters. However, the Panel approves the Alternate Proposal to use only the existing buildings on the Property for a Community Care Facility, subject to the following conditions:

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[30] This decision does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government, and decisions and orders of any person or body having jurisdiction over the land under an enactment.

[31] These are the unanimous reasons of the Panel.

[32] A decision of the Panel is a decision of the Commission pursuant to s. 11.1(3) of the ALCA.

[33] Resolution #68/2020
Released on February 26, 2021

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Janice Tapp, Panel Chair

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- CSFS's proposal was supported by Saik'uz First Nation, whose primary reserve is less than 10km away, and who also recognize the fundamental need for the Facility in the region. Additionally, the CSFS Board, consisting of representatives from Saik'uz and the other 10 members of CSFS (each CSFS member is a Carrier/Sekani First Nation), support the proposal.

The Decision purports to allow CSFS to use the existing resort and campground structures for a treatment centre, but denies CSFS an exemption to construct any new buildings. It is absurd to suggest that a modern medical residential treatment facility could operate in a lodge and cabins designed for recreational use. In effect, the Decision denies CSFS the possibility of building the Healing/Treatment Facility on the Property.

CSFS and our constituents in the region are being denied the ability to utilize a Property that has not been farmed for an essential purpose that maintains most of the property in its natural state while fulfilling an urgent need for Indigenous health services. We are calling on you Ministers to find a mechanism to allow this facility to be built on a site that is well-suited to this purpose.

Urgent action is required

It goes without saying that it is incredibly important for all levels of governments to take urgent and sustained action to address the opioid crisis. This crisis is disproportionately impacting our First Nations communities in the north, with preventable deaths occurring far too frequently. The Covid-19 pandemic is exacerbating these impacts, as at-risk Indigenous individuals and families face isolation that makes it even more difficult to heal from and resolve addiction. Indeed, just one week ago, two individuals died of accidental overdose only a few kilometers away from the Tachick Lake Property. We are in the midst of a tragedy for Indigenous health and well-being.

As recently highlighted by Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond in her report "In Plain Sight", this province is in desperate need of medical facilities and services that do not perpetuate the anti-Indigenous racism that is pervasive in our health care system. CSFS's Healing/Treatment Facility is precisely the kind of infrastructure and treatment model that can address this need.

The steps taken by this government to address the opioid crisis are not enough; and, they exclude the power and dignity that comes from First Nations supporting and healing their own people with the support and respect of other levels of government. Your government must also be willing to support the efforts of Indigenous organizations to tackle these issues at the local and regional level.

We urge you to take swift action to authorize and allow the Healing/Treatment Facility to be built and operate. If it is in your power to have the Decision reconsidered, then do so. Otherwise, we want to know how you can assist in making this happen. The Decision currently will have the effect greatly delay

the Healing/Treatment Facility—a delay that would likely result in further loss of Indigenous life. It is unimaginable that this result could be justified by “protecting” a tiny fraction of marginal agricultural land from development on a property that will likely never be farmed.

We are looking to you to fulfil your Ministerial Mandates to advance reconciliation and your government’s commitments to addressing the opioid crisis, responding to the TRC Calls to Action and implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Please note that CSFS has spent a lot of time and money following the processes related to the ALC and their decision will have consequences.

As a first step, I would request that your office make time available immediately, and no later than next week (March 8 - 12), to meet with Warner Adam, Chief Executive Officer of CSFS, to discuss how to resolve this pressing issue.

I look forward to hearing from your office.

Regards,



Chief Corrina Leween

President, Carrier Sekani Family Services

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- CSFS's proposal was supported by Saik'uz First Nation, whose primary reserve is less than 10km away, and who also recognize the fundamental need for the Facility in the region. Additionally, the CSFS Board, consisting of representatives from Saik'uz and the other 10 members of CSFS (each CSFS member is a Carrier/Sekani First Nation), support the proposal.

The Decision purports to allow CSFS to use the existing resort and campground structures for a treatment centre, but denies CSFS an exemption to construct any new buildings. It is absurd to suggest that a modern medical residential treatment facility could operate in a lodge and cabins designed for recreational use. In effect, the Decision denies CSFS the possibility of building the Healing/Treatment Facility on the Property.

CSFS and our constituents in the region are being denied the ability to utilize a Property that has not been farmed for an essential purpose that maintains most of the property in its natural state while fulfilling an urgent need for Indigenous health services. We are calling on you Ministers to find a mechanism to allow this facility to be built on a site that is well-suited to this purpose.

Urgent action is required

It goes without saying that it is incredibly important for all levels of governments to take urgent and sustained action to address the opioid crisis. This crisis is disproportionately impacting our First Nations communities in the north, with preventable deaths occurring far too frequently. The Covid-19 pandemic is exacerbating these impacts, as at-risk Indigenous individuals and families face isolation that makes it even more difficult to heal from and resolve addiction. Indeed, just one week ago, two individuals died of accidental overdose only a few kilometers away from the Tachick Lake Property. We are in the midst of a tragedy for Indigenous health and well-being.

As recently highlighted by Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond in her report "In Plain Sight", this province is in desperate need of medical facilities and services that do not perpetuate the anti-Indigenous racism that is pervasive in our health care system. CSFS's Healing/Treatment Facility is precisely the kind of infrastructure and treatment model that can address this need.

The steps taken by this government to address the opioid crisis are not enough; and, they exclude the power and dignity that comes from First Nations supporting and healing their own people with the support and respect of other levels of government. Your government must also be willing to support the efforts of Indigenous organizations to tackle these issues at the local and regional level.

We urge you to take swift action to authorize and allow the Healing/Treatment Facility to be built and operate. If it is in your power to have the Decision reconsidered, then do so. Otherwise, we want to know how you can assist in making this happen. The Decision currently will have the effect greatly delay

the Healing/Treatment Facility—a delay that would likely result in further loss of Indigenous life. It is unimaginable that this result could be justified by “protecting” a tiny fraction of marginal agricultural land from development on a property that will likely never be farmed.

We are looking to you to fulfil your Ministerial Mandates to advance reconciliation and your government’s commitments to addressing the opioid crisis, responding to the TRC Calls to Action and implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Please note that CSFS has spent a lot of time and money following the processes related to the ALC and their decision will have consequences.

As a first step, I would request that your office make time available immediately, and no later than next week (March 8 - 12), to meet with Warner Adam, Chief Executive Officer of CSFS, to discuss how to resolve this pressing issue.

I look forward to hearing from your office.

Regards,



Chief Corrina Leween

President, Carrier Sekani Family Services

cc Warner Adam, CEO, Carrier Sekani Family Services
Chief Priscilla Mueller, Saik’uz First Nation
BC First Nations Leadership Council
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Sent: March 8, 2021 2:58:54 PM PST
Attachments: Sent on Behalf of Chief Corrina Leween RE: Essential Indigenous healing facility, 1189289 - Ministry Materials - Carrier Sekani Family Services.pdf

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To: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX
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Attachments: Sent on Behalf of Chief Corrina Leween RE: Essential Indigenous healing facility, 1189289 - Ministry Materials - Carrier Sekani Family Services.pdf

Hi Tom,

The MHA Minister is meeting with Chief Corrina Leween tomorrow. They have shared their note (attached), which focusses on funding as opposed to the ALR issue. MHA offered that you can reach out to Christine Massey, if you wish.

No response from MIRR yet.

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**MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS
MEETING MATERIAL**

CLIFF#: 1189289

DATE OF PREVIOUS NOTE (if applicable): Feb 19, 2021

PREVIOUS CLIFF # (if applicable): 1189183

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETING: March 9, 2021

MEETING REQUEST/ISSUE: Meeting with Chief Corrina Leween (Cheslatta Carrier Nation), Sandra Teegee (Takla Lake First Nation), Jasmine Thomas (Saik'uz First Nation), Theresa Nooski (Nadleh Whut'en First Nation) and Chief Maureen Luggi (Wet'suwet'en First Nation) to discuss a new treatment centre being proposed by Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) in Northern BC.

