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Subject: RE Clips
Date: May 3, 2023 1:08:21 PM

Hi Guy – Please make sure this in the clips package tomorrow.

Please ensure complete coverage on this one – all related A/V files from TNO and external websites that we check everyday. Let's call it redemption for the last T8 clips package

If you're in the office with Kati or Art and have questions, please pop over and ask them now. I'm sure they'd be happy to walk you through anything if you need a refresher.

Might be helpful to start building the morning report now if you have time.

Hope you're having a great day!

From: Engholm, Kaitlyn GCPE:EX <Kaitlyn.Engholm@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: FW: Media Availability: Osborne/Cullen/Rankin/Chingee - McLeod Lake agreement

FYI—media avail transcript from MLIB announcement this AM.

From: tno@gov.bc.ca <tno@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:21 AM
Subject: Media Availability: Osborne/Cullen/Rankin/Chingee - McLeod Lake agreement

Media Availability
Rose Garden
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From: Engholm, Kaitlyn GCPE:EX
To: Hudson, Kimberley GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Additional McLeod Lake Indian Band News Stories
Date: October 17, 2023 9:38:45 AM

From: Paynter, Guy GCPE:EX <Guy.Paynter@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: Additional McLeod Lake Indian Band News Stories

Hi Leanne,

Here is a list of the news outlets that covered the new revenue-sharing & land management deals between the Province and McLeod Lake Indian Band with accompanying links:

[B.C. reaches revenue-sharing, land-management deals with McLeod Lake Indian Band - Toronto Star](#)

[B.C. reaches revenue-sharing, land management deals with McLeod Lake Indian Band - Vancouver Sun](#)

[B.C. reaches revenue-sharing, land-management deals with McLeod Lake Indian Band - CBC News](#)

[McLeod Lake Indian Band reaches development deal with B.C. government - Global News \(A/V\)](#)

[McLeod Lake Indian Band, Province sign agreements to protect treaty rights - CKPG Today](#)

[McLeod Lake Indian Band Reaches New Land Management Agreements with BC - CFNR News](#)

[McLeod Lake Indian Band, BC Government sign agreements to protect treaty rights - My Prince George Now](#)

[B.C. reaches revenue-sharing, land-management deals with McLeod Lake Indian Band - Castanet](#)

[B.C. First Nation reaches revenue-sharing, land-management deals with province - CTV News](#)

[B.C. reaches revenue-sharing, land-management deals with McLeod Lake Indian Band - Alaska Highway News](#)

[B.C. reaches revenue sharing, land management deals with McLeod Lake Indian Band - Global News](#)

Please note that some of these stories were already included in today's clips.

All the best,

Guy



**Speaking Notes
for**

**Hon. Murray Rankin
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation**

**McLeod Lake Indian Band—Treaty 8 Nations Consensus
Document Signing Announcement**

Event

**B.C. Legislature – Rose Garden
Backup Location: Press Theatre**

Wednesday, May 03, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Prebrief — 8:45 a.m.

Speaking Time: (3 min)

Words: 319

Information for Minister

Event:

- Minister Rankin has been invited to participate in an announcement with McLeod Lake Indian Band and B.C. on the signing of a Consensus Agreement that demonstrates a joint commitment to address cumulative effects in McLeod Lake Indian Band's Claim Area, and includes measures that honour the treaty, shared decision-making, restoration of the land and advancing reconciliation and healing in the territory.
- The consensus agreement is related to the Blueberry River First Nations agreement and four other Treaty 8 First Nations' agreements that were signed in January 2023 to address the cumulative effects of industrial development in their respective territories and follows the B.C. Supreme Court's Yahey decision in 2021 which found that the Province infringed on Blueberry River First Nations' treaty rights.
- Minister Rankin has been asked to provide remarks at the in-person event.
- Other participants:
 - Josie Osborne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (Event Emcee TBD)
 - Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship
 - Chief Harley Chingee – McLeod Lake Indian Band
- Other B.C. Ministers have also been invited to attend:
 - Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests
 - George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Event contact:

- Katie Wrona, 250 213-1817

Format: Minister Josie Osborne will emcee the event TBD; Minister Cullen, Minister Rankin and Chief Harley Chingee of McLeod Lake Indian Band will be in attendance and provide remarks. News release to be published during event TBC. A media avail will follow.

Key participants:

- Josie Osborne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (Event Emcee)
- Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship
- Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Chief Harley Chingee, McLeod Lake Indian Band

Media:

- Yes, media are invited.
- Media can dial in and ask questions during Q&A. Media questions will be moderated.

Audience:

- Includes a primary audience of local media outlets (press gallery) as well as media and participants that covered the preceding Blueberry River First Nations announcement, influential organizations or individuals in the natural resource development sector in B.C. including:
 - Leaders in First Nations communities, government, and the resource sector
 - Local government leaders (Northeastern B.C.)

- Everyone interested in B.C. natural resource development
- Provincial media outlets

What does audience want to hear?

- As a result of the Yahey court decision, McLeod Lake Indian Band and the Province have worked intensely to co-develop an interim approach to address cumulative effects, restoration of the land and how to evolve the planning and management of lands and resources together.
- Honouring Treaty 8 is a critical part of B.C.'s work to advance reconciliation and meet the expectations of the court in the Yahey Decision.
- With agreements signed, we now have much work to do together with McLeod Lake to advance these initiatives that will lead to governing natural resource sector activities differently.
- The Province will continue engaging residents in the region to ensure a clear and consistent flow of information and continue reinforcing our commitment to broader regional communication.

Speech theme:

- The Province has the duty to uphold solemn promises made to Treaty 8 peoples and ensure all Treaty 8 beneficiaries have the ability to meaningfully practice their treaty rights. The signing of the consensus document with McLeod Lake Indian Band is a step forward together to advance shared commitments.

Agenda

Time	Details
Summary	Location Address: Rose Garden OR Press Theatre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Brief Room: Hemlock Room
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9:08 AM	Minister Cullen provides remarks (3 mins)
9:11 AM	Minister Osborne returns to podium, introduces Murray Rankin, K.C., Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (1 min)
9:12 AM	Minister Rankin provides remarks (3 mins)
9:16 AM	Minister Osborne returns to podium, closes event and opens Media QA (2 mins)
9:17 AM	Media Q&A moderated by Tracy Amade (10 mins)
9:27 AM	Photo Op
9:30 AM	Event Concludes

Key Messages

- **B.C. and McLeod Lake Indian Band have signed two new agreements outlining a path forward for co-management and stewardship of the land and natural resources in the Nation's territory.**
- **This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations.**
- **The agreements will bring new opportunities to McLeod Lake Indian Band including:**
 - **Greater revenue sharing**
 - **New funding for restoration activities**
 - **Renewed focus to discuss wildlife management, licensed hunting and enhanced land management measures in areas of cultural importance to McLeod Lake**
 - **A shared stewardship forum with other Treaty 8 Nations and the Province to address cumulative effects.**
- **Together with Chief Chingee and McLeod Lake Indian Band, we will make shared decisions on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone.**

(Minister Osborne, Emcee TBD, invites Minister Rankin to speak...)

