

BULLETS

DATE: October 22, 2018

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

REGARDING: MLA Donna Barnett & Ervin Charleyboy

SUMMARY:

- Ervin Charleyboy is a past chief of Alexis Creek Indian Band, one of six Tsilhqot'in communities.
- Mr. Charleyboy and MLA Donna Barnett have both written letters to Premier Horgan and multiple ministers, regarding their concern about the declared Dasiqox Tribal Park, with a particular focus on how the potential park will impact economic opportunities for the region.
- Minister Fraser's response letter to MLA Barnett's most recent correspondence (September 25, 2018) will not have been received by the October 23rd meeting.
- In October 2014 the Xeni Gwet'in along with the Yunesit'in announced that they had declared an area of approximately 3,000km² in the Taseko Lake area in the South Chilcotin. The declared park area is outside of the Tsilhqot'in title land. The area of land covered by the tribal park is rich in natural resources and contains many known ore bodies, including the Prosperity site. BC has maintained that the area in question remains under Provincial authority.
- This area covered by the tribal park declaration has not been designated as a park or protected area. The Province understands that the tribal park declaration represents a clear statement of Tsilhqot'in values and interests in the area identified.
- At the Nenqay Deni Accord working group, the Province and the Tsilhqot'in are working to identify shared goals and values and to scope out potential areas of agreement for future negotiations.

SUGGESTED SPEAKING NOTES

- I appreciate your commitment to supporting economic development and opportunities in the Chilcotin.
- The province and Tsilhqot'in are discussing the declared Dasiqox Tribal Park, with the goal of increasing provincial understanding of Tsilhqot'in interests. The Nenqay Deni Accord working group is scoping issues and opportunities, in advance of any further collaborative efforts.
- Our government has made a strong commitment to reconciliation with indigenous nations. In the Cariboo Region, we have made great strides with not on the Tsilhqot'in, but the Northern Shuswap and Southern Dalkeh Nation Alliance.
- As we move forward with our pathways to reconciliation, we remain committed to engaging with the public and stakeholders.



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