

From: McNish, James IRR:EX
To: Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX; Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX
Cc: Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX
Subject: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR
Date: March 16, 2021 1:27:09 PM

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
Senior Ministerial Advisor to Murray Rankin
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

From: [McNish, James IRR:EX](#)
To: [Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Carrier
Date: March 18, 2021 2:20:36 PM

From: Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX <Trish.Balcaen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2021 2:15 PM
To: McNish, James IRR:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: French, Shawna IRR:EX <Shawna.French@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Carrier

Hi James,

See below for clarification on roles between Carrier Sekani Family Services and Carrier Sekani First Nations.

This fact pattern verifies my advice to you and Sam earlier today.

Let me know if you need more.

Cheers,
Trish

From: Kelly, Susan M IRR:EX <Susan.Kelly@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2021 2:01 PM
To: French, Shawna IRR:EX <Shawna.French@gov.bc.ca>; Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX <Trish.Balcaen@gov.bc.ca>; Waters, Cory IRR:EX <Cory.Waters@gov.bc.ca>; Melles, Jennifer IRR:EX <Jennifer.Melles@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: urgent question

Carrier Sekani First Nations (CSFNs)

- CSFNs are colloquially referred to as the signatories to the Pathways Forward Agreement with BC
- CSFNs include seven distinct Carrier Sekani Indian Act Bands - Nak'azdli, Nadleh Whut'en, Saik'uz, Stellat'en, Takla Lake, Tl'azt'en, and Tsil Kaz Koh (Burns Lake Band)
- Negotiations with BC to date have been coordinated with and include the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council
- Advancing broad, comprehensive reconciliation with CSFNs - including lands, governance, jurisdiction – is undertaken with CSFNs, not CSFS.

Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS)

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.
- While CSFS can provide a range of programming, they do not provide the same services to all the communities – as an example Lake Babine Nation has their own Health Department with their own programming and only receives assistance from CSFS for doctors in their community.
- 2020 Board Members:
 - Chief Corrina Leween, President, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
 - Adell Gooding, Vice President, Skin Tyee Band
 - Ellen Lorentz, Treasurer, Burns Lake Band
 - Murphy Abraham, Lake Babine Nation
 - Theresa Nooski, Nadleh Whut'en First Nation
 - Chief Patricia Prince, Nee Tahi Buhn Band
 - Chief Priscilla Mueller, Saik'uz First Nation
 - Tannis Reynolds, Stellat'en First Nation
 - Sandra Teegee, Takla First Nation
 - Heather Nooski, Wet'suwet'en First Nation
 - Chief Waylon John, Yekooche First Nation
 - Nancy Williams, Urban Representative

From: [McNish, James IRR:EX](#)
To: [Loubert, Leslie IRR:EX](#)
Cc: [Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: QP note for info
Date: March 16, 2021 9:39:19 AM
Attachments: [2021.03.16 QP AFF - Tachick Lake Lodge.ALC - FINAL.docx](#)
Importance: High

Can you print for MMR

Thanks!

From: Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX <Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 16, 2021 9:39 AM
To: McNish, James IRR:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca>; Mulholland, Lauren GCPE:EX <Lauren.Mulholland@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: QP note for info

Hello,

For Minister Rankin's awareness, please see attached for a QP note on Tachick Lodge (application from Carrier Sekani Family Services to build Community Care Facility).

If this topic comes up again in QP, questions will be answered by Minister Malcolmson or Minister Popham.

Thanks,

Leila Farmer
Issues Manager
250-208-9547
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Page 05 of 15 to/à Page 06 of 15

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13

Government Support for Recovery Homes:

- Our government is working as quickly as possible to build the system of mental health and addictions care that British Columbians deserve – from the ground up.
- Options are key to meeting people where they're at and making sure they can access treatment and recovery services that are appropriate for their unique circumstances.
- Our government has made important investment to support Indigenous-led solutions, including the construction of new First Nation-run treatment centres across the province.
- We are committed to working with partners to find solutions to ensure these projects meet the needs of First Nations people experiencing mental health and substance use challenges.

From: [McNish, James IRR:EX](#)
To: [Rankin, Murray IRR:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: Carrier Sekani
Date: March 22, 2021 8:57:10 AM

FYI

James McNish
Senior Ministerial Advisor to Murray Rankin
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bain, Don PREM:EX" <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>
Date: March 20, 2021 at 4:09:22 PM PDT
To: "Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX" <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>, "Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX" <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca>, "Pinette, Celia IRR:EX" <Celia.Pinette@gov.bc.ca>, "McNish, James IRR:EX" <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>, "Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX" <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>, "Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX" <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>, "Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX" <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>, "Aaron, Sage PREM:EX" <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fw: Carrier Sekani

FYI

From: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent: March 20, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX
Cc: Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX; Zacharuk, Christina PREM:EX; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX; Popham, Lana AFF:EX
Subject: Re: Carrier Sekani

Good afternoon Geoff and Amber,

s.13

s.13

The Carrier Sekani Family Services application is supported by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board, which voted last October to inform the land commission it believed the overall impact on agriculture would be minimal.

s.13

We can follow up on Monday.