Speech

- Good morning and thanks for inviting me to participate in this announcement.
- I'd like to thank my fellow speakers here with us today.
- As you have heard from Minister Cullen and Chief Chingee...
- B.C. and McLeod Lake Indian Band have been collaborating on a path forward...
- ...and have co-developed and signed two new agreements for how to evolve the co-

management of lands and resources on the Nation's territory.

- This work is about advancing our treaty relationship together.

[PAUSE]

- The workplan and revenue sharing agreement developed with McLeod Lake mirror the agreements signed in January with Blueberry River First Nations and other Treaty 8 Nations....
- ...and provides a pathway for McLeod Lake in
 - Land use planning
 - Wildlife management, and

- Restoration activities in the South Peace region.

[PAUSE]

- Making shared decisions on the land will address the cumulative impacts of industrial development and ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights...
- ...while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone.

[PAUSE]

- These agreements commit our governments together, the Province of British Columbia and McLeod Lake Indian Band...

- ...to bring collective solutions forward to benefit all those living in the northeast region of B.C.

[PAUSE]

- Reconciliation work is hard.
- Through the leadership of Chief Chingee and McLeod Lake...
- Our teams worked hard and arrived at an agreement that will show we can and will be partners to better the lives of all communities in northeast B.C...
- To be better caretakers of the land and resources together.

[PAUSE]

- Make no mistake, we recognize there is a lot of work to do together that lies ahead of us.
- We are committed to working with McLeod Lake and in a respectful and thoughtful way as we move forward together.
- It will take the best in all of us. And that change is already well underway.
- Today, we are seeing real and meaningful progress.
- Thank you.

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NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

McLeod Lake Indian Band, Province sign agreements to protect treaty rights

VICTORIA – The Province of B.C. and McLeod Lake Indian Band have reached new agreements outlining how co-management and stewardship of the land and natural resources in the Nation's territory will evolve.

"These agreements prioritize sustainability, fair distribution of benefits and Treaty Rights," said Chief Harley Chingee, McLeod Lake Indian Band. "Not only will they benefit our present members, but they also ensure that future generations will inherit more prosperous and healthy land. We are committed to working collaboratively with Treaty 8 Nations and the Government of B.C."

A letter of agreement and a revenue-sharing agreement were signed to guide joint work on assessing and managing the impacts of industrial development and creating a shared path forward for healing and restoring the land, while providing certainty to industry partners working with Nations in their territories.

"This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations," said Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. "Together with Chief Chingee and McLeod Lake Indian Band, we will make shared decisions on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their Treaty Rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone."

The agreements will bring new opportunities, including:

- a new revenue-sharing approach to support the priorities of McLeod Lake Indian Band;
- a multi-year shared restoration fund to help heal the land through restoration activities selected by the Nation;
- a new approach to wildlife co-management that promotes improved shared understanding and management of wildlife in areas of cultural importance to McLeod Lake;
- new land-use plans and protection measures;
- pilot projects to advance shared decision-making for planning and stewardship activities with other Treaty 8 Nations and the Province to address cumulative effects; and
- actions to promote education about Treaty 8 through collaborative promotion, anti-racism training and awareness building.

In January 2023, B.C. and four other Treaty 8 Nations signed similar agreements on a collaborative approach to land and resource planning, and to advance regional solutions to benefit everyone living in northeastern B.C. and Treaty 8 territory. The agreements follow a June 2021 B.C. Supreme Court ruling that determined that the constitutionally protected Treaty

8 rights of the Blueberry River First Nations were breached by the cumulative impacts of industrial development authorized by successive provincial governments over many years.

Quotes:

Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation –

“This work is about advancing our treaty relationship together. Through government-to-government collaboration and shared decision-making on the land, we will address the cumulative impacts of industrial development and bring forward collective solutions to benefit all those living in the northeast region of B.C.”

Josie Osborne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation –

“These agreements set up a new way for the Province of British Columbia and the McLeod Lake Indian Band to work together based on ongoing relationships, not one-off transactions. They set a collaborative table for both parties to discuss interests in revenue sharing, healing the land, development activities, economic opportunities and protection of Treaty Rights. This is the way of the future for natural-resource development in B.C. and for ongoing relationship-building with First Nations, and it will build greater predictability and stability across the landscape for British Columbians and industry.”

Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests –

“Agreements like this solidify our commitment to ensuring First Nations are partners in determining how resources on their territory are managed. Hearing from the people who live on this land is one of the best ways we can collaborate on the best stewardship practices for the region. The McLeod Lake Indian Band continues to be an important partner in the forestry sector as we work to protect Nations’ traditional rights.”

George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy –

“These agreements demonstrate how reconciliation, economic development and climate action can go forward hand-in-hand in our province. These agreements allow us to work together supporting industrial development in an environmentally responsible way. This will also mean substantial positive economic benefits and jobs for the McLeod Lake Indian Band.”

Quick Facts:

- McLeod Lake Indian Band adhered to Treaty 8 in 1999 and this was legally confirmed in 2000 with the McLeod Lake Indian Band Treaty No. 8 Adhesion and Settlement Agreement Act:
https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/00008_01
- Other Treaty 8 Nations that signed agreements with the Province in January 2023 include: Blueberry River, Fort Nelson, Saulteau, Halfway River and Doig River First Nations.

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EMCEE SPEAKING POINTS FOR
Hon. Josie Osborne
Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

McLeod Lake Indian Band Agreements

Wednesday, May 3, 2023
9 a.m.

Premier's Rose Garden
BC Legislature

Event contact on site:
Katie Wrona, Events co-ordinator
250 213-1817

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Event: Announcement of the signing of agreements between the Province and McLeod Lake Indian Band (MLIB)

Time: Event starts at 9 a.m., with pre-brief at 8:45 a.m.

