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To: McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX <Tom.McCarthy@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gellein, Colleen IRR:EX <Colleen.Gellein@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 22, 2021 8:30:20 AM PST

Attachments: 2021 01 21 Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet BN v2 SD.docx

Hi,

Thanks to CG for getting this going, Tom – feedback welcome.

Best, Stu

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BACKGROUND:

Substantive negotiations on the AA began in July 2020. Finalization of the draft AA has been delayed due to COVID-19, the provincial general election, disagreement between the parties on the interpretation of the MOU, and dissent by other components of the Wet'suwet'en such as elected councils and the Wet'suwet'en Matrilineal Coalition. The Term Sheet, originally developed in late 2019 by BC and OW (Appendix 1) outlined immediate measures that supported reunification efforts, capacity building, continued negotiations and an increased presence for the Wet'suwet'en in co-management initiatives with the Province. The original Term Sheet was delayed in progressing as workplans to support the implementation of the co-management immediate measures were not developed; though \$1.23 M to support the purchase of Lake Kathlyn School was provided. Prior to interregnum, BC committed to OW to bring the Term Sheet to Treasury Board once a new government was formed. BC has now renegotiated the 2019 Term Sheet with OW to focus on the financial components, shifting the immediate co-management implementation measures to be addressed in either the AA or further agreements.

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RE: ADMCNR - Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet

From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX s.15

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To: Bellefontaine, Katherine IRR:EX <Katherine.Bellefontaine@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 28, 2021 3:04:46 PM PST

Attachments: Immediate Measures Term Sheet (14Jan2021) - Negotiators Table.docx

Hey kB,

Just the Term Sheet (att'd), not the T-Sub.

Cheers,

Stu

From: Bellefontaine, Katherine IRR:EX <Katherine.Bellefontaine@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 28, 2021 3:03 PM

To: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: ADMCNR - Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet

Importance: High

Hey Stu,

Do you know if the Term Sheet and draft TB sub should be included?

Thank you!

Katherine

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

Sent: January 28, 2021 2:50 PM

To: Bellefontaine, Katherine IRR:EX < Katherine.Bellefontaine@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: FW: ADMCNR - Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet

Importance: High

Can you find out from Tom?

Lisa Giesbrecht

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

From: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX < Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 28, 2021 2:49 PM

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

Subject: RE: ADMCNR - Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet

Hi Lisa, the original request for this item stated that there would be a copy of the Term Sheet and draft TB sub included along with the presentation, can you confirm if there are more materials or not?

| Agenda item | Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet |
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| Lead Ministry/Ministries | MIRR/FLNRORD |
| For | Decision |
| Proposed Minute | ADMCNR supports a Treasury Board submission for the |
| | Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet |
| Date(s) requested | February 4, 2020 |

| Timing implications | N/A |
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| Lead ADM | Trish Balcaen |
| Presenters (please ensure that you define if the individuals will be in person or by phone) | Tom McCarthy, Colleen Gellein, Stewart Dickson (phone) |
| Time required | 20 minutes |
| Materials | Yes – PPT Deck, Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet, Draft TB submission |

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

Sent: January 28, 2021 8:46 AM

To: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <<u>Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: ADMCNR - Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet

Good Morning Allison,

See attached for the Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet that is scheduled for the February 4th ADMCNR.

Thanks,

Lisa Giesbrecht

A/Executive Administrative Assistant to Trish Balcaen, Assistant Deputy Minister Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Ph: 778-698-1125 C: 250-888-1216

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From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX s.15

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-Dickson, Stewart>

To: McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX <Tom.McCarthy@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: February 11, 2021 10:09:22 AM PST
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Tom, how's this? Note I did not address comment on slide 3

From: Balcaen, Trish L IRR:EX < Trish. Balcaen@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: February 11, 2021 9:41 AM

To: McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX <Tom.McCarthy@gov.bc.ca>; Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Giesbrecht, Lisa C IRR:EX <Lisa.Giesbrecht@gov.bc.ca>; Bellefontaine, Katherine IRR:EX

<Katherine.Bellefontaine@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: 2021 03 01 DMCNR PPT tmv2.pptx

Hi both,

Did a quick review – deck is excellent – it's just missing Canada's contributions in a couple places.