SHOULD MINISTRY STAFF ATTENDING THIS MEETING: Yes, Nick Grant, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Planning and Matthew Kinch, Senior Director, Indigenous Partnerships and Wellness

BACKGROUND:

- Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) is a non-profit society that provides health, social, and children and family services to 11 First Nation communities in northcentral BC with offices in Prince George, Burns Lake, Fort St. James and Vanderhoof.
- CSFS has contracts with Northern Health, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to deliver a continuum of primary care, mental health and substance use services for member communities.
- CSFS currently delivers a 28-day adult in-patient treatment program between the months of May and October at a facility located at Ormond Lake (approximately 25 km northwest of Vanderhoof). The facility is comprised of cabins with 14 treatment beds, pit toilets and naturally fed showers. This is a seasonal program due to the current limitations of the facility and its location. CSFS delivers a mobile outreach program during the winter months.
- The treatment facility operated by CSFS is one of ten First Nation-run treatment facilities funded by FNHA in BC. These treatment services are available to all status First Nations clients in BC (i.e. not available to Metis or non-status First Nation clients).
- CSFS is seeking capital funding from the Province to build a new wellness centre that would replace their existing facility and enable an expanded service model that could include a continuum of treatment services.
- The proposal prepared by CSFS describes a wellness centre with a detox wing (10 beds), an addiction recovery wing (35 beds), renovated cabins for longer-term recovery (8-12 beds), and associated amenities (e.g. dining hall, commercial kitchen, cultural space, nursing station, etc.).
- Based on a feasibility study completed in October 2020, it is estimated that construction costs will total \$16.64 million.

- In 2020/21, FNHA approved CSFS for \$5.75 million. This was a one-time contribution meant to cover a portion of the capital costs for this project. The funding committed for this project is cost shared by FNHA and the Province.

DISCUSSION:

- With the transfer of federal health programs and funding in 2013, FNHA assumed responsibility for the administration of ten First Nation-run treatment facilities in BC.
- In 2018, the Province of BC, the Government of Canada and the First Nations Health Council (FNHC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding ('the MOU') to improve mental health and wellness services. The MOU included a commitment to develop a tripartite plan to renovate, replace and build treatment facilities across BC.
- The Province made a one-time capital contribution of \$20 million in 2019/20 in fulfillment of this commitment. FNHA made a matching capital contribution of \$20 million for a total investment of \$40 million.^{s.16}

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- The project being proposed by CSFS is one of six existing treatment facilities that FNHA has identified for remediation or full replacement within the \$40 million available. It is on this basis that CSFS was funded by FNHA to complete a feasibility study for a new facility.
- Based on the project proposal, FNHA has indicated to MMHA that the capital and ongoing operational costs exceeds funding currently available for these programs. While FNHA receives funding from the federal government for the core operations of the existing treatment facilities, this does not include funding for an expanded scope of services (e.g. pre- and post-treatment) or capital projects (beyond the \$40 million committed by FNHA and the Province for these projects).
- Based on the expanded scope of services contemplated in the project proposal, it is anticipated that CSFS will be seeking funding from federal, provincial and regional partners for the operation of the new treatment facility once completed.
- MMHA has recently established a provincial advisory committee for bed-based services. This committee includes MMHA, HLTH, Health Authorities (including FNHA), BC Housing and BCCSU. This committee presents an avenue to advance collaboration across partners and explore opportunities to leverage new and existing resources for this project.
- CSFS has submitted the same project proposal to Indigenous Services Canada. It will be important to understand how additional funding from the federal government could complement or augment the funding provided by FNHA and the Province for this project.

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SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

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Program ADM/Division: Nick Grant, Strategic Policy and Planning
Program Contact (for content): Matthew Kinch, Senior Director
Drafter: Kristin Price, Policy Analyst
Date: March 4, 2021

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Sent: March 8, 2021 3:33:27 PM PST

Thanks Kelly. FYI, I understand MOs are connecting on this as well.
Tamara

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RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services Email

From: French, Shawna IRR:EX <Shawna.French@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 3:35:26 PM PST

Hi Kelly,

We have received it and it's with our staff for advice. Once I get that back I'll let you know.

Thanks,

Shawna French

Executive Director, Executive Operations
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From: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
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Re: Carrier Sekani

From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
To: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX
Sent: March 8, 2021 4:24:58 PM PST

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
To: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX
Cc: Turner, Sara J MMHA:EX
Sent: March 8, 2021 4:28:35 PM PST

Sounds good. s.22

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 8, 2021, at 4:25 PM, Massey, Christine MMHA:EX wrote:

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Sent: March 9, 2021 8:37:01 AM PST

Good morning – looping you in. We'll get you the updated info ASAP.

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Tamara

From: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX

Sent: March 9, 2021 8:27 AM

To: Grant, Nick MMHA:EX

Cc: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX

Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani

Spoke with Tom Ethier. He is reaching out to the Chief for a meeting. He confirmed that the ALR's decisions are binding and there is no appeal mechanism. The only circumstance in which the ALR will review a previous decision is if there is new information from the applicant. In this case, for example, if the applicant were to include market gardening as an activity for clients of the facility, that could possibly demonstrate enough agricultural activity for the ALR to reconsider.

Do we have any evidence or other examples where vocational activities such as gardening/horticulture assists in rehab? If so, can we please share with AFF staff?

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Also, I committed to getting Tom any relevant notes from MSM's meeting to support his meeting with the Chief (still to be arranged).

cm

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To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
Sent: March 9, 2021 11:28:21 AM PST

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RE: Help with wording please :)

From: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX s.15
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To: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX
Sent: March 9, 2021 12:23:32 PM PST

He would specifically like to hear about the ALC's process and decision on the non-farm use application that was submitted by Carrier Sekani Family Services.

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QUESTION: RE: meeting with Chief Leween

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Sent: March 9, 2021 12:52:15 PM PST

Hi Tom,

Below is the wording I'm using in my email to Chief Leween to set up the meeting for next week. I just want to ensure the point of your meeting with them is getting across, especially given they are likely expecting to hear from the Minister. Also not wanting to commit you to anything, or have them think you are able to 'fix' the decision...

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A/Senior Executive Assistant
Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
 778 974-3844

Re: QUESTION: RE: meeting with Chief Leween

From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
To: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX
Sent: March 9, 2021 2:16:56 PM PST

Sorry Char. A bit busy and distracted. Can you run this past Kelly for review? I have been talking with her about a path forward. Cheers

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2021, at 12:52 PM, Evers, Charlene AFF:EX wrote:

Hi Tom,
Below is the wording I'm using in my email to Chief Leween to set up the meeting for next week. I just want to ensure the point of your meeting with them is getting across, especially given they are likely expecting to hear from the Minister. Also not wanting to commit you to anything, or have them think you are able to 'fix' the decision...

Tom Ethier, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries would like to set up a time early next week to meet with Chief Leween to discuss the issues brought forward in the letter sent to Minister Popham on March 4, 2021. He would specifically like to hear about the ALC's process and decision on the non-farm use application that was submitted by Carrier Sekani Family Services.

Thanks!

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To: Grant, Nick MMHA:EX
Cc: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX, Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX
Sent: March 9, 2021 8:09:03 PM PST

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BC Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

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From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
To: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
Sent: March 10, 2021 7:04:03 AM PST

FYI. Sorry if I have already sent

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Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services - Min Meeting follow up

I'm glad it went well. Thanks Nick.