Length of speech: approx. 2 minutes or less

Location: Premier's Rose Garden, BC Legislature

Parking: N/A

Contact: GCPE Events: Katie Wrona, Events co-ordinator 250 213-1817
GCPE WLRS: Sean Leslie, director 250 893-4403
GCPE WLRS: Katie Norris, public affairs officer 250 896-7365

Logistics: Podium

Dress Code: Business

Key participants:

- **Josie Osborne**, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, *emcee*,
- **Chief Harley Chingee**, McLeod Lake Indian Band, *speaker*
- **Nathan Cullen**, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, *speaker*
- **Murray Rankin, K.C.**, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, *speaker*

Audience:

- **Chief Harley Chingee**, *MLIB*
- **Youth Councillor Jayde Chingee**, *MLIB*
- **Morgan Kennah**, Executive Lead, Cumulative Effects NRS Solutions, *Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship*
- **Jen Psyllakis**, Executive Director, Species at Risk Recovery, *Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship*
- **Laurel Nash**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection Division, *Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy*
- **Michelle Carr**, CEO and Commissioner, *BC Energy Regulator*
- **Media**

Key Messages:

- The Province of B.C. and McLeod Lake Indian Band have signed two new agreements outlining a path forward for co-management and stewardship of the land and natural resources in the Nation's traditional territory.
- This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations.
- The agreements will bring new opportunities including:
 - A new revenue-sharing approach to support the priorities of McLeod Lake Indian Band,

- A multi-year, shared restoration fund to help heal the land through restoration activities selected by the Nation,
- A new approach to wildlife co-management that promotes improved shared understanding and management of wildlife in areas of cultural importance to McLeod Lake,
- New land-use plans and protection measures,
- Pilot projects to advance shared decision-making for planning and stewardship activities with other Treaty 8 Nations and the Province to address cumulative effects and
- Actions to promote education about Treaty 8 through collaborative promotion, anti-racism training and awareness building.
- Together with Chief Chingee and McLeod Lake Indian Band, we will make shared decisions on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone

INTRODUCTION

Hello everyone!

I'm Josie Osborne, Minister for Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

It's great to be here with you all today. I would like to start by acknowledging that we're gathered on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen People, who are now known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

I'm pleased to be joined by members of the McLeod Lake Indian Band, my colleagues from the Ministries of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and staff.

What a beautiful day for us to come together to recognize and celebrate this important step forward for shared decision-making on the co-management and stewardship of the land and natural resources in McLeod Lake's traditional territory.

[PAUSE]

Speaking today will be Chief Harley Chingee of McLeod Lake Indian Band.

Chief Chingee – it's wonderful to see you. It's a privilege for us to have you come speak to us today in Victoria. I look forward to hearing your remarks.

Also speaking today will be my colleagues, Nathan Cullen, Minister for Land, Water and Resource Stewardship and Murray Rankin, Minister for Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

But first, it is my honour to welcome up Chief Harley Chingee of McLeod Lake Indian Band.

[Chief Chingee provides remarks]

Thank you, Chief Chingee for starting us off in a good way.

I would now like to invite my colleague, Nathan Cullen, Minister for Water, Land and Resource Stewardship to speak.

[Minister Cullen delivers remarks]

Thank you, Minister.

[PAUSE]

Our last speaker is my colleague, Murray Rankin, Minister for Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

[Minister Rankin delivers remarks]

Thank you, Minister.

CONCLUSION

I would like to conclude by thanking you all for being here with us today.

It's an honour and a privilege to celebrate these landmark agreements together as we continue to make shared decisions on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone.

I would now like to give people the opportunity to ask questions. I know we have media present today *[only say if true]* and possibly some media on the line as well. As usual, we will have time for one question, and one follow-up and I'll be turning things

over to the Events Team to lead us through that portion of the agenda following a quick group photo.

Please note, that due to time constraints, we kindly ask that you arrange for further follow-up questions or interviews through the appropriate contact listed on the news release.

If I could ask all the participants to now, please join me at the podium for a picture.

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SPEAKING POINTS FOR
Hon. Nathan Cullen
Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

McLeod Lake Indian Band Agreement Signing

Wednesday, May 3, 2023
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Premier's Rose Garden at the Legislature
(back-up location: Press Theatre)

Event contact on site:
Katie Wrona, Events Coordinator
250-213-1817

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Event: Celebration of Agreement Signing

Time: Event starts at...9 a.m. **(TBD)**
Minister speaks at...9:10 a.m. **(TBD)**

Length of speech: 2-3 minutes

Location: Premier's Rose Garden

Parking: N/A

Contact: **Katie Norris**, *Public Affairs Officer*, WLRS, 250-896-7365
Bronte Prosser, *Strategy Advisor*, Prairie Sky Strategy (MLIB), 306-270-7405

Logistics: A podium will be on-site for speaking

Dress Code: Business

Background: This event is to celebrate the signing of two agreements with McLeod Lake Indian Band.

Key participants:

- **Josie Osborne**, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, *emcee*, **TBD**
- **Chief Harley Chingee**, *speaker*
- **Nathan Cullen**, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, *speaker*
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What does the audience want to hear:

(This should be **clear direction from 'right' person** who knows at the organization)

- What is being signed.
- What this means for MLIB.
- What this means for British Columbians.

Key Messages:

- The Province of B.C. and McLeod Lake Indian Band have signed two new agreements outlining a path forward for co-management and stewardship of the land and natural resources in the Nation's traditional territory.
- This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations.
- The agreements will bring new opportunities to McLeod Lake Indian Band including:
 - greater revenue sharing,
 - new funding for restoration activities,
 - renewed focus to discuss wildlife management, licenced hunting and enhanced land management measures in areas of cultural importance to McLeod Lake,
 - a shared stewardship forum with other Treaty 8 Nations and the Province to address cumulative effects.
- Together with Chief Chingee and McLeod Lake Indian Band, we will make shared decisions on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone

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9:25 AM	Photo Op
9:27 AM	Event Concludes

INTRODUCTION

Thank you, Minister Osborne for the warm introduction.

Good morning, everyone.

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen People, today known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

SPEAKING POINTS

It's a pleasure to be joined here today by Chief Harley Chingee. Thank you for the impactful remarks. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Youth Councillor Jayde Chingee who is also joining us from McLeod Lake Indian Band.

[PAUSE]

After months of working together through negotiation and cooperation, we've reached two new agreements. These agreements outline what co-management and stewardship of land and natural resources in McLeod Lake territory will look like.

It's about moving from a one-off transactional approach to one of progressive relationship building, and shared-decision-making on the land and its resources.