Once you've edited for that important feature, this is good to go. I don't need to see it again.

Cheers,

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Wet'suwet'en Immediate Measures Term Sheet

Presentation to DMCNR

March 1, 2021







CONFIDENTIAL CABINET

Purpose

 Why Now: Approval of the Term Sheet will provide positive momentum to support ongoing discussions in the absence of progress on the Affirmation Agreement for the MOU

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• Accompanying Documents: Wet'suwet'en Term Sheet, draft submission

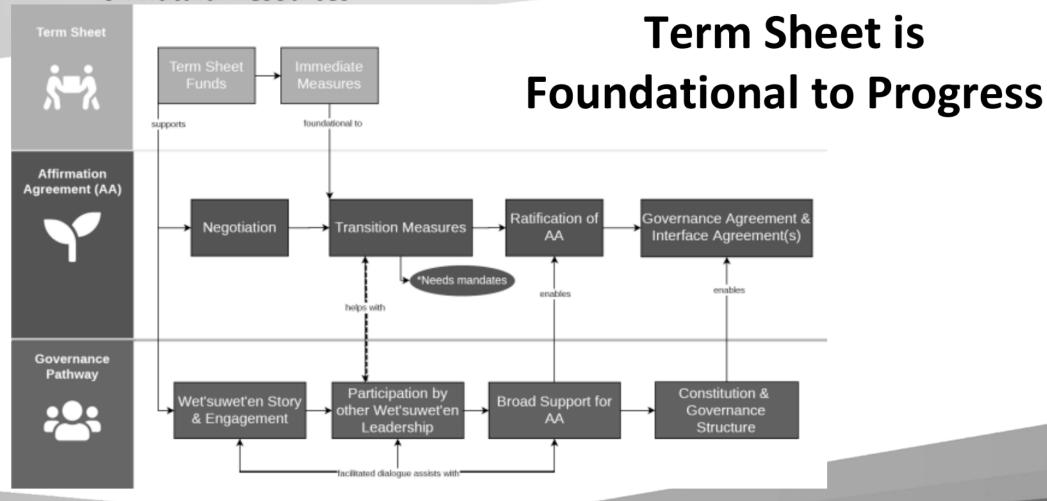
Contents:

- Update on negotiation status
- Discussion on Term Sheet contents and commitments
- Options and Next Steps

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Context – Issue Definition

- Agreement to affirm the Province's commitments in the May 14, 2020 Memorandum of Understanding between BC, Canada and the Wet'suwet'en - negotiations ongoing
- Ministers (EMLI, MAG, FLNRORD, MIRR, ENV) have provided direction to the negotiation team to move forward on short term items
- Direct action may escalate if progress on rights and title not demonstrated
- Term Sheet focuses on fiscal elements (\$10.27 over three years) that support:
 - Wet'suwet'en Reunification and continued discussions (\$2.55 M)
 - Capacity building and governance infrastructure (\$6.82 M)
 - Progress on priority topic of "water" (\$.75 M total)
 - Wet'suwet'en visibility project (\$.15 M total)



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Context – Ministry Interests

- Ensuring stability in Wet'suwet'en discussions is key to operational stability in the region
- Term Sheet enables work on resource management joint priorities (guardian program, ecosystem monitoring, wildlife management, trapline administration)
- Items support further work contemplated in discussions with Wet'suwet'en
- FLNRORD is supportive of Term Sheet and creation of stable path to advance collaborative efforts; items leverage Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) priorities
- All activities will be subject to workplans and further mandates if necessary
- Depending on scope of activities, certain elements may be shifted to Affirmation
 Agreement and/or Interface Agreement(s) that are being developed by negotiators
- Canada seeking mandate for equivalent participation

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Recommended Option – Engagement