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To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 10, 2021 8:12:03 AM PST
Attachments: RE: Key Messages MSM - CSFS Land Issue
FYI
Thanks,
Tamara

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Cc: Turner, Sara J MMHA:EX <Sara.Turner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 9, 2021 9:55:54 AM PST

Background:

- Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) has completed three feasibility studies since 2012 to assess available sites for a new treatment centre. An existing recreational resort at Tachick Lake was selected as the preferred location due to its existing site services (i.e. cabins, water, hydro, etc.), condition of existing buildings, proximity to health and social services in the adjacent area, ability to expand and adapt the buildings based on program needs, and its natural character.
- CSFS applied to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to rezone the property. The Regional District has indicated its support for the project as proposed.
- As the site is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), CSFS required approval by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for a non-farm use application in order to redevelop the property.
- The existing property at Tachick Lake was operating as a recreational resort prior to the creation of the ALR. This means that the property can continue to be used as a resort but that no change of use or expansion of the non-farm use is permitted without an application to the ALC.
- CSFS entered into an agreement to purchase the property subject to ALR approval.
- In its decision dated February 26, 2021, the ALC denied the proposal made by CSFS to redevelop the property as the application did not demonstrate that agricultural activity will occur on the site. In its decision, the ALC will allow for an alternate proposal where CSFS use only the existing buildings on the property (i.e. cabins) for a new treatment centre. The ALC will not allow the construction of new buildings.
- Decisions of the ALC are binding and there are limited means to appeal a decision.
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (MAFF) is aware of this situation and has agreed to meet with Carrier Sekani leadership.
- It is important to note that the feasibility study completed by CSFS has identified a number of siting options for the treatment centre outside the ALR that were considered viable and comparable in costs.

Key Messages:

- The ALC is an independent administrative tribunal and government does not interfere in their decision-making process.
- The ALC looks at many factors when carrying out its mandate and each application has its own distinct set of circumstances and is considered on its own merits.
- The Ministry of Agriculture is aware of this situation. We would encourage CSFS to meet with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries to discuss this matter in more detail. MMHA can support in the coordination of this meeting as appropriate.

Matthew Kinch
Senior Director, Indigenous Partnerships and Wellness
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
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Question on crown agencies and DRIPA

From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX s.15
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To: Scott, Douglas S FIN:EX
Cc: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX
Sent: March 10, 2021 4:43:54 PM PST
Attachments: Minister Rankin Popham and Malcomsom.2021.03.04.pdf

Hi Doug

The Agriculture Land Commission (ALC) has made a decision to not support an application by the Carrier Sekanni to develop a piece of Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) for the purpose of drug treatment. I have attached the letter from the Chief whom I am trying to setup a meeting with next week. I have spoken with the ALC CEO and my understanding from that conversation is that s.16

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Wondering if you had any time for a quick chat – and if

you have seen anything like this in other agencies?

Tom Ethier

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

Request for meeting with Tom and Arlene

From Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX s.15
:

To: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX
Sent: March 11, 2021 10:57:44 AM PST

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From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX^{s.15}
To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
Sent: March 11, 2021 10:58:57 AM PST

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To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
Sent: March 11, 2021 11:00:49 AM PST

Okee doke... still haven't heard back from Carrier Sekani....

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To: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX

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To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
Sent: March 11, 2021 11:17:14 AM PST

Scheduled for tomorrow at 11:30 🕒

From: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX

Sent: March 11, 2021 11:02 AM

To: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX

Subject: RE: Request for meeting with Tom and Arlene

Ahh, okay, so maybe if schedules are packed, early next week will work too. I just think it's important that he hears what is already underway to address this challenge more globally.

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From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX s.15
To: Scott, Douglas S FIN:EX
Sent: March 11, 2021 11:19:02 AM PST

Priority: Normal (5)
Address: (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
Calendar Item Type: REQUEST

**Meeting with Chief Corrina Leween_ Carrier Sekani Family Services_
and DM Tom Ethier re_ Essential Indigenous Healing Facility (2).msg**

From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX s.15
To: 'cleween@cheslatta.com', XT:Warner, Adam CITZ:IN, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
Sent: March 12, 2021 4:13:28 PM PST

Priority: Normal (5)
Address: (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
Calendar Item Type: REQUEST

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From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX s.15
To: 'cleween@cheslatta.com', XT:Warner, Adam CITZ:IN, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
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RE: Meeting with Deputy Minister, Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Chief Corrina Leween Re: Essential Indigenous Healing Facility

From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX s.15
To: Lisa Dasilva
Sent: March 12, 2021 4:19:29 PM PST

Hi Lisa,

Just to confirm, I have sent the meeting request for Tuesday, March 16 at 9:15am (sent to you as optional so you have all of the meeting details). I don't have an email for Darren Haines, so if you wouldn't mind passing the meeting request on to him, that would be wonderful.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything further.

Have a great weekend!

Charlene

From: Lisa Dasilva

Sent: March 12, 2021 3:35 PM

To: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX

Subject: RE: Meeting with Deputy Minister, Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Chief Corrina Leween Re: Essential Indigenous Healing Facility

Importance: High

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Hi Charlene,

Tuesday March 16th at 10:30 works for everyone here if that is still available, it will be Chief Leween, Warner Adam and Darren Haines our legal council. Sorry for all the confusion. Have a great weekend.

Lisa

From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 12, 2021 3:23 PM

To: Lisa Dasilva <lisa@csfs.org>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Deputy Minister, Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Chief Corrina Leween Re: Essential Indigenous Healing Facility

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Hi Lisa,

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We can absolutely reschedule to later next week, or even the week of March 22 if that works any better.

Please let me know how to best proceed given this, and I can provide you with some new dates for consideration.

Regards,

Charlene

From: Lisa Dasilva <lisa@csfs.org>

Sent: March 12, 2021 2:05 PM

To: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Deputy Minister, Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and Chief Corrina Leween Re: Essential Indigenous Healing Facility

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Hi Charlene,

I apologize for the late response s.22

are you able to provide other

dates? Or for now I will confirm March 15th at 11am or 11:30 if still available?

Again my apologies,

Lisa

From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 9, 2021 5:07 PM

To: Lisa Dasilva <lisa@csfs.org>

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Good afternoon Lisa,

In response to the joint letter that was sent to Minister Popham on March 4, 2021, as an initial step, Tom Ethier, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, would like to reach out and speak to Chief Leween about the non-farm use application that was submitted to the ALC by Carrier Sekani Family Services.

We would like to set up a time early next week to meet with Chief Leween and have the following dates to offer for a 30 minute call:

March 15 – any time between 10:30 and noon

March 16 – any time between 9:00 and 11:00am

Please let me know if any of these options work for Chief Leween, and if not, I will work to find dates that work for all.

Regards,

Charlene

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QP Summary and Rush Request

From : Lyttle, Shawna AFF:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>, Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>, McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>, Zachary, Dawnae AFF:EX <Dawnae.Zachary@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 15, 2021 2:27:25 PM PDT

Statements by Members: Support for farmer's in Richmond/Stevedon and food security in the community: heirloom seeds, Farm Folk/City Folk; local fisher families etc.

QP focussed on the opioid crisis, particularly the First Nations treatment facility (Pathways Treatment Centre)/Carrier Sekani; non-farm use on ALR land; not a government decision - ALC made a different decision to protect farmland; commitment to Chief to pursue further; Chief noted that: "government staff submitted comments identifying concerns"; meaningful reconciliation in time of crisis; stop closure of Pathways Treatment Centre and restore funding.

Hansards: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/documents-data/debate-transcripts/42nd-parliament/1st-session>

Arif: MO is asking what AFF sent to ALC as part of the application review (prior to decision); the Premier told opposition that he would meet with her today on it – not sure if it will happen or when. Tom may have already reached out to you for this information.

Shawna Lyttle

Manager of Executive Operations and Planning

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AFF input into Carrier Sekani ALC process

From: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 15, 2021 2:28:47 PM PDT
Attachments: 61143d1 (0713069 BC Ltd).pdf

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RE: AFF input into Carrier Sekani ALC process

From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX s.15
To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
Sent: March 15, 2021 2:33:27 PM PDT

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The referral letter is being sent over now.