These two agreements – one setting out our shared objectives and workplan, and a revenue sharing agreement will guide our joint work forward.

[PAUSE]

Together, we will:

- Assess and manage for the cumulative impacts of industrial development,
- Better ensure McLeod Lake members can practice their treaty rights,
- Provide certainty for industry partners working with McLeod Lake in their traditional territory, and
- Create a shared path forward for healing and restoring the land.

This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations and ensuring all Nation members' treaty rights are protected.

These agreements will bring new economic opportunities to McLeod Lake Indian Band including:

- Greater revenue sharing from oil and gas royalties,
- New funding for restoration activities, as decided on by the Nation, to support healing, and to be administered through a new, Treaty 8 restoration fund,
- A renewed focus to discuss wildlife management, licenced hunting and enhanced land management measures in areas of cultural importance to McLeod Lake; and
- A shared stewardship forum with other Treaty 8 Nations and the Province to address cumulative effects.

CONCLUSION

Once again, I would like to thank Chief Chingee and all other members of the McLeod Lake Indian Band for their hard work on making these agreements possible. Together, we will make shared decisions on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone.

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BULLET NOTE

DATE: March 30, 2023

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation
Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests
Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship
Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategies

REGARDING: Signing Letters of Agreement and Revenue Sharing Agreements with Prophet River First Nation, West Moberly First Nations and McLeod Lake Indian Band.

KEY FACTS:

- In March of 2022 the Province and six Treaty 8 First Nations (T8FN) co-developed a “Consensus Document” which described a series of commitments, to:
 - Manage past cumulative effects of development through restoration planning and funding, and new decision-making processes and tools;
 - Co-manage wildlife with a focus on moose and caribou and reductions in hunting opportunity;
 - Advance land use planning in the short term and long term;
 - Provide greater oil and gas revenue sharing and negotiate a new fiscal relationship; and
 - Improve local and provincial understanding through Honouring the Treaty education initiatives.
- In January 2023, the Province signed Letters of Agreement (LOA's) and Revenue Sharing Agreements (RSA's) with Saulteau, Doig River, Halfway River and Fort Nelson First Nations.
- The January LOA's commit the four T8FNs and the Province to implement the Consensus Document. Each LOA is centrally consistent but tailored to the unique interests of the signatory First Nation.
- The RSA's commit to a 2-year revenue sharing that pays a 1/8th share of 10% of oil and gas royalties, prorated in part by T8FN population. During this two-year period the signatories agree to not pursue cumulative effects litigation while advancing on the Consensus Document commitments. All RSA's are similar in content and have the same revenue sharing model.
- Blueberry River First Nations and BC signed their own Implementation Agreement and are not currently a party to the Consensus Document, or to a revenue sharing agreement. However, Blueberry River has the option to opt into the T8FN RSA model next fiscal year.
- Three T8FNs were not prepared to sign agreements in January. Since then, provincial negotiators have developed LOA's and RSA's that are consistent with the content of the previously signed LOA's and RSA's, and that are responsive to the unique interests of Prophet River, West Moberly First Nations and McLeod Lake Indian Band.
- West Moberly's RSA satisfies the revenue sharing commitments under the previously signed Site C Umbrella Agreement.
- McLeod Lake's LOA references a “Workplan” developed by the Province and McLeod Lake in 2022. The Workplan mirrors the Consensus Document and provides a pathway for McLeod Lake to join with the other T8FN in land use planning, wildlife management and restoration activities in the South Peace.

- Each RSA will be signed only by Minister Rankin by March 31, 2023.
- Each LOA will be signed starting with Minister Rankin by March 31, 2023 and then by the other four Ministers as soon as practicable. A multi-minister briefing will be scheduled by WLRS for the week of April 3, 2023.
- A communications strategy is being developed by WLRS and IRR GCPE to plan announcements of the agreements.

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From: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX (Sonia.Lowe@gov.bc.ca)
To: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX (Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: RE: MLIB
Sent: 05/03/2023 21:30:37
Message Body:

Thanks!

From: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 2:30 PM
To: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX <Sonia.Lowe@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: MLIB

Sure did!

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Subject: FW: MLIB

Sean, did this event happen today or was it pushed back?

From: Venn, Tania GCPE:EX <Tania.Venn@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 11:42 AM
To: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX <Leanne.Ritchie@gov.bc.ca>; Corns, Paul GCPE:EX <Paul.1.Corns@gov.bc.ca>; Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX <Sonia.Lowe@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca>; Norris, Katie GCPE:EX <Katie.Norris@gov.bc.ca>; Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.Hynes@gov.bc.ca>; Borghese, Matthew GCPE:EX <Matthew.Borghese@gov.bc.ca>; Pierson, Nova GCPE:EX <Nova.Pierson@gov.bc.ca>; Binder, Stephen GCPE:EX <Stephen.Binder@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: MLIB

Thanks Sean. Will talk to MO about this. And that's the last one, phew!

From: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 10:57 AM
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Hi all, we are planning an event at the legislature next Wednesday, May 3rd with the McLeod Lake Indian Band to announce their signing of a letter of agreement re: the Treaty 8 Consensus Agreement. [WLRS-113073](#) in the CC.

Time is 930a, TBC.

We're aiming to keep this tight. Our DM proposes speaking roles only for Ministers Cullen and Rankin, and Chief Chingee. However, she suggests Ministers Ralston, Heyman and Osborne also be invited. So, just want to get this on your radar. Might be tough as there is cabinet that morning.

Leanne do you mind checking with your MO to see if MMR would be available to speak?
Many thanks all!

Sean Leslie

Communications Director

Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

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Stewardship

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Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: NR on McLeod Lake Indian Band Agreements Announcement
Sent: 05/03/2023 00:08:46
Attachments: NR BG_WLRS_McLeod Lake_1May2023_draft_430pm_MMR quote approved.docx, image001.png
Message Body:

Approved quote:

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Leanne

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Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 5:00 PM
To: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX <Leanne.Ritchie@gov.bc.ca>; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>
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Thanks, Leanne!

Katie Norris

Public Affairs Officer, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and Fisheries

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I have texted MO !

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Hi MIRR,

I'm sorry to poke you. Just a gentle reminder about this request. Have you heard back from your MO?

Thanks,

Katie Norris

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Hi team MIRR, just checking if MMR has approved the quote below for the attached release – it's with the Editors now but we can let them know either way.

Thanks!

Sean

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Hello Editors,

The attached NR is ready for your review.

Corp Cal Number: WLRS-113073

Distribution list: Province-wide

Time/Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 9:15 a.m.