Indigenous engagement:

- Indigenous engagement has been ongoing with Cheslatta Carrier Nation and has been delayed with six other First Nations, but is planned to begin before fiscal year end for AA negotiations
- No impacts are anticipated for Term Sheet

Stakeholder engagement:

- A BC-OW Community Engagement Strategy was initiated in September 2020 through a Regional Engagement Group (REG); was delayed due to interregnum and has now resumed with selection of a Core Advisory Council (CAC). Canada has indicated that they will participate in future.
- No impacts to existing interests through Term Sheet; will engage stakeholders through REG
- Public engagement:
- Public Engagement will occur through the CES; the CAC will develop a schedule and plans for Public Engagement sessions

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Next Steps

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Tom McCarthy – Chief Negotiator

Next steps:

- Maintain dialogue at table
 - Confirm negotiation approach & governance dialogue
- Seek authority from Treasury Board for Term Sheet elements
- Once Term Sheet is approved negotiate Funding Agreements and workplans for implementation of commitments

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Ref. 51376

February 4, 2021

The Hereditary Chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en Nation c/o Debbie Pierre, Executive Director Office of the Wet'suwet'en 205 Beaver Road, Suite #1 Smithers BC V0J 2N1 Via email to: dpierre@wetsuweten.com

Dear Hereditary Chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en Nation:

In March 2018, at a smoke feast in Witset, I made a commitment to work with you and your representatives to affirm Wet'suwet'en rights and title, to establish a deeper relationship between our two governments based on respect and recognition of rights, and to support Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance. I'm writing to you now, at the outset of my appointment as Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, because I am mindful of that commitment.

As Minister, I am mandated by the Premier to build lasting reconciliation with Indigenous Nations in British Columbia, and to implement the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, the first of its kind in Canada. I believe that these commitments give us an opportunity to breathe life into the Delgamuukw-Gisday-wa decision. I recognize that, as holders of Wet'suwet'en rights and title, the Hereditary Chiefs are instrumental to achieving a better future for all people who live on the Yintah. It is in that context that I wish to meet with you and discuss how we can make progress together in our work. I hope you agree that if we are to move far, we must move together.

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I also want to take this opportunity to express my deep sadness and concern for your Wet'suwet'en communities as you grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic. I understand your communities have been significantly impacted, and I want you to know you are all constantly in my thoughts. I appreciate that a meeting may not be appropriate at this difficult time, but please know that I stand ready to meet when you, as Chiefs, are in an appropriate position to do so.

I'd like to close by thanking you for your leadership on behalf of your people and your commitment to deepening our relationship. I look forward to your reply and the opportunity to further this important dialogue between our governments.

Sincerely,

Murray Rankin, QC

Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

FW: Governance Pathway Diagram

To: Sarin, Jonathan < Jonathan.Sarin@justice.gc.ca>

Cc: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: February 18, 2021 3:07:45 PM PST Attachments: Governance Pathways .vpd.pdf

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From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:31 PM

To: Soda, Frank (AADNC/AANDC) <frank.soda@canada.ca>; Clermont, Ben (AADNC/AANDC)

<ben.clermont@canada.ca>; Black, Becky AG:EX <Becky.Black@gov.bc.ca>; McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX

<Tom.McCarthy@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Governance Pathway Diagram