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File: ALR 1224

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Via email: maria.sandberg@rdbn.bc.ca

Date: August 25, 2020

Re: ALC Non-farm use referral – 15112 Tachick Lake Road (community care facility)

Dear Maria Sandberg,

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- Ministry staff have concerns regarding the location of this development proposal. The Agricultural Land Reserve is a provincial zone in which agriculture is recognized as the priority use. Farming is encouraged and non-agricultural uses are restricted. The proposed location is within an active farming area.
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Additional comments

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- The area used for parking and/or transportation should be sited and sized to minimize its use of and impact on arable land;
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www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/strengthening-farming/farm-practices/870218-43_livestock_at_large.pdf

If you have any questions or concerns about our comments, please do not hesitate to contact Ministry staff.

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Hello Karen,
Attached you will find a referral for ALR application 1224. A paper copy has also been sent to you via Canada Post.
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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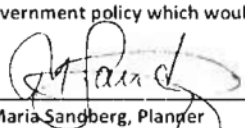


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Bylaw Referral Form

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako	FILE NO.: ALR 1224	
Electoral Area: 'F'	DATE: August 4, 2020	
You are requested to comment on the attached bylaw for potential effect on your agency's interests. We would appreciate your response within <u>21</u> days. If no response is received within that time, it will be assumed that your agency's interests are unaffected.		
PURPOSE OF THE BYLAW: To obtain ALC non-farm use approval to allow a community care facility to be established and operated on the subject property.		
GENERAL LOCATION: The subject property is located at 15112 Tachick Lake Road, 12 km southwest of the District of Vanderhoof.		
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Fractional NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 4, Range 4, Coast District.		
AREA OF PROPERTY AFFECTED: 9.41 ha. (23.26 ac.)	ALR STATUS: Within the ALR	OCP DESIGNATION: Agriculture (AG)
OTHER INFORMATION: See attached bylaws, maps and summary sheet.		
Please fill out the Response Summary on the back of this form. If your agency's interests are "Unaffected" no further information is necessary. In all other cases, we would appreciate receiving additional information to substantiate your position and, if necessary, outline any conditions related to your position. Please note any legislation or official government policy which would affect our consideration of this bylaw.		
 Maria Sandberg, Planner		

This referral has also been sent to the following agencies:

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RESPONSE SUMMARY

ALR No. 1224

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Signed By: _____

Title: _____

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Agency: _____



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO REFERRAL REPORT

FROM: Maria Sandberg, Planner
DATE: July 28, 2020
SUBJECT: ALR Non-Farm Use Application No. 1224

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This ALR application is requesting approval for the operation of community care facility on a property in the ALR.

ALR application referral reports are sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Electoral 'F' Advisory Planning Commission for comment.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Name of Owner(s): 0713069 B.C. Ltd

Electoral Area: F

Subject Property: The Fractional NW ¼ of Section 12, Township 4, Range 4, Coast District. This parcel is approximately 9.41 ha. (23.26 ac.) in size.

O.C.P. Designation: Agriculture (AG)

Zoning: Agricultural (Ag1) pursuant to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020.

Existing Land Use: Seasonal Resort

Location: The subject property is located at 15112 Tachick Lake Road, 12 km southwest of the District of Vanderhoof.

General Location Map: Copyright

PROPOSAL

The purpose of this application is to allow a community care facility to be established and operated on the subject property.

The property currently holds the Tachick Lake Resort, a seasonal resort with a lodge, 9 cabins and 33 camp sites on the southern shore of Tachick Lake. RDBN property files indicate that the resort was constructed in 1969, predating the ALR and zoning. The resort has been on the market for several years.

Carrier Sekani Family Services (CFCS) has entered into an agreement to purchase the property subject to ALR approval and rezoning. The proposed facility is a year-round residential treatment centre that will provide mental health and addiction recovery services. The program will start up with 18-30 clients and six staff members, and in the future expand to up to 60 occupants, including both staff and clients.

The applicant's plan is to utilize the existing lodge and to construct a 25,000 square foot main facility which will include meeting areas, counselling rooms, offices, kitchen, dining room and accommodations for residents and staff. Additional areas for parking will also be required. A site plan of the proposed development is not available at this time.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Official Community Plan

The subject property is designated Agriculture (AG) under the Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan. The intent of the designation is to preserve these lands for the purposes of farming and other related activities.

Section 3.1.2(6) of the OCP states that:

Severances for small lot residential (other than home site severances approved by the Agricultural Land Commission), institutional, commercial or industrial development shall be avoided. However, applications for exclusions, subdivisions, and non-farm uses within the Agricultural Land Reserve may be supported if:

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- (c) Neighbouring uses will not be compromised;*
- (d) Adequate provisions for fencing are provided, where necessary;*
- (e) There is a demonstrated need for the proposed development; and,*
- (f) The application is in the best interest of the community.*

Zoning

The property is zoned Agricultural (Ag1) under the RDBN Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020. A community care facility is not a permitted use in the Ag1 zone. The applicant has submitted a rezoning application concurrently with the ALR application to do a site-specific amendment for the proposed use to the Ag1 zone. The rezoning application can not be adopted until ALC approval has been provided.

Land Use

The subject property is located in a rural agricultural area south of Vanderhoof. The surrounding area is dominated by large parcels used primarily for agriculture, including pasture and the growing of grains and forage. There are several reserves belonging to Saikuz First Nation in the vicinity of the parcel, including the main community, Stoney Creek Reserve No. 1, with approximately 400 residents.

The property does not have direct road access to Tachick Lake Road, but there is an easement in place over the neighboring property to the south, Part of Section 12, Township 4, Range 4, Coast District to provide access. The proposed use will likely bring less traffic during the summer months compared to the current resort use, and increased traffic for the remainder of the year.

Non-Farm Use Concerns

This non-farm use application proposes to utilize the entire property. The plan is to keep some of the existing buildings and infrastructure, as well as building new facilities. The proposed new

main building and construction of additional parking areas may reduce future agricultural capability of the unbuilt lands. However, given that the long-standing resort non-farm use of the property predates the ALR, the impact to agriculture is minimal.

This application will be referred to the RDBN Agriculture Coordinator, the Regional Agrologist and the Area's Advisory Planning Commission for more input on the agricultural impacts from the proposed use.

APPENDIX A:

Agricultural Capability based on Canada Land Inventory Mapping

The Subject Property is:

88% Water

12% Class 5 Land limited by cumulative and minor adverse conditions

Class 5 Land is capable of production of cultivated perennial forage crops and specially adapted crops. Soil and/or climate conditions severely limit capability.

Agricultural Capability Map

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APPENDIX B:

No previous ALR applications on file for this property.

Surrounding Applications

No. 1045

The purpose of this application is to subdivide a ±11.2 ha (±27.6 acre) parcel from the ±42.0 ha (±103.82 acre) parent property under the Agricultural Land Commission's Homesite Severance Policy. The proposed parcel is separated from the remainder of the property by Kenney Dam Rd and contains the residence and the farm buildings. The applicant is planning to sell the remaining 31.9 ha (78.9 acres) land on the north side of the road to her son Darrell Weaver to expand his farming operation. That part of the subject property is currently in crop production. Application closed on applicant's request before going to the Board (2007).

Staff Recommendation:	n/a
Regional Board Recommendation:	n/a
ALC Decision:	n/a

No. 1030 NE ¼ of Section 36, Township 5, Range 4 Coast District

The purpose of this application is to subdivide a ±4 ha (±10 acre) parcel from the parent property under the Agricultural Land Commission's Homesite Severance Policy. The ±4 ha parcel would contain the owner's residence and the remainder of the parcel would contain the farm. The applicant has lived on and farmed this property since 1954, which is the headquarters of the farm. He is forming a new company with his four sons to take over the operation of the farm, and this company would take over the remaining farmland. The Homesite Severance Policy requires that the remaining farmland be sold immediately, however the applicant has requested that he be able to lease the property to the company with an option to purchase. (2006).

Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Regional Board Recommendation:	Approval
ALC Decision:	Approved

No. 919 SW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 6, Range 4 Coast District except Plan PRP12845

The owner has applied to subdivide a ±55 acre parcel off of the 320 acre property. The 55-acre parcel would become the homesite of the applicant's son and his family. The son, Daniel Weaver, currently resides and works on the farm. See written submission attached to application (1999).

Staff Recommendation:	Approval
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ALC Decision:	Denied, Reconsidered & Approved 2006

Surrounding Applications Map

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Sent: March 15, 2021 2:53 PM

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FW: Rush PO Request - Note re: ALC/Carrier Sekani Treatment Centre

From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX s.15
To: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX
Sent: March 15, 2021 6:15:13 PM PDT
Attachments: Options.docx, image001.jpg

Here are the options – rather technical – but it is as we chatted – they can reconsider, the gov can appoint a board to review or ELUC can deal with the matter.

From: Lyttle, Shawna AFF:EX
Sent: March 15, 2021 5:42 PM
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX
Subject: Fwd: Rush PO Request - Note re: ALC/Carrier Sekani Treatment Centre

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Cc: "Norton, Chris AFF:EX" <Chris.Norton@gov.bc.ca>, "Shirokaya, Yulianna AFF:EX" <Yulianna.Shirokaya@gov.bc.ca>, "McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX" <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>, "Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX" <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Rush PO Request - Note re: ALC/Carrier Sekani Treatment Centre

Hi,

See attached. I hope this helps. Due to short turnaround, I only received preliminary legal advice which may change after deeper analysis.

Arlene

From: Lyttle, Shawna AFF:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Arlene:

Please see email exchange below and attached email from Willow with supporting documents. Tom asked me to reach out to you directly to see if we can get a quick note on options that we can provide to the PO ASAP. Here is what Sam and Tom were just texting back and forth:

Tom: "ok as far as I see it right now 1) the chair has 60 days to review and recommend a reconsideration; 2) the applicant can ask for reconsideration; and 3) I think section 40 can be invoked. I need staff to weigh in on that"

Sam: "any other options? I recall prev gov just did an ELUC order to remove land for Site C... not that I'm suggesting that"

Tom: "ok Ill include that one as well, thought I'm not sure of that power"

Thank you.

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Subject: RE: QP Summary and Rush Request

We need a note outlining the options that may be available to revisit the decision: the chair can; the applicant can request a review – or maybe S40 can be invoked. How quickly can we get a quick note together? I have copied Jen since I think its Policy shop who knows the path for reconsideration.

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Carrier Sekani

From: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX <Tamara.Casanova@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 16, 2021 8:35:00 AM PDT

Hi Kelly,

We believe that Wagner Hills has permission from the ALC to use agricultural land for their recovery centre in Langley. I will note, it is a working farm (<https://wagnerhills.com/mens-campus/>). Also, their application approval pre-dates some the changes that came in into effect in early 2019 that limit the square footage of buildings on the ALR, which I believe has been part of the barrier for more recent applications.

All the other applications that have come to our attention (Luke 15 House, Teen Challenge) have been denied.

With thanks,

Tamara

From: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 15, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX <Tamara.Casanova@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani

Hi Tamara,

Just looping back with you on Carrier Sekani. Tom Ethier has a meeting tomorrow am with Chief Leween. The meeting will be an opportunity to listen. I am curious if your team has found any examples of vocational activities (i.e. gardening/horticulture) assisting in rehab.

Kind regards, Kelly

Kelly Rainforth

A/Director of Corporate Planning

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From: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
Sent: March 9, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX <Tamara.Casanova@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani

Thanks, Tamara! I appreciate you keeping me in the loop. I will be very eager to hear if there are examples of vocational activities such as gardening/horticulture assisting in rehab.

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Sent: March 9, 2021 8:37 AM
To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Carrier Sekani

Good morning – looping you in. We'll get you the updated info ASAP.

With thanks,

Tamara

From: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 9, 2021 8:27 AM
To: Grant, Nick MMHA:EX <Nick.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX <Tamara.Casanova@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani

Spoke with Tom Ethier. He is reaching out to the Chief for a meeting. He confirmed that the ALR's decisions are binding and there is no appeal mechanism. The only circumstance in which the ALR will review a previous

decision is if there is new information from the applicant. In this case, for example, if the applicant were to include market gardening as an activity for clients of the facility, that could possibly demonstrate enough agricultural activity for the ALR to reconsider.

Do we have any evidence or other examples where vocational activities such as gardening/horticulture assists in rehab? If so, can we please share with AFF staff?

For MSM, we agreed that she should restrict her comments to expressing disappointment and encouraging the chief to meet with the DM of AFF. Can you draft something after you hear from Matthew?

Also, I committed to getting Tom any relevant notes from MSM's meeting to support his meeting with the Chief (still to be arranged).

cm

From: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 8, 2021 4:26 PM

To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Turner, Sara J MMHA:EX <Sara.Turner@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani

I'm on a minister call for a bit so will call you at 8:15 in the morning. Thx!

From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 8, 2021 4:25 PM

To: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Carrier Sekani

I could touch base right now Christine - or tomorrow morning at 815?

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On Mar 8, 2021, at 4:07 PM, Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Tom – my DMO shared with your staff our Minister's meeting material for tomorrow's meeting with Carrier Sekani. My staff are also connecting with yours to advise on any additional messaging for the new ALR related issue. Let me know if you'd like to connect at the end of the day or early tomorrow. Cheers.

cm

Christine Massey, Deputy Minister (She/Her)

Ministry of Mental Health & Addictions

Acknowledging the traditional lands of the Lekwungen peoples

Meeting with Chief Corrina Leween_ Carrier Sekani Family Services_ and DM Tom Ethier re_ Essential Indigenous Healing Facility.msg

From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX s.15
To: 'cleween@cheslatta.com', XT:Warner, Adam CITZ:IN, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX, Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX
Cc: Lisa Dasilva, Darren Haines, Jessi Jack
Sent: March 16, 2021 8:52:48 AM PDT

Priority: Normal (5)
Address: (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
Calendar Item Type: REQUEST

**Also attending – Warner Adam, CEO of CSFS, and Darren Haines, Legal Council, and Jessi Jack.

Tom Ethier is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96711022416?pwd=QmFyYVAwaFYvUFpzUEVMOGw0dkFqZz09>

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FW: MLP to be scrummed on Carrier Sekani issue this morn

From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX s.15
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To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX
Sent: March 16, 2021 9:24:10 AM PDT
FYI.....

From: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX

Sent: March 16, 2021 7:35 AM

To: McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX ; Ethier, Tom AFF:EX

Subject: MLP to be scrummed on Carrier Sekani issue this morn

Minister will be scrummed this morning on the Carrier Sekani issue. Story below mentions ALC considered position of govt officials who opposed building on agricultural land so she will likely be asked why ministry staff opposed. Can we confirm what ministry staff said? Need to be able to respond to that line of questioning ASAP.

BC Government Blamed for Blocking Carrier Sekani Treatment Centre

The Tyee

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

By Andrew MacLeod 

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Fwd: ALC File 61143

From: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 16, 2021 9:52:12 AM PDT
Attachments: 1189289 - Ministry Materials - Carrier Sekani Family Services.pdf, ATT00001.htm

Note the suggested responses

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX"
Date: March 16, 2021 at 9:17:09 AM PDT
To: "Popham, Lana AFF:EX"
Subject: FW: ALC File 61143

More good background here.

Sam Godfrey

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From: Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX
Sent: March 15, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX
Subject: RE: ALC File 61143

Hi Amber,

I believe this meeting note provides a good background on the Carrier Sekani Treatment Centre proposal. It was produced by MMHA staff in advance of them being aware of the ALC decision, so does not include that information. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Miss you girl!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kelly

From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 15, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: ALC File 61143
Thanks Kelly.