Thanks,

Katie Norris (she/her)

Public Affairs Officer, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and Fisheries

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Subject: RE: Information request - McLeod Lake event - ministry attendees - 01 May 23
Sent: 05/02/2023 23:22:39
Message Body:

Hi Glen,

Here's an updated list, as I understand it, for provincial reps attending tomorrow:

FOR:

- Mike Hykaway
- Eamon O'Donoghue
- Rick Manwaring (unsure)

MIRR:

- Tom McCarthy
- Dale Morgan

WLRS:

- Minister Cullen
- Morgan Kennah
- Jen Psyllakis (for David/James C)

EMLI:

- Minister Osborne (maybe)
- Simon Coley (unsure)

ENV:

- Laurel Nash

BCER:

- Michelle Carr

From: Kennah, Morgan WLRS:EX
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Glen,

Here's an interim update with planned attendees for part of the ministries/agencies involved:

WLRS:

- Minister Cullen
- Lori Halls
- Morgan Kennah
- Jen Psyllakis (for David/James C)

ENV:

- Laurel Nash

BCER:

- Michelle Carr

Cheers,

Morgan

From: Kennah, Morgan WLRS:EX
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Subject: RE: Information request - McLeod Lake event - ministry attendees - 01 May 23

Hi Glen,

I'll work on getting something on this by tomorrow, for the five ministries and the BCER who are all

part of the agreement.

Cheers,

Morgan

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Importance: High

Hi Morgan,

Are you able to provide a list of ministry staff (WLRS/MIRR) who will want to attend Wednesday's signing event at the legislature?

Thanks,

Glen

Glen Plummer

Communications Manager

Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

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SPEAKING POINTS FOR
Hon. Nathan Cullen
Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

McLeod Lake Indian Band Agreement Signing

Wednesday, May 3, 2023
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Premier's Rose Garden at the Legislature
(back-up location: Press Theatre)

Event contact on site:
Katie Wrona, Events Coordinator
250-213-1817

Please check against delivery, this is not a transcript

Event: Celebration of Agreement Signing

Time: Event starts at...9 a.m. **(TBD)**
Minister speaks at...9:10 a.m. **(TBD)**

Length of speech: 2-3 minutes

Location: Premier's Rose Garden

Parking: N/A

Contact: **Katie Norris**, *Public Affairs Officer*, WLRS, 250-896-7365
Bronte Prosser, *Strategy Advisor*, Prairie Sky Strategy (MLIB), 306-270-7405

Logistics: A podium will be on-site for speaking

Dress Code: Business

Background: This event is to celebrate the signing of two agreements with McLeod Lake Indian Band.

Key participants:

- **Josie Osborne**, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, *emcee*, **TBD**
- **Chief Harley Chingee**, *speaker*
- **Nathan Cullen**, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, *speaker*
- **Murray Rankin, K.C.**, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, *speaker*

Audience:

- **Chief Harley Chingee**, *MLIB*
- **Youth Councillor Jayde Chingee**, *MLIB*
- **Morgan Kennah**, Executive Lead, Cumulative Effects NRS Solutions, *Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship*
- **Jen Psyllakis**, Executive Director, Species at Risk Recovery, *Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship*
- **Laurel Nash**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection Division, *Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy*
- **Michelle Carr**, CEO and Commissioner, *BC Energy Regulator*

What does the audience want to hear:

(This should be **clear direction from 'right' person** who knows at the organization)

- What is being signed.
- What this means for MLIB.
- What this means for British Columbians.

Key Messages:

- The Province of B.C. and McLeod Lake Indian Band have signed two new agreements outlining a path forward for co-management and stewardship of the land and natural resources in the Nation's traditional territory.
- This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations.
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Agenda (TBC)

Time	Details
Summary	Location Address: Rose Garden OR Press Theatre <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Brief Room: Hemlock Room
Key Contacts	Event Manager: Katie Wrona 250-213-1817 Public Affairs Officer: Katie Norris 250 896-7365
Pre-Event Overview	
7:00 AM	Arrival of SW (A/V company) for Setup
7:00 AM	Arrival of GCPE Staff
8:45 AM	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Katie Wrona in Hemlock Room <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship• Chief Harley Chingee – McLeod Lake Indian Band• Josie Osborne, MC, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (TBD)
8:57 AM	Speakers are led to event by Katie and are positioned at podium
9:00 AM EVENT BEGINS	
9:00 AM	Minister Osborne opens event, introduces Chief Harley Chingee of the McLeod Lake Indian Band (2 mins)
9:02 AM	Chief Harley Chingee provides remarks (5 mins)

9:07 AM	Minister Osborne returns to podium, introduces Nathan Cullen , Minister of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship <i>(1 min)</i>
9:08 AM	Minister Cullen provides remarks <i>(3 mins)</i>
9:13 AM	Minister Osborne returns to podium, closes event and opens Media QA <i>(2 mins)</i>
9:15 AM	Media Q&A moderated by Tracy Amande <i>(10 mins)</i>
9:25 AM	Photo Op
9:27 AM	Event Concludes

INTRODUCTION

Thank you, Minister Osborne for the warm introduction.

Good morning, everyone.

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen People, today known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

SPEAKING POINTS

It's a pleasure to be joined here today by Chief Harley Chingee. Thank you Chief, for your impactful remarks. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to McLeod Lake Indian Band Youth Councillor Jayde Chingee - my colleagues and I are grateful to have

you as a representative of the next generation with us here today.

[PAUSE]

After months of working together through negotiation and cooperation, we've reached two new agreements. These agreements outline what co-management and stewardship of land and natural resources in McLeod Lake territory will look like.

It's about moving from a one-off transactional approach to one of proactive relationship building, shared-decision-making on the land, and co-management of its resources.

These two agreements – one setting out our shared objectives and workplan, and one a revenue sharing agreement – will guide our joint work going forward.

[PAUSE]

Together, we will:

- Assess and manage for the cumulative impacts of industrial development,
- Better ensure McLeod Lake members can practice their treaty rights,
- Provide certainty for industry partners working with McLeod Lake in their traditional territory, and
- Create a shared path forward for healing and restoring the land.

This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations and ensuring all Nation members' treaty rights are protected.

These agreements will bring new economic opportunities to McLeod Lake Indian Band including:

- A new revenue-sharing approach to support the priorities of McLeod Lake Indian Band,
- A multi-year, shared restoration fund to help heal the land through restoration activities selected by the Nation,
- A new approach to wildlife co-management that promotes improved shared understanding and management of wildlife in areas of cultural importance to McLeod Lake; and
- Shared decision-making for planning and stewardship activities with other Treaty 8

Nations and the Province to address cumulative effects.

