

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
BRIEFING NOTE FOR DEPUTY MINISTER FOR INFORMATION

Ref: 193569

Date: January 8, 2021

Title: Quarterly Reporting on LAT Processes, DM2DM Approval Memos, and Joint Policy Work on Land Negotiation Issues

Issue: Quarterly reporting on First Nations land transfers and policy issues will provide a common baseline and understanding and can be used to brief the Minister's Office.

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First Nations Considerations:

The current mandate letter states that all ministries follow the foundational principle of lasting and meaningful reconciliation, and that reconciliation is an ongoing process and shared responsibility. True reconciliation will take time and ongoing commitment to work with Indigenous Peoples as they move toward self-determination. Every ministry must remain focused on creating opportunities for Indigenous Peoples to be full partners in our economy and providing a clear and sustainable path for everyone to work toward lasting reconciliation.

Land selection and considerations of Indigenous uses of that land are a component of reconciliation. Economic interests of FNs can intersect primary production, fish and seafood, and food processing. AFF has advanced work with Fish and Seafood and the Indigenous Agriculture Programs area in Business Development Division. Through the LAT process and joint policy work, AFF can also provide advisory services to FNs who wish to pursue agriculture, food or fish and seafood related economic opportunities and reflect that commitment within resulting treaties or agreements.

Discussion:

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Summary/Action Items:

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Appendix A: Quarterly Reporting Schedule 2021

- January 1-15: BN Preparation
 - January 15: BN to Executive
- April 1-15: BN Preparation
 - April 15: BN to Executive
- July 1-15: BN Preparation
 - July 15: BN to Executive
- October 1-15: BN Preparation
 - October 15: BN to Executive

Appendix B – 2020-11-17 MIRR Lands Dashboard_NRM Agencies (separate PDF document in eApp)

Appendix C: Tsartlip First Nation Purchase in Fee Simple Woodwynn Farm

Tsartlip First Nation

Tsartlip First Nation is located in Brentwood Bay, Saanich Peninsula in the Vancouver Island region. The population is 1,009 members as of December 2020. Tsartlip First Nation is negotiating with the Province outside the BC treaty process.

On December 16, 2020, the BC government entered into a historic agreement with the Tsartlip First Nation. Tsartlip First Nation had purchased the former Woodwynn Farm, a 78-hectare property, from BC Housing through a \$7.7 million grant from the province.

The land is also called Máwueć and had been once used by the Tsartlip First Nation to gather medicines, hunt, fish, farm, and conduct ceremonial practices.

The lands gained (193 acres) are adjacent to the Tsartlip First Nation's sole reserve (196 acres) and nearly doubles the size of its territory.

The Tsartlip First Nation now owns the land, which is part of the ALR, as private property. BC Housing had been leasing the property to a local farmer, who is actively farming hay, grain, and produce. Tsartlip First Nation has extended the lease through to September 2021. Between now and then, the Tsartlip First Nation intends to engage with members and the District of Central Saanich on how best to use the land.

With over 1,000 members, Tsartlip First Nation is the fastest growing First Nation in southern Vancouver Island. They state that they have run out of space to address housing, recreational, and cultural needs and that they are excited to expand their land base.

Potential future issue:

Given their stated concerns over lack of land for housing, could the Nation use the land for residential use? This is incompatible with ALR unless there is farming.

More information:

[BC Government MIRR news release](#)

[Times Colonist article](#)

[CBC news article](#)

From: [Bailey, Reed AGRI:EX](#)
To: [Minaker, Willow AGRI:EX](#); [Fox, Alison AGRI:EX](#); [Bartle, Gregory AGRI:EX](#); [Shaw, Travis AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Strengthening Farming related news clippings
Date: December 23, 2020 9:54:00 AM

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Subject: RE: Strengthening Farming related news clippings

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Subject: RE: Strengthening Farming related news clippings

Hi team,

I did a bit of digging on the sale of the former Woodwynn Farm to the Tsartlip FN and it appears that it was done outside of the Federal FN process meaning that Tsartlip owns the property as a private landowner and not as Federal Reserve lands. **s.13; s.16**

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Subject: Strengthening Farming related news clippings

McLeod - Tranquille development

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Thursday, December 17, 2020, 07:38

By CBC Daybreak Kamloops

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Tsartlip First Nation acquires Woodwynn Farms

Times Colonist (Victoria)

Friday, December 18, 2020

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To: [Wang, Yichuan AGRI:EX](#); [Carmichael, Emily AGRI:EX](#); [Pepper, Doug AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN
Date: January 6, 2021 8:41:00 AM

My pleasure. Feel free to reach out to me in the future if you need any additional perspective on this topic.

Cheers,

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From: Wang, Yichuan AGRI:EX <Yichuan.Wang@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 6, 2021 8:39 AM
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Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN

Hi Reed,

Ah yes, that would make sense!

PS Thank you very much for your helpful response earlier – it was very helpful to us all on our Quarterly Reporting call yesterday.

Have a wonderful day Everyone,
Yichuan

From: Bailey, Reed AGRI:EX <Reed.Bailey@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 6, 2021 8:37 AM
To: Wang, Yichuan AGRI:EX <Yichuan.Wang@gov.bc.ca>; Carmichael, Emily AGRI:EX <Emily.Carmichael@gov.bc.ca>; Pepper, Doug AGRI:EX <Doug.Pepper@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN

Hi all,

Likewise, I'm not sure of the process. [s.13](#); [s.16](#)

Cheers,

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Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN

Hi Emily,

Great question! I don't know the answer. I'll defer to Doug and Reed if they'd like to comment.