From: Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 15, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: ALC File 61143

Hi Amber,

We do have information for sure, Ministry is just updating it. Have it to you as soon we can.

Kelly

From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 15, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: ALC File 61143

Hi Kelly,

I understand the proposal has 50% support from the Ministry? Could your Ministry provide any additional info on this issue? (I have the note regarding ALC decision).

A

From: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 15, 2021 3:45 PM

To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: ALC File 61143

This Thurs at 4:30pm.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2021, at 3:39 PM, Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks! I understand there is a meetin with your Minister, Minister Rankin and Malcolmson tomorrow on this too? Could you let me know what time?

From: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 15, 2021 3:30 PM

To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>; Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: ALC File 61143

Yes. Jason Craik is working on this as well and provided an Issues Note. Our DM is meeting with them tomorrow morning.....

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On Mar 15, 2021, at 3:16 PM, Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Samuel,

PJH is looking for more information regarding this issue Shirley Bond Raised in QP today.

RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) is seeking approval of a community care facility at the Tachick Lake Resort located within the traditional territory of the Saik'uz First Nation southwest of Vanderhoof.

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako approved, pending approval from ALC.

I understand there would be an agricultural component to the health and wellness centre.

Fill# ALC 61143.

Would you be able to assist in providing more info on this?

A

Amber Nash

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**MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS
MEETING MATERIAL**

CLIFF#: 1189289

DATE OF PREVIOUS NOTE (if applicable): Feb 19, 2021

PREVIOUS CLIFF # (if applicable): 1189183

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETING: March 9, 2021

MEETING REQUEST/ISSUE: Meeting with Chief Corrina Leween (Cheslatta Carrier Nation), Sandra Teegee (Takla Lake First Nation), Jasmine Thomas (Saik'uz First Nation), Theresa Nooski (Nadleh Whut'en First Nation) and Chief Maureen Luggi (Wet'suwet'en First Nation) to discuss a new treatment centre being proposed by Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) in Northern BC.

SHOULD MINISTRY STAFF ATTENDING THIS MEETING: Yes, Nick Grant, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Planning and Matthew Kinch, Senior Director, Indigenous Partnerships and Wellness

BACKGROUND:

- Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) is a non-profit society that provides health, social, and children and family services to 11 First Nation communities in northcentral BC with offices in Prince George, Burns Lake, Fort St. James and Vanderhoof.
- CSFS has contracts with Northern Health, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to deliver a continuum of primary care, mental health and substance use services for member communities.
- CSFS currently delivers a 28-day adult in-patient treatment program between the months of May and October at a facility located at Ormond Lake (approximately 25 km northwest of Vanderhoof). The facility is comprised of cabins with 14 treatment beds, pit toilets and naturally fed showers. This is a seasonal program due to the current limitations of the facility and its location. CSFS delivers a mobile outreach program during the winter months.
- The treatment facility operated by CSFS is one of ten First Nation-run treatment facilities funded by FNHA in BC. These treatment services are available to all status First Nations clients in BC (i.e. not available to Metis or non-status First Nation clients).
- CSFS is seeking capital funding from the Province to build a new wellness centre that would replace their existing facility and enable an expanded service model that could include a continuum of treatment services.
- The proposal prepared by CSFS describes a wellness centre with a detox wing (10 beds), an addiction recovery wing (35 beds), renovated cabins for longer-term recovery (8-12 beds), and associated amenities (e.g. dining hall, commercial kitchen, cultural space, nursing station, etc.).
- Based on a feasibility study completed in October 2020, it is estimated that construction costs will total \$16.64 million.

- In 2020/21, FNHA approved CSFS for \$5.75 million. This was a one-time contribution meant to cover a portion of the capital costs for this project. The funding committed for this project is cost shared by FNHA and the Province.

DISCUSSION:

- With the transfer of federal health programs and funding in 2013, FNHA assumed responsibility for the administration of ten First Nation-run treatment facilities in BC.
- In 2018, the Province of BC, the Government of Canada and the First Nations Health Council (FNHC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding ('the MOU') to improve mental health and wellness services. The MOU included a commitment to develop a tripartite plan to renovate, replace and build treatment facilities across BC.
- The Province made a one-time capital contribution of \$20 million in 2019/20 in fulfillment of this commitment. FNHA made a matching capital contribution of \$20 million for a total investment of \$40 million. s.16

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- The project being proposed by CSFS is one of six existing treatment facilities that FNHA has identified for remediation or full replacement within the \$40 million available. It is on this basis that CSFS was funded by FNHA to complete a feasibility study for a new facility.
- Based on the project proposal, FNHA has indicated to MMHA that the capital and ongoing operational costs exceeds funding currently available for these programs. While FNHA receives funding from the federal government for the core operations of the existing treatment facilities, this does not include funding for an expanded scope of services (e.g. pre- and post-treatment) or capital projects (beyond the \$40 million committed by FNHA and the Province for these projects).
- Based on the expanded scope of services contemplated in the project proposal, it is anticipated that CSFS will be seeking funding from federal, provincial and regional partners for the operation of the new treatment facility once completed.
- MMHA has recently established a provincial advisory committee for bed-based services. This committee includes MMHA, HLTH, Health Authorities (including FNHA), BC Housing and BCCSU. This committee presents an avenue to advance collaboration across partners and explore opportunities to leverage new and existing resources for this project.
- CSFS has submitted the same project proposal to Indigenous Services Canada. It will be important to understand how additional funding from the federal government could complement or augment the funding provided by FNHA and the Province for this project.

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SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

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Program ADM/Division: Nick Grant, Strategic Policy and Planning
Program Contact (for content): Matthew Kinch, Senior Director
Drafter: Kristin Price, Policy Analyst
Date: March 4, 2021

QP Summary - March 16

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Sent: March 16, 2021 10:53:05 AM PDT

Opposition focussed on disability payments, vaccinations, old growth forests, economic recovery for sports/Richmond night market/Williams Lake stampede/Cloverdale Rodeo/PNE/Vancouver Aquarium – funding to ensure animals are fed.

Pathways Treatment Centre/Carrier Sekani was not brought up again. No other AFF issues raised.

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RE: Carrier Sekani

From: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX s.15
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To: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX
Sent: March 16, 2021 4:45:30 PM PDT

Thanks, Tamara. This is helpful. Tom had a good conversation with Carrier Sekani this morning. Our Min continues to contemplate the broader issues and to look for a path forward. I think the convo this morning will be one of a few over the next little while. We appreciate you sharing your info.

Kind regards,

Kelly

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From: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX

Sent: March 16, 2021 8:35 AM

To: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX

Subject: Carrier Sekani

Hi Kelly,

We believe that Wagner Hills has permission from the ALC to use agricultural land for their recovery centre in Langley. I will note, it is a working farm (<https://wagnerhills.com/mens-campus/>). Also, their application approval pre-dates some the changes that came in in into effect in early 2019 that limit the square footage of buildings on the ALR, which I believe has been part of the barrier for more recent applications.

All the other applications that have come to our attention (Luke 15 House, Teen Challenge) have been denied.

With thanks,

Tamara

From: Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 15, 2021 1:57 PM

To: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX <Tamara.Casanova@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani

Hi Tamara,

Just looping back with you on Carrier Sekani. Tom Ethier has a meeting tomorrow am with Chief Leween. The meeting will be an opportunity to listen. I am curious if your team has found any examples of vocational activities (i.e. gardening/horticulture) assisting in rehab.

Kind regards, Kelly

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Sent: March 9, 2021 9:36 AM

To: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX <Tamara.Casanova@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani

Thanks, Tamara! I appreciate you keeping me in the loop. I will be very eager to hear if there are examples of vocational activities such as gardening/horticulture assisting in rehab.

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Subject: FW: Carrier Sekani

Good morning – looping you in. We'll get you the updated info ASAP.