Thank you.

Don

From: [McNish, James IRR:EX](#)
To: [Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX](#); [Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX](#)
Cc: [Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX](#); [Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX](#); [French, Shawna IRR:EX](#); [Parry, Carly IRR:EX](#); [Giesbrecht, Lisa C IRR:EX](#); [Melles, Jennifer IRR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR
Date: March 17, 2021 11:18:16 AM
Attachments: [R2-Carrier Sekani Tribal Council 2021.docx](#)

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

From: Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX <Trish.Balcaen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 17, 2021 9:54 AM
To: McNish, James IRR:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca>; French, Shawna IRR:EX <Shawna.French@gov.bc.ca>; Parry, Carly IRR:EX <Carly.Parry@gov.bc.ca>; Giesbrecht, Lisa C IRR:EX <Lisa.Giesbrecht@gov.bc.ca>; Melles, Jennifer IRR:EX <Jennifer.Melles@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services and the ALR

Thanks James

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

From: McNish, James IRR:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 16, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX <Trish.Balcaen@gov.bc.ca>; Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca>
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

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Carrier Sekani Tribal Council

Governance

- Tribal Chief Mina Holmes
- Chief Larry Nooski
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}
- 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

March 2021

Contact: Cory Waters, Regional Chief Negotiator

Page 1 of 2

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Carrier Sekani Tribal Council

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.

the Family Services arm)

Thanks,

-James

James McNish
Senior Ministerial Advisor to Murray Rankin
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

From: [McNish, James IRR:EX](#)
To: [Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX](#)
Cc: [French, Shawna IRR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Carrier
Date: March 18, 2021 2:20:43 PM

Thanks Trish

From: Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX <Trish.Balcaen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2021 2:15 PM
To: McNish, James IRR:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: French, Shawna IRR:EX <Shawna.French@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Carrier

Hi James,

See below for clarification on roles between Carrier Sekani Family Services and Carrier Sekani First Nations.

This fact pattern verifies my advice to you and Sam earlier today.

Let me know if you need more.

Cheers,
Trish

From: Kelly, Susan M IRR:EX <[Susan.Kelly@gov.bc.ca](#)>
Sent: March 18, 2021 2:01 PM
To: French, Shawna IRR:EX <[Shawna.French@gov.bc.ca](#)>; Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX <[Trish.Balcaen@gov.bc.ca](#)>; Waters, Cory IRR:EX <[Cory.Waters@gov.bc.ca](#)>; Melles, Jennifer IRR:EX <[Jennifer.Melles@gov.bc.ca](#)>
Subject: RE: urgent question

Carrier Sekani First Nations (CSFNs)

- CSFNs are colloquially referred to as the signatories to the Pathways Forward Agreement with BC
- CSFNs include seven distinct Carrier Sekani Indian Act Bands - Nak'azdli, Nadleh Whut'en, Saik'uz, Stelat'en, Takla Lake, Tl'azt'en, and Tsil Kaz Koh (Burns Lake Band)
- Negotiations with BC to date have been coordinated with and include the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council
- Advancing broad, comprehensive reconciliation with CSFNs - including lands, governance, jurisdiction – is undertaken with CSFNs, not CSFS.

Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS)

- 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.
- While CSFS can provide a range of programming, they do not provide the same services to all the communities – as an example Lake Babine Nation has their own Health Department with their own programming and only receives assistance from CSFS for doctors in their community.
- 2020 Board Members:
 - Chief Corrina Leween, President, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
 - Adell Gooding, Vice President, Skin Tyee Band
 - Ellen Lorentz, Treasurer, Burns Lake Band
 - Murphy Abraham, Lake Babine Nation
 - Theresa Nooski, Nadleh Whut'en First Nation
 - Chief Patricia Prince, Nee Tahi Buhn Band
 - Chief Priscilla Mueller, Saik'uz First Nation
 - Tannis Reynolds, Stellat'en First Nation
 - Sandra Teegee, Takla First Nation
 - Heather Nooski, Wet'suwet'en First Nation
 - Chief Waylon John, Yekooche First Nation
 - Nancy Williams, Urban Representative