Thank you sincerely,
Yichuan

From: Carmichael, Emily AGRI:EX <Emily.Carmichael@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 4, 2021 11:09 AM
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Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN

Hi,

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Emily Carmichael

From: Wang, Yichuan AGRI:EX <Yichuan.Wang@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 4, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Pepper, Doug AGRI:EX <Doug.Pepper@gov.bc.ca>; Bailey, Reed AGRI:EX <Reed.Bailey@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Carmichael, Emily AGRI:EX <Emily.Carmichael@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN

Hi Doug,

Thank you very much for your helpful reply when you're likely swamped on your first day back!

I will let Anna know your response.

Thank you sincerely,
Yichuan

From: Pepper, Doug AGRI:EX <Doug.Pepper@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 4, 2021 10:52 AM

To: Bailey, Reed AGRI:EX <Reed.Bailey@gov.bc.ca>; Wang, Yichuan AGRI:EX <Yichuan.Wang@gov.bc.ca>

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Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN

Happy New Year,

Like Reed, I read about it in the news. I've made no comments on it, nor was I asked to speak about it.

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Thanks

Doug

From: Bailey, Reed AGRI:EX <Reed.Bailey@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: December 23, 2020 9:01 AM

To: Wang, Yichuan AGRI:EX <Yichuan.Wang@gov.bc.ca>; Pepper, Doug AGRI:EX <Doug.Pepper@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN

Hi Yichuan,

Yes, I do recall meeting you in the lunchroom.

With regards to you email below, other than learning about the sale of the former Woodwynn Farm in the news, I have no other knowledge with respect to this situation. Doug is off work until the new year so don't expect a reply from him anytime soon.

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Let me know if you have any more questions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cheers,

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From: Wang, Yichuan AGRI:EX <Yichuan.Wang@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: December 22, 2020 10:23 AM

To: Bailey, Reed AGRI:EX <Reed.Bailey@gov.bc.ca>; Pepper, Doug AGRI:EX <Doug.Pepper@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN

Hi Reed and Doug,

My name is Yichuan and I'm new to our Ministry as of late October (Reed, you may recall meeting briefly in the lunch room).

I'm writing to seek your help with a matter please, thanks to Anna's recommendation.

You may have been aware of the sale of Woodwynn Farm to Tsartlip FN from the news (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/tsartlip-territory-return-1.5850368>; <https://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/tsartlip-first-nation-acquires-traditional-territory-at-woodwynn-farms-1.24257076>).

Anna recommended that I reach out to you both to see if either of you are aware of the sale, and/or commented on it. If so, would you please kindly let me know?

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Thank you for your help in advance. We are meeting on January 5 (IGR, Policy & Legislation) to discuss quarterly reporting. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thank you sincerely,
Yichuan

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Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN
Date: December 23, 2020 9:59:00 AM

I'm glad to hear that my explanation was helpful. Yes, feel free to use the contents of my email however you like.

Cheers!

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Subject: RE: Request to know if aware or commented on - Woodwynn Farm - BC sold to Tsartlip FN

Hi Reed,

Thank you very much for your swift and helpful reply!

Your explanation about your concerns is very helpful for me to learn from. **s.13; s.16**
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Would you be comfortable if I forwarded your email to Anna as an FYI? Alternatively, I'm happy to report these helpful considerations in our meeting verbally instead.

Thank you very much Reed for your kind help and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you too!

Sincerely,
Yichuan

From: Bailey, Reed AGRI:EX <Reed.Bailey@gov.bc.ca>
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From: [Fox, Alison AGRI:EX](#)
To: s.22 [Bartle, Gregory AGRI:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Planning related news clippings
Date: November 15, 2017 9:14:00 AM

Hi s.22

I don't believe we have had any involvement with Woodwynn. I don't think we even received a referral on it, so I think just the ALC has touched it.

Alison

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 8:57 AM
To: Fox, Alison AGRI:EX; Bartle, Gregory AGRI:EX
Subject: Re: Planning related news clippings

Thanks Alison. I hadn't heard that the Woodwynn decision came down - surely causing ripples at my old office! Has this team had any/much involvement in that file?

s.22

On Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 8:47 AM, Fox, Alison AGRI:EX <Alison.Fox@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Housing at Woodwynn Farm a net benefit

Times Colonist (Victoria)

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

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By Brian Holl³

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Most don't want to see development in ALR

The Delta Optimist

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Small step in right direction

Richmond News

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Client / Writer: Emily Litster

Main issues: Exclusion of large property from the ALR

Bullets prepared by: Reed Bailey

Date prepared: 2023-06-13

Date due: 2023-06-19

- The 78 hectare former Woodwynn Farm (the Property) in Central Saanich is wholly within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and was used as a mixed-use farm for approximately 150 years; from the mid-1800s to the early 2000s.
- In July 2018, the B.C. provincial government purchased the Property and on December 16, 2020, the Property was transferred to the Tsartlip First Nation (TFN) whose Federal Indian Reserve (IR) land borders the Property.
- TFN has over 1,000 members and they have publicly stated that they have run out of space on their current reserve to address the housing, recreational and cultural needs of their growing population.

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