With thanks,

Tamara

From: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 9, 2021 8:27 AM

To: Grant, Nick MMHA:EX <Nick.Grant@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Casanova, Tamara MMHA:EX <Tamara.Casanova@gov.bc.ca>

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Spoke with Tom Ethier. He is reaching out to the Chief for a meeting. He confirmed that the ALR's decisions are binding and there is no appeal mechanism. The only circumstance in which the ALR will review a previous decision is if there is new information from the applicant. In this case, for example, if the applicant were to include market gardening as an activity for clients of the facility, that could possibly demonstrate enough agricultural activity for the ALR to reconsider.

Do we have any evidence or other examples where vocational activities such as gardening/horticulture assists in rehab? If so, can we please share with AFF staff?

For MSM, we agreed that she should restrict her comments to expressing disappointment and encouraging the chief to meet with the DM of AFF. Can you draft something after you hear from Matthew?

Also, I committed to getting Tom any relevant notes from MSM's meeting to support his meeting with the Chief (still to be arranged).

cm

From: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 8, 2021 4:26 PM

To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Turner, Sara J MMHA:EX <Sara.Turner@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani

I'm on a minister call for a bit so will call you at 8:15 in the morning. Thx!

From: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 8, 2021 4:25 PM

To: Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Carrier Sekani

I could touch base right now Christine - or tomorrow morning at 815?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 8, 2021, at 4:07 PM, Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Tom – my DMO shared with your staff our Minister's meeting material for tomorrow's meeting with Carrier Sekani. My staff are also connecting with yours

to advise on any additional messaging for the new ALR related issue. Let me know if you'd like to connect at the end of the day or early tomorrow. Cheers.

cm

Christine Massey, Deputy Minister (She/Her)

Ministry of Mental Health & Addictions

Acknowledging the traditional lands of the Lekwungen peoples

FW: Carrier Sekani

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Sent: March 8, 2021 2:19:35 PM PST
Attachments: Sent on Behalf of Chief Corrina Leween RE: Essential Indigenous healing facility

Hi Shawna,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to ask whether your Deputy Minister's/Minister's office has received the attached email from Carrier Sekani Family Services. Tom Ethier, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, is considering meeting with Chief Corrina Leween on the issue either later this week or early next week. We wanted to first touch base with the other two Ministries cced in the email (your Ministry and Mental Health and Addictions) to see what action, if any, your Deputies and/or Ministers were considering.

Are you able to help me with this request? I'm happy to follow up via phone, if helpful.

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Nadleh Whut'en
- Chief Priscilla Mueller
Saik'uz First Nation
- Chief Robert Michell
Stellat'en First Nation
- Chief John Allen French
Takla Lake First Nation
- Chief Bev John
Tl'azt'en Nation
- Chief Ray Geroux
Ts'il Kaz Koh (Burns Lake Band)
(byelection expected in April)

Information

- Location: Prince George
- Members: Nadleh Whut'en,
Saik'uz First Nation,
Stellat'en First Nation,
Takla Lake First Nation,
Tl'azt'en Nation, Burns Lake Band
(Ts'il Kaz Koh) and
Wet'suwet'en First Nation
- Note: Although the
Wet'suwet'en First Nation has
historically participated as a member
of the CSTC, currently they are not
actively engaged as member.
- Population: approx. 7,033
- Address: 200 – 1460 6th Ave
Prince George BC V2L 3N2

Current Activities

- The Province and Carrier Sekani First Nations (CSFN) signed the "Pathways 2.0" Agreement in 2019; Pathways 2.0 focussed on establishing a process for collaborative economic development that is increasing CSFN participation in the regional economy as a focus for reconciliation.
- Implementation of Pathway 2.0 has been impacted by Covid-19 and s.16 s.16
- CSFN and BC are negotiating a significant forestry tenure transfer in the Prince George Timber Supply Area (PGTSA) as a high priority.
- CSFNs continue participating in the Omineca Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI), and continue to seeking changes needed to enhance stewardship of ESI values.

Other/Completed Negotiations

- Carrier Sekani Framework Agreement (1997)
- Carrier Sekani Collaboration Agreement (2015)
- Economic and Socio-Cultural Initiatives Agreement (2015)
- Environmental Stewardship Initiative Carrier Sekani First Nations Omineca Demonstration Project (2017)
- One-year Interim Pathway Forward Agreement in 2018 to address topics under a long-term reconciliation agreement.
- The Interim Pathway Forward Agreement, Collaboration Agreement, Economic and Socio-Cultural Initiatives Agreement, ESI Demonstration Project Agreement and Interim Forestry Agreement with Carrier Sekani Tribal Council (CSTC) and CSFN expired March

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Contact: Cory Waters, Regional Chief Negotiator

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31, 2018.

- CSFN and the Province developed a Bridging Agreement extending until November 30, 2018, and an Interim Revenue Sharing Agreement to extend the terms of the previous agreements to March 31, 2020, while Pathways 2.0 was being finalized.
- Environmental Stewardship Initiative CSFN Omineca Demonstration Project Renewal Agreement (2018)

Issues/Opportunities:

- Forestry is a key priority in Pathways 2.0 for CSFN and BC. A forest tenures table is active and discussions have included major licensees. Minister of Forests is currently advancing an apportionment decision that will lead to significant transfer of timber volume to CSFN and other First Nations in the PG TSA.
- The Socio-Cultural Working Group is a successful committee that has developed projects for each community in the areas of language, education and skills training. The working group is focussed on long-term monitoring of related projects. Individual communities continue to engage with the Province, and collaborate on initiatives.
- CSFN continue to work on the Omineca ESI about which a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by major licensees in Prince George Timber Supply Area. Work continues in Pathways 2.0 to implement immediate measures that respond to indigenous values – moose, water quality and old-forest biodiversity – that includes forest companies and supports land-use planning commitments with CSFNs.

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FYI Just heard back from Matthew at Mental Health and Addictions. Here's what he sent:

Minister Malcolmson did meet with Carrier Sekani Family Services last week. This meeting was attended by Chief Corrina Leween (as the President of CSFS) and Warner Adam (as the CEO of CSFS). There were two outcomes of that discussion:

- MMHA committed to work with CSFS to convene federal and provincial partners such as BC Housing, Northern Health, MOH, FNHA and ISC to explore opportunities for further operational and capital funding per the feasibility study completed by CSFS. MMHA and CSFS will work toward a meeting with federal and provincial partners in the weeks ahead.
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Thanks for this.

I'll review that document now and may follow-up afterwards. MLP would like a briefing on this CSFS/ALR issue generally on Friday after 10am if possible – I will leave it to Tom to determine who should be there. Thank you, Sam
Sam Godfrey

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Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR

Thanks Trish that would be great I'll work with Sam to secure some time for us.

Sam I've also attached our general Carrier Sekani Tribal Council note for your reference.

-James

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Propose that we get together with Sam and Jennifer shortly to discuss.

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As per our conversations, I wanted to connect you two so that you can have a conversation about the Carrier Sekani. I'm happy to leave the conversation with the two of you but if Lucinda or Anne-Marie want to join I'll leave it open to you folks.

Also Trish do we have a nation profile that we can share with AGRI to help provide them with some more context of the work we've done to date with the CSTC (recognizing that they are different from the Family Services arm)

Thanks,

-James

James McNish

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Subject: CSFS Timeline re: Approvals for Healing/Treatment Facility

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Hi Tom and Sam,

Thank you for meeting with Chief Leween, Warner and I this morning.

Attached is a timeline of steps that CSFS has taken since April of last year to assess the Tachick Lake Resort property for the healing/treatment center and to pursue land use approvals with the Regional District and the ALC.

Also included in the timeline are estimates for detailed design and construction work. Pending necessary approvals, the goal is to have the facility operational by Q4 2022.

Please let us know if you or your teams require any additional information as you assess the options available to allow CSFS to move forward with this project in a timely way.