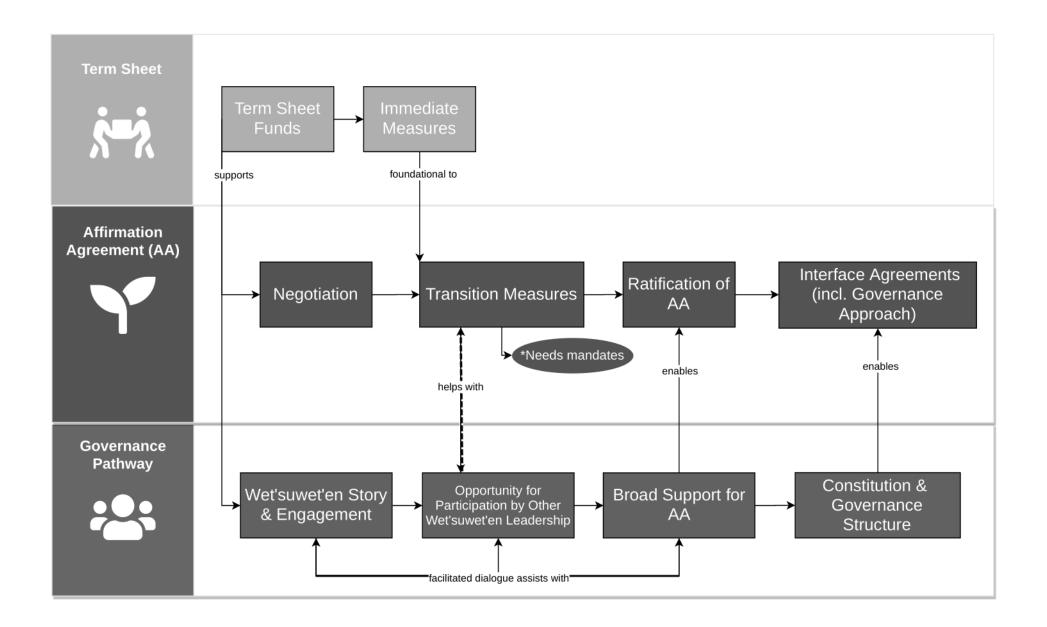
Hi,

Please see the attached, and please forward to Jonathan Sarin (do not have his email).

Stu

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Revised Immediate Measures Term Sheet_Mar21

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>

To: McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX <Tom.McCarthy@gov.bc.ca>, Dickson, Stewart

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Cc: Cowan, Cale GCPE:EX <Cale.Cowan@gov.bc.ca>, Mulholland, Lauren

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<Behn.Andersen@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 4, 2021 1:03:24 PM PST

Attachments: Revised Immediate Measures Term Sheet Mar21.docx

Hi Tom and Stu – on this term sheet, for this item in the table:

a. The development and implementation of communication strategy for third-party stakeholders and public relations.

Can we please add joint tripartite in front of communications strategy for clarity's sake? So it would read:

a. The development and implementation of joint tripartite communication strategy for third-party stakeholders and public relations.

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Thanks,

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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From . McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX <Tom.McCarthy@gov.bc.ca>

To: Debbie Pierre <dpierre@wetsuweten.com>

Cc: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>, Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX

<Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 23, 2021 9:17:35 AM PDT

Hi Debbie -

As we advance the term sheet funding discussion and prepare the agreement, I'd like to ask Sarah Plank to be in touch with Sandra Harris on a joint News Release, as discussed last week. I wanted to reach out to you to check in if Sandra was up to speed on this. Are you ok if Sarah reaches out to Sandra?

Also, I anticipate Becky will send the draft agreement to Kris today.

Tom

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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Canada,

British Columbia

and

Wet'suwet'en

As agreed on February 29, 2020.

IMMEDIATE

- Canada and B.C. recognize that Wet'suwet'en rights and title are held by Wet'suwet'en houses under their system of governance.
- Canada and B.C. recognize Wet'suwet'en Aboriginal rights and title throughout the Yintah.
- Canada, B.C., and the Wet'suwet'en commit to the negotiations described below (commencing immediately).
- B.C. commits to engage in these negotiations consistent with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.
- Canada and B.C. will provide the necessary resources to Wet'suwet'en for these negotiations.
- The parties agree these negotiations are to be intensively mediated by an agreed upon mediator.

AGREEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

- Legal recognition that the Wet'suwet'en Houses are the Indigenous governing body holding the Wet'suwet'en Aboriginal rights and title in accordance with our Inuk Nuatden,
- Legal recognition of Wet'suwet'en title as a |egal interest in land by Canada and B.C.
 - There will be no impact on existing rights and interests pertaining to land until jurisdiction is transferred to the Wet'suwet'en,
 - b) Jurisdiction that flows from Wet'suwet'en Aboriginal rights and title will be transferred to Wet'suwet'en over time based on an agreed upon timetable (with the objective for transition of some areas within 6 months and a schedule for the remaining areas of jurisdiction thereafter).
 - c) In some cases the jurisdiction that is transferred to the Wet'suwet'en will be exclusive and in some cases it will be shared with Canada or B.C.
- The areas of jurisdiction that will need to be addressed include the following (without limitation):
 - a) Child and Family Wellness (6 month timeline);

- b) Water (6 month timeline);
- Wet'suwet'en Nation Reunification Strategy (6 month timeline);
- d) Wildlife;
- e) Fish;
- f) Land Use Planning;
- g) Lands and Resources;
- Revenue Sharing, Fair and Just Compensation, Economic Component of Aboriginal Title;
- i) Informed Decision Making; and
- Such other areas as the Wet'suwet'en propose.
- Title will be implemented and jurisdiction (exclusive or shared) will be transferred once specifics on how Aboriginal and Crown titles interface have been addressed – this includes the following;
 - a) Transparency, accountability, and administrative fairness mechanisms including clear process and remedies to address grievances of any person, pertaining to all areas of shared and exclusive jurisdiction.
 - b) Clarity on the Wet'suwet'en governance structures, systems, and laws, that will be ratified by the Wet'suwet'en and will be used to implement their title to the extent required to understand the interface between the Crown and Wet'suwet'en Jurisdiction.
- This agreement is to be ratified by Canada, B.C. and Wet'suwet'en under their respective systems of governance.
- The agreement will be binding on Canada, B.C. and the Wet'suwet'en and all of their agencies, departments and officials as they conduct their business together as governments.

AGREEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS

- The specifics of how Aboriginal and Crown titles interface.
- The agreement recognizing Wet's uwet'en rights and title will be protected by Section 35 of the Constitution, 1982.





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Memorandum of Understanding Between Canada, British Columbia and Wet'suwet'en Page 2

Signed on the 14th day of May 2020. SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE WET'SUWET'EN NATION by the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs Woos (Frank Alec) Warnes Willia Knedebeas (Warner William) Kloum Khun (Alphonse Gagnon) Gisday'wa (Fred Tom) Goohlaht Lay'oh (James Namox) Na'Moks (John Ridsdale) Smogelgem (Warner Naziel) SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
IN RIGHT OF CANADA
by the Minister of
CROWN-INDIGENOUS RELATIONS SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA by the Minister of INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION Hon. Carolyn Bennett Hon. Scott Fraser Memorandum of Understanding Canadä Between Canada, British Columbia and Wet'suwet'en Page 3 Page 146 of 461 to/à Page 150 of 461

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Wet'suwet'en - RGT for Immediate Measures Funding

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Sent: April 1, 2021 1:09:56 PM PDT

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Immediate Measures Grant Letter executed.pdf

As QR, I confirm that the deliverable has been received (Grant Letter executed), and approve the payment of \$7.22 million to Wet'suwet'en Treaty Office Society as per Immediate Measures Funding Grant Letter dated March 31, 2021.

Colleen Gellein

Senior Resource Coordination Officer (SRCO)

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

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I am honoured to live and work on the territory of the Hul'q'umi'num speaking people of Quw'utsun (Cowichan

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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Canada,

British Columbia

and

Wet'suwet'en

As agreed on February 29, 2020.

IMMEDIATE

- Canada and B.C. recognize that Wet'suwet'en rights and title are held by Wet'suwet'en houses under their system of governance.
- Canada and B.C. recognize Wet'suwet'en Aboriginal rights and title throughout the Yintah.
- Canada, B.C., and the Wet'suwet'en commit to the negotiations described below (commencing immediately).
- B.C. commits to engage in these negotiations consistent with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.
- Canada and B.C. will provide the necessary resources to Wet'suwet'en for these negotiations.
- The parties agree these negotiations are to be intensively mediated by an agreed upon mediator.

AGREEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

- Legal recognition that the Wet'suwet'en Houses are the Indigenous governing body holding the Wet'suwet'en Aboriginal rights and title in accordance with our Inuk Nuatden.
- Legal recognition of Wet'suwet'en title as a legal interest in land by Canada and B.C.
 - There will be no impact on existing rights and interests pertaining to land until jurisdiction is transferred to the Wet'suwet'en.
 - b) Jurisdiction that flows from Wet'suwet'en Aboriginal rights and title will be transferred to Wet'suwet'en over time based on an agreed upon timetable (with the objective for transition of some areas within 6 months and a schedule for the remaining areas of jurisdiction thereafter).
 - In some cases the jurisdiction that is transferred to the Wet'suwet'en will be exclusive and in some cases it will be shared with Canada or B.C.
- The areas of jurisdiction that will need to be addressed include the following (without limitation):
 - a) Child and Family Wellness (6 month timeline);

- b) Water (6 month timeline);
- Wet'suwet'en Nation Reunification Strategy (6 month timeline);
- d) Wildlife:
- e) Fish;
- f) Land Use Planning;
- g) Lands and Resources;
- Revenue Sharing, Fair and Just Compensation, Economic Component of Aboriginal Title;
- i) Informed Decision Making; and
- j) Such other areas as the Wet'suwet'en propose.
- 4. Title will be implemented and jurisdiction (exclusive or shared) will be transferred once specifics on how Aboriginal and Crown titles interface have been addressed – this includes the following:
 - Transparency, accountability, and administrative fairness mechanisms including clear process and remedies to address grievances of any person, pertaining to all areas of shared and exclusive jurisdiction.
 - b) Clarity on the Wet'suwet'en governance structures, systems, and laws, that will be ratified by the Wet'suwet'en and will be used to implement their title to the extent required to understand the interface between the Crown and Wet'suwet'en jurisdiction.
- This agreement is to be ratified by Canada, B.C. and Wet'suwet'en under their respective systems of governance.
- The agreement will be binding on Canada, B.C. and the Wet'suwet'en and all of their agencies, departments and officials as they conduct their business together as governments.

AGREEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS

- The specifics of how Aboriginal and Crown titles interface.
- The agreement recognizing Wet'suwet'en rights and title will be protected by Section 35 of the Constitution, 1982.





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Memorandum of Understanding Between Canada, British Columbia and Wet'suwet'en Page 2 Signed on the 14th day of May 2020.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE WET'SUWET'EN NATION by the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs

Woos (Frank Alec)

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Madeek (Jeff Brown)

Madeek (Jeff Brown)

Kloum Khun (Alphonse Gagnon)

And Touce

Hagwilneghl (Ron Mitschell)

Na'Moks (John Ridsdale)

Smogelgem (Warner Naziel)

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
IN RIGHT OF CANADA
by the Minister of
CROWN-INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

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Hon. Carolyn Bennett

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
by the Minister of
INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

the

Hon. Scott Fraser





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51715 - Letter from Minister Murray Rankin

From: Galbraith, Anna IRR:EX <Anna.Galbraith@gov.bc.ca>

To: MTeneese@fns.bc.ca

Cc: aadnc.minister.aandc@canada.ca Sent: April 7, 2021 3:48:18 PM PDT

Attachments: FNS letter to Min Bennett and Min Rankin re Fed-Prov negs w Wet'suwet'en

Hereditary Chiefs.pdf, 51715 - Signed.pdf

Good afternoon.

Please find attached a letter from Minister Murray Rankin to Robert Phillips and Lydia Hwitsum. Please distribute as necessary.