CONCLUSION

Once again, I would like to thank Chief Chingee and all other members of the McLeod Lake Indian Band for their hard work which has made these agreements possible. Together, we will support shared decisions on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone.

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Cc: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX (Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: RE: Information request - MJO Emcee notes for McLeod Lake Indian Band announcement - 02 May 23
Sent: 05/02/2023 18:00:32
Message Body:

Thanks, yes I think that's the case. She'll be there.

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Cc: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Information request - MJO Emcee notes for McLeod Lake Indian Band announcement - 02 May 23

Yes, I will do that in the future. s.12; s.13; s.16
s.12; s.13; s.16

Katie Norris

Public Affairs Officer, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and Fisheries

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Cc: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Information request - MJO Emcee notes for McLeod Lake Indian Band announcement - 02 May 23

Hi Katie,

No, I didn't see that tacked on at the end.

I've just chatted with my MO and they still haven't figured out how to cover her tomorrow so she

can even attend. Don Bain is going back and forth with cab ops to find replacements for her other meetings and such, so I'm sure it will work out.

Can you please reach out to Nova and copy me or phone one of us directly if it's an important thing like this?

Thank you,

Tania

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Subject: RE: Information request - MJO Emcee notes for McLeod Lake Indian Band announcement - 02 May 23

Hi Tania,

I'm sorry, I thought I had brought it to your attention in the attached email on Friday. I should've reminded you. That's my bad.

Katie Norris

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Subject: RE: Information request - MJO Emcee notes for McLeod Lake Indian Band announcement - 02 May 23

Hi Glen,

This is the first I've heard of this. s.22

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I'll check whether it's Evan or Siobhan accompanying the Minister.

Tania

From: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 10:07 AM

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Subject: Information request - MJO Emcee notes for McLeod Lake Indian Band announcement - 02 May 23

Importance: High

Hi Tania,

Just confirming your team are drafting emcee notes for MJO for tomorrow's 9 a.m. announcement?

Also, could you please let us know who from EMLI MO will be attending?

Thanks,

Glen

Glen Plummer

Communications Manager

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Cc: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX (Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca); Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX (Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca); Leinweber, Rachelle R WLRS:EX (Rachelle.Leinweber@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: SNs on McLeod Lake Indian Band Announcement
Sent: 05/02/2023 17:22:04
Attachments: image001.png
Message Body:

Thank you, Monica! I appreciate the edits on the land acknowledgement, and I will keep them in mind when writing future land acknowledgements.

Cheers,

Katie Norris

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Cc: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>; Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca>; Leinweber, Rachelle R WLRS:EX <Rachelle.Leinweber@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: SNs on McLeod Lake Indian Band Announcement

Attached are some minor edits (and probably not mandatory) to the territorial acknowledgement.

I confirmed with the negotiating team on some language referring to the agreements (that I wondered about) and they are fine with it. On behalf of Colin I can approve (but recognize that he will be back at work in the am).

Monica.

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Subject: FOR REVIEW: SNs on McLeod Lake Indian Band Announcement

Importance: High

Hi Monica,

I understand Colin is away today. Can you review the attached SNs for MNC for the agreement announcement on Wednesday in his stead?

Thanks,

Katie Norris (she/her)

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I respectfully acknowledge that I work and reside in the traditional territories of the ləkʷəʔən peoples.



SPEAKING POINTS FOR
Hon. Nathan Cullen
Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

McLeod Lake Indian Band Agreement Signing

Wednesday, May 3, 2023
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Premier's Rose Garden at the Legislature
(back-up location: Press Theatre)

Event contact on site:
Katie Wrona, Events Coordinator
250-213-1817

Please check against delivery, this is not a transcript

Event: Celebration of Agreement Signing

Time: Event starts at...9 a.m. **(TBD)**
Minister speaks at...9:10 a.m. **(TBD)**

Length of speech: 2-3 minutes

Location: Premier's Rose Garden

Parking: N/A

Contact: **Katie Norris**, *Public Affairs Officer*, WLRS, 250-896-7365
Bronte Prosser, *Strategy Advisor*, Prairie Sky Strategy (MLIB), 306-270-7405

Logistics: A podium will be on-site for speaking

Dress Code: Business

Background: This event is to celebrate the signing of two agreements with McLeod Lake Indian Band.

Key participants:

- Josie Osborne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, *emcee*, **TBD**
- Chief Harley Chingee, *speaker*
- Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, *speaker*

Audience:

- **Chief Harley Chingee**, *MLIB*
- **Youth Councillor Jayde Chingee**, *MLIB*
- **Lori Halls**, Deputy Minister, *Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship*
- **Morgan Kennah**, Executive Lead, Cumulative Effects NRS Solutions, *Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship*
- **Jen Psyllakis**, Executive Director, Species at Risk Recovery, *Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship*
- **Laurel Nash**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection Division, *Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy*
- **Michelle Carr**, CEO and Commissioner, *BC Energy Regulator*

What does the audience want to hear:

(This should be **clear direction from 'right' person** who knows at the organization)

- What is being signed.
- What this means for MLIB.
- What this means for British Columbians.

Key Messages:

- The Province of B.C. and McLeod Lake Indian Band have signed two new agreements outlining a path forward for co-management and stewardship of the land and natural resources in the Nation's traditional territory.
- This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations.
- The agreements will bring new opportunities to McLeod Lake Indian Band including:
 - greater revenue sharing,
 - new funding for restoration activities,
 - renewed focus to discuss wildlife management, licenced hunting and enhanced land management measures in areas of cultural importance to McLeod Lake,
 - a shared stewardship forum with other Treaty 8 Nations and the Province to address cumulative effects.
- Together with Chief Chingee and McLeod Lake Indian Band, we will make shared decisions on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone

Agenda (TBC)

Time	Details
Summary	Location Address: Rose Garden OR Press Theatre <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Brief Room: Hemlock Room
Key Contacts	Event Manager: Katie Wrona 250-213-1817 Public Affairs Officer: Katie Norris 250 896-7365
Pre-Event Overview	
7:00 AM	Arrival of SW (A/V company) for Setup
7:00 AM	Arrival of GCPE Staff
8:45 AM	Pre-brief with speakers, led by Katie Wrona in Hemlock Room <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship• Chief Harley Chingee – McLeod Lake Indian Band• Josie Osborne, MC, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (TBD)
8:57 AM	Speakers are led to event by Katie and are positioned at podium
9:00 AM EVENT BEGINS	
9:00 AM	Minister Osborne opens event, introduces Chief Harley Chingee of the McLeod Lake Indian Band (2 mins)
9:02 AM	Chief Harley Chingee provides remarks (5 mins)

9:07 AM	Minister Osborne returns to podium, introduces Nathan Cullen , Minister of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship <i>(1 min)</i>
9:08 AM	Minister Cullen provides remarks <i>(5 mins max)</i>
9:13 AM	Minister Osborne returns to podium, closes event and opens Media QA <i>(2 mins)</i>
9:15 AM	Media Q&A moderated by Tracy Amande <i>(10 mins)</i>
9:25 AM	Photo Op
9:27 AM	Event Concludes

INTRODUCTION

Thank you, Minister Osborne.