Darren

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RE: Finalized Issues Synopsis

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Sent: March 17, 2021 5:09:26 PM PDT

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Thx

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On Mar 17, 2021, at 5:15 PM, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX wrote:

Oh no! Here it is corrected.

Kelly

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To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX, Lalani, Arif AFF:EX, McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX, Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX

Sent: March 18, 2021 10:56:53 AM PDT

The opposition focused on closure of mental health facilities. Minister of Mental Health fielded the Qs. Member from Abbotsford West noted that she “couldn’t convince the Minister of Agriculture re: treatment facility in PG” (ALC and Carrier Sekani). Minister of Mental Health noted that she has committed to Chief to find a way forward. Member noted: “it is on marginal agricultural land that no one remembers it being farmed” / “inconsistent with mandate of the commission” / “apparently in the minds of the officials in the Agriculture Ministry time for them to work to keep 60 people alive”. He also noted that an attempt was previously made to shut down the Women’s Treatment Centre in Abbotsford.

Hansards: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/documents-data/debate-transcripts/42nd-parliament/1st-session>

Shawna Lyttle

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RE: Eapproval 2577/ Cliff 194283 - ALC /Carrier Sekani Treatment Centre

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To: Zachary, Dawnae AFF:EX
Cc: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX, Evers, Charlene AFF:EX
Sent: March 18, 2021 11:29:01 AM PDT

Thx Dawnae. Sorry to interfere in your evening hours 😊

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Sent: March 17, 2021 8:08 PM
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX
Cc: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX ; Evers, Charlene AFF:EX
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Thank you,

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Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR DECISION

Ref: 194283

Date: March 17, 2021

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Recommendation:

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Lana Popham, Minister

Date Signed

Contact: Willow Minaker, Director, 778-974-3846, and Arlene Anderson, Director, 778-698-5170

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Appendix A:

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Re: Eapproval 2577/ Cliff 194283 - ALC /Carrier Sekani Treatment Centre

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Sent: March 18, 2021 11:32 AM
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From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX -s.15
To: Giesbrecht, Lisa C IRR:EX
Sent: March 18, 2021 12:19:31 PM PDT

Okay – thank you for the update. I see that Trish is meeting with your MA and our MA at 12:30 – maybe more will come from that meeting.

Thanks!

Charlene

From: Giesbrecht, Lisa C IRR:EX

Sent: March 18, 2021 11:43 AM

To: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX

Subject: RE: Scheduling: Minister Popham / Trish Balcaen re: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR

I sent the email to Trish for advice as is a meeting during this time and has no flexibility in her calendar this week as she is A/DM.

I will get back to you once she emails me back.

Thanks,

Lisa Giesbrecht

A/Executive Administrative Assistant to Trish Balcaen, Assistant Deputy Minister

From: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 18, 2021 9:27 AM

To: Giesbrecht, Lisa C IRR:EX <Lisa.Giesbrecht@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Scheduling: Minister Popham / Trish Balcaen re: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR

Importance: High

Good morning Lisa,

As per below, we are trying to set up a call with Minister Popham, Sam Godfrey, and DM Ethier regarding Carrier Sekani.

MLP is only available tomorrow morning for this call - Is Trish by chance available at 11am? If not I may be able to move some meetings around to accommodate.

Thanks very much!

Charlene

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Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR

Thanks for this.

I'll review that document now and may follow-up afterwards. MLP would like a briefing on this CSFS/ALR issue generally on Friday after 10am if possible – I will leave it to Tom to determine who should be there. Thank you, Sam

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Sam I've also attached our general Carrier Sekani Tribal Council note for your reference.

-James

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Thanks,

-James

James McNish

Senior Ministerial Advisor to Murray Rankin

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Carrier Sekani Note

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As requested 😊

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Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR
Hi Lisa – Yep, there's a BN in the works 😊
Is there any more info on who Sam wants to be on the call?

From: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX <Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: FW: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR
Hi Char,
This is what Sam was referring to, were you able to ask Tom if a BN was in the process?
Thank you,
Lisa

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Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR

Thanks for this.

I'll review that document now and may follow-up afterwards. MLP would like a briefing on this CSFS/ALR issue generally on Friday after 10am if possible – I will leave it to Tom to determine who should be there. Thank you, Sam
Sam Godfrey

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Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR
Thanks Trish that would be great I'll work with Sam to secure some time for us.
Sam I've also attached our general Carrier Sekani Tribal Council note for your reference.
-James

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Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR

Thanks James

Propose that we get together with Sam and Jennifer shortly to discuss.

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Subject: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR

Hey Sam and Trish,

As per our conversations, I wanted to connect you two so that you can have a conversation about the Carrier Sekani. I'm happy to leave the conversation with the two of you but if Lucinda or Anne-Marie want to join I'll leave it open to you folks.

Also Trish do we have a nation profile that we can share with AGRI to help provide them with some more context of the work we've done to date with the CSTC (recognizing that they are different from the Family Services arm)

Thanks,

-James

James McNish

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Key messages for DMC

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Attachments: Key Messages- Carrier-Sekani Treatment Centre.docx

Hi Tom,

Attached are some key messages on Carrier-Sekani for your consideration at DMC tomorrow.

Kind regards, Kelly

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Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
KEY MESSAGES FOR DEPUTY MINISTER COMMITTEE
March 19, 2021

Ref:

Date: March 18, 2021

Issue: Alignment of crown agencies with Government policy priorities

Key Messages:

- **The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) is currently grappling with a decision made by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), an independent administrative tribunal that oversees the agricultural land reserve (ALR).**
- **As has been covered in the news and in question period, the ALC recently declined the Carrier-Sekani Family Services request to build a 60-bed mental health and addiction recovery services facility on ALR land.**
- **This decision raises concerns both in terms of a path forward for Carrier-Sekani, but also on how Government priorities and direction are considered by crown agencies.**
- **While the ALC's decision protected agricultural land from development, it did not consider Government's direction around DRIPA implementation, reconciliation and a response to the mental health and addictions crises.**
- **Nor does the ALC believe it has legislative authority to do so.**
- **I raise this at DMC to hear what successful actions have been taken across government to ensure that crown agencies and independent tribunals contemplate Government priorities and to flag potential challenges we will collectively face as we work towards DRIPA implementation and other reconciliations efforts.**
- **For AFF, I see the Carrier-Sekani case as being one of many that will challenge our decision-making tools and Government direction.**

Background:

- The Carrier-Sekani Family Services (CSFS) is a non-profit that provides holistic wellness services to First Nations in north central B.C.
- The combined population of Carrier-Sekani member First Nations is over 5,000 people with combined territories of approximately 69,600 km². First Nations represent just three percent of the population but 16 percent of the overdose deaths.
- As part of the provincial overdose response and addictions treatment and recovery, the B.C. Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions is working directly with the First Nations Health Authority and has committed \$20M to two new, and six replacement, healing and treatment centres, including the proposal by the CSFS.

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- On February 26, 2021, the ALC released its decision to decline a non-farm use application by the Carrier-Sekani Family Services to build a 60-bed mental health and addiction recovery services facility on the ALR.
- The ALC's reasons for the decision to decline this application focused on: the likely permanent loss of agriculture land should the new buildings be constructed; the potential impact of increasing the value of agricultural properties generally; other site options appear to be available to the applicant; and the construction of 2323 m² facility and 400m² parking lot would further alienate the property from future agriculture, proving it is inconsistent with their mandate.
- Information provided by CSFS in the ALC application indicate that feasibility reviews of several alternative sites were conducted in 2014 and again in 2020.
- The on-reserve options were ruled out due to the complexity and uncertainty that comes with developing reserve land.
- Most other options were ruled out for a range of reasons, leaving three viable options, of which the Tachick Lake property was the preferred.
- The Tachick Lake site is the only site located in the ALR.
- The current owner of the Tachick Lake Lodge has agreed to extend the option for the CSFS to purchase this property to May 5, 2021.

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