Good morning, everyone.

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen People, today known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

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SPEAKING POINTS

It's a pleasure to be joined here today by Chief Harley Chingee, and Youth Councillor Jayde Chingee of McLeod Lake Indian Band.

After months of working together through negotiation and cooperation, we've reached two new

agreements. These agreements outline what co-management and stewardship of land and natural resources in McLeod Lake territory will look like.

It's about moving from a one-off transactional approach to one of progressive relationship building, and shared-decision-making on the land and its resources.

These two agreements – one setting out our shared objectives and workplan, and a revenue sharing agreement will guide our joint work forward.

Together, we will:

- Assess and manage for the cumulative impacts of industrial development,
- Better ensure McLeod Lake members can practice their treaty rights,

- Provide certainty for industry partners working with McLeod Lake in their traditional territory, and
- Create a shared path forward for healing and restoring the land.

This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations and ensuring all Nation members' treaty rights are protected.

These agreements will bring new economic opportunities to McLeod Lake Indian Band including:

- Greater revenue sharing from oil and gas royalties,
- New funding for restoration activities, as decided on by the Nation, to support healing, and to be

administered through a new, Treaty 8 restoration fund,

- A renewed focus to discuss wildlife management, licenced hunting and enhanced land management measures in areas of cultural importance to McLeod Lake; and
- A shared stewardship forum with other Treaty 8 Nations and the Province to address cumulative effects.

CONCLUSION

Once again, I would like to thank Chief Chingee and all other members of the McLeod Lake Indian Band for their hard work on making these agreements possible. Together, we will make shared decisions

on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone.

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Subject: Re: WLRS-113073
Sent: 04/28/2023 04:43:33
Message Body:

Hi Impreet thanks for the heads up.
I'm not sure the Press Theatre will work-but our contact with the First Nation will be on the call tomorrow so we can discuss.
What about the Rose Garden as an alternative?
Just a thought!
Sean

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Subject: Re: WLRS-113073

Hi all,

I just heard back and the HOH is booked already on May 3 for an event starting at noon with setup at 9am.

Would the press theatre work instead or another location?

Best,
Impreet

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Subject: RE: WLRS-113073

We have not, sorry!

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Subject: RE: WLRS-113073

Thank you! Do you know if anyone on your team has already booked the HOH? I'm just trying to book online and it won't allow me to select any time after 8:30 AM. I tried calling my contact at the leg but he didn't answer so thought I'd ask you.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: WLRS-113073

Excellent thanks Impreet! Yes let's set up a call for tomorrow morning – please include Glen and Katie.

Cheers!

Sean

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To: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: WLRS-113073

Accidentally forgot to include the a at the end of your email when sending this! Please see below.

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Subject: RE: WLRS-113073

Hi Sean,

I've been assigned to help with this event!

I'll reach out to book the HOH today and let you know if it's available. Do you have time today before 4 to chat about this event or tomorrow between 8 am – 12:00 pm?

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Subject: RE: WLRS-113073

Hi Rick, sorry to pester on this one. FYI we are now looking to hold this event at 930am. It will be short and sweet – may just be Minister Cullen and the Chief of MLIB making a few remarks.

Thanks!

Sean

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Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 1:51 PM

To: Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX <Rick.Devereux@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca>; Norris, Katie GCPE:EX
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Subject: WLRS-113073

Hey Rick, glad you're back and hope you're doing well!

We have an approved event on May 3rd at the Hall of Honour with the McLeod Lake Indian Band - WLRS-113073.

We don't have a time yet but likely somewhere between 9am and 1030am.

Will you be able to assign us an event coordinator?
Please and thank you!

Sean Leslie

Communications Director

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Subject: MLIB Event
Sent: 04/26/2023 18:05:05
Message Body:

Good morning team, we are working to nail down details of next Wednesday's event with the McLeod Lake Indian Band at the legislature.

MLIB is asking for a 930am start time. Would that work for MNC? I don't see cabinet in his calendar that day...

Also, Lori is suggesting MNC and Minister Rankin as speakers, along with Chief Chingee. I've asked my colleague at MIRR to look into MMR's availability – hope that's okay.

Can discuss further this afternoon – thanks!

Sean Leslie

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
[release number]
May 3, 2023

Ministry of Water, Land and Resource
Stewardship

McLeod Lake Indian Band, Province sign agreement to protect treaty rights

VICTORIA – B.C. and McLeod Lake Indian Band have reached a landmark consensus agreement that outlines a new approach to co-developed land and resource stewardship, addresses cumulative effects and protects treaty rights.

(LET'S LEAVE A SPACE HERE FOR QUOTE FROM CHIEF CHINGEE)

The signing of this consensus agreement follows months of negotiations between the Province and McLeod Lake Indian Band. The agreement guides joint work on assessing and managing the impacts of industrial development, and paves a path forward for healing and restoring the land while providing certainty to industry partners working with Nations in their territories.

"This is important work for all of us – it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations," says Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

"Together with other Treaty 8 First Nations, we will make decisions on the land that ensure all Nation members can meaningfully exercise their treaty rights, while building a healthy and prosperous future for everyone." [UNAPPROVED QUOTE]

The consensus agreement is one of six agreements that have been signed by the Province and Treaty 8 First Nations following the B.C. Supreme Court's Yahey decision in 2021 which found that the Province had infringed on the Nations' rights to hunt, fish, trap, and carry out their traditional way of life.

(NEEDS A BIT MORE HERE ON WHAT BENEFITS THIS AGREEMENT BRINGS TO MLIB MEMBERS)

Quotes:

- **Chief Harley Chingee, McLeod Lake Indian Band –**
- **Murray Rankin, K.C., Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation –**
- **Josie Osborne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation –**
- **Bruce Ralston, K.C., Minister of Forests –**
- **George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy –**

Quick Facts:

- On Jan. 18, 2023, B.C. and Blueberry River First Nations announced they'd reached an agreement with the Blueberry River First Nations (Implementation Agreement)
- On Jan. 20, 2023, four other Treaty 8 Nations – Fort Nelson, Saulteau, Halfway River and Doig River – and the Province announced they had reached consensus on a collaborative approach to land and resource planning.

Contact:

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Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

BACKGROUND

Backgrounders need a headline different from NR

Backgrounders are used to support a news release by expanding on information or statistics contained in the release. They should **not** repeat what is presented in the news release unless a fact is needed as part of an explanation.

Subheads and bullets to highlight key points are recommended. **Beware** the tendency to lift information from internal documents without rewriting into plain language.

Backgrounders contain facts and supportable arguments – not opinions – and never quotes.

End with the contact name/number (no more -30-).

Contact:

Name

Title

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Subject: West Mo/McLeod Lake
Sent: 02/27/2023 23:25:19
Message Body:

Hello Morgan, our colleagues at MIRR have let us know WLRS is to take the lead in any announcement regarding T8 Consensus LOA's for Prophet River, McLeod Lake and West Moberley.

I understand as well that PR may be ready to sign following a community meeting on March 17th, while McLeod needs to sign before March 31st. I'm not clear on the status for West Mo.

My question – are we okay to plan for simple news releases for these agreements, or will there be expectations of further signing events and events? I would suggest releases, but happy to take your direction.

Thank you!

Sean Leslie

Communications Director

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Subject: BRFN

Sent: 02/04/2023 00:21:07

Attachments: KMQA_WLRS_Blueberry Agreement_Feb022023_UPDATE.docx, 20230202_IN_NRS ministries_Blueberry_T8 Agreements.docx

Message Body:

Hi team, please find an updated BRFN IN and KMQA, approved by Mogan Kennah. However, Lori has not yet signed off. I will let you know if she asks for changes this evening or over the weekend.

My understanding is that Lori and Morgan would like this IN to be shared with FOR, MIRR and EMLI GCPE to serve as a single, common document.

Thoughts?

Sean Leslie

Communications Director

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ADVICE TO MINISTER

CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE

Ministries: Water, Land and Resource
Stewardship; Forests; Energy, Mines and Low
Carbon Innovation; Environment and Climate
Change Strategy; Indigenous Relations and
Reconciliation
Date: February 2, 2023
Minister Responsible: Five natural resource
sector ministers

Blueberry & Treaty 8 Agreements

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- Our government is taking steps to right past wrongs, and uphold the legally protected treaty rights of Blueberry River First Nations and all Treaty 8 Nations in B.C.
- That is why on January 18, we signed a historic agreement with Blueberry River First Nations, to create a new path forward for responsible resource development in northeast BC, that protects treaty rights.
- That same day, we signed agreements with four Treaty 8 First Nations: Saulteau, Doig River, Halfway River and Fort Nelson. These agreements, like with Blueberry River, will accelerate our joint work to assess and manage for cumulative effects, to heal the land through restoration activities, and advance a new path for land and natural resource management in Treaty 8 territory.
- We chose a path of negotiation, of agreement making, and now we are focusing on implementing those agreements with our First Nation partners.
- Together, we will make decisions on the land that ensure Treaty 8 Nation members can meaningfully exercise their constitutionally protected rights to hunt, trap, fish, and carry out their traditional way of life.
- At the same time, we are creating stability and predictability for communities and companies in the region, who have invested in the region, and who call it home. These decisions will help build a positive future for everyone in the Northeast.

- **We need to come together to heal and restore the land, demonstrating how a new way of working in partnership to steward land and resources can not only be possible, but also prosperous.**
- **This is important work for all of us; it's about leaving the land in a good way for future generations, and honouring a long standing treaty which all British Columbians have benefitted from. We are all treaty people.**
- **Caring for the Province's land, water and resources matters to all British Columbians.**

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KEY FACTS:

On Jan. 18, 2023, the B.C. government and Blueberry River First Nations announced they'd reached an agreement with the Blueberry River First Nations (Implementation Agreement), in response to a June 2021 B.C. Supreme Court decision that found the Province had infringed on Blueberry River's Treaty 8 rights due to the cumulative impacts of decades of industrial development. On January 20th, four other Treaty 8 Nations – Fort Nelson, Saulteau, Halfway River and Doig River – and the Province announced they'd reached consensus on a collaborative approach to land and resource planning. These agreements build on a Consensus Document with these four nations as well as Prophet River First Nation and West Moberly First Nations.

BACKGROUND:

Blueberry River

On June 29, 2021, the B.C. Supreme Court declared the Province had breached its treaty commitment to Blueberry River and infringed the Nations' rights to carry out its traditional ways of life. The Court determined decades of provincial development authorizations had left Blueberry River with no meaningful ability to exercise its Treaty 8 rights to hunt, fish, and trap on its traditional territory. The Court ruled the Province could no longer authorize further activities that impact Blueberry River's rights and directed government to negotiate with Blueberry River to find a new approach to natural resource development that protects the Nations' rights and addresses cumulative impacts.

The Implementation Agreement addresses eight priority areas for action in response to the court decision:

- Wildlife management,
- Land use planning (longer term, interim),
- Restoration,
- Forestry measures (interim and longer term),
- PNG measures (interim and longer term),
- Other natural resource sector activities,
- Economic measures, and

- Honouring the Treaty.

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Key Messages:

- Our government is taking steps to right past wrongs, and uphold the legally protected treaty rights of Blueberry River First Nations and all Treaty 8 Nations in B.C.
- That is why on January 18, we signed a historic agreement with Blueberry River First Nations, to create a new path forward for responsible resource development in northeast BC, that protects treaty rights.
- That same day, we signed agreements with four Treaty 8 First Nations: Saulteau, Doig River, Halfway River and Fort Nelson. These agreements, like with Blueberry River, will accelerate our joint work to assess and manage for cumulative effects, to heal the land through restoration activities, and advance a new path for land and natural resource management in Treaty 8 territory.
- We chose a path of negotiation, of agreement making, and now we are focusing on implementing those agreements with our First Nation partners.
- Together, we will make decisions on the land that ensure Treaty 8 Nation members can meaningfully exercise their constitutionally protected rights to hunt, trap, fish, and carry out their traditional way of life.
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