Regards,

Office of the Honourable Murray Rankin

Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Ph: 250.953.4844 | E: IRR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

From: Marilyn Teneese Sent: March 9, 2021 6:39 PM

To: carolyn.bennett@canada.ca; Minister, IRR IRR:EX

Cc: Howard Grant ; Colin Braker

Subject: 51715 - FNS Correspondence re Federal-Provincial negotiations with Wet'suwet'en Nation Chiefs

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Good day Ministers,

Attached is a PDF file containing correspondence from the First Nations Summit Task Group re: ongoing federal and provincial negotiations with certain Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs and subsequent work towards an "Affirmation Agreement".

The elected Chiefs and Councils of six Wet'suwet'en communities representing approximately 3,600 members have consistently opposed that particular negotiations process and are concerned Canada and British Columbia have continued to participate in negotiations with certain Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs without the involvement of the elected Chiefs and Councils and the members they represent.

The First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly recently approved a resolution calling upon Canada and British Columbia to work together with the Wet'suwet'en people, including the Hereditary Chiefs and the democratically elected Chiefs and Councils to address outstanding concerns about the process for negotiations and develop a collaborative, transparent negotiations process that supports Aboriginal rights and title negotiations to proceed in good faith.

Please contact our office if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

First Nations Summit



First Nations Summit

March 9, 2021

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, MP Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4 Honourable Murray Rankin, MLA Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation PO Box 9100, ST PROV GOVT Victoria, BC, V8W 9B1

Dear Ministers:

We write with respect to ongoing federal and provincial negotiations with Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs.

As you know, on May 14, 2020, Canada and British Columbia entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs to negotiate a treaty-like agreement implementing Wet'suwet'en Aboriginal rights and title related to land, natural resources, finance, and governance. After the MOU signing, the parties have been negotiating those issues and have been working towards an "Affirmation Agreement".

The elected Chiefs and Councils of the six Wet'suwet'en communities representing approximately 3,600 members have consistently opposed that particular negotiations process by reason that there has been inadequate consultation, no mandating process and no recognition of the collective interests represented by the elected Chiefs and Councils.

Contrary to all fiduciary and other legal obligations, Canada and British Columbia have continued to participate in negotiations with certain Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs without the involvement of the elected Chiefs and Councils and the members they represent.

The First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly recently approved a resolution calling upon Canada and British Columbia to work together with the Wet'suwet'en people, including the Hereditary Chiefs and the democratically elected Chiefs and Councils to address outstanding concerns about the process for negotiations and develop a collaborative, transparent negotiations process that supports Aboriginal rights and title negotiations to proceed in good faith.

Yours sincerely,

FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT POLITICAL EXECUTIVE

Robert Phillips

Lydia Hwitsum



Ref. 51715

April 7, 2021

Robert Phillips Lydia Hwitsum First Nations Summit Political Executive Suite 1200 – 100 Park Royal South West Vancouver BC V7T 1A2 Via email to: <u>MTeneese@fns.bc.ca</u>

Dear Robert Phillips and Lydia Hwitsum:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 2021, regarding the resolution recently approved by the First Nations Summit calling upon Canada and British Columbia to work together with the Wet'suwet'en people to address outstanding concerns and to develop a collaborative, transparent process that supports good faith negotiations.

Since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on May 14, 2020, the Province has been working with negotiators for the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs towards an agreement that would affirm Wet'suwet'en Aboriginal rights and title, predicated on clarity with respect to Wet'suwet'en governance structures, systems, and laws.

Over the past fourteen months, I have heard the concerns raised by Wet'suwet'en members and elected Chiefs and take them very seriously. I assure you that the Province shares your interest in seeing that all members of the Wet'suwet'en Nation are engaged in a constructive dialogue about their future. We continue to encourage all Wet'suwet'en leaders to work together to bring about greater governance clarity for the Wet'suwet'en people. This will be an essential part of continuing to make progress in our tri-partite negotiation.

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Telephone: 250 953-4844 Facsimile: 250 953-4856 Unity is critical to realizing the promise of self-determination and the benefits detailed in the MOU. I have been consistent in delivering that message to all Wet'suwet'en leaders with whom I have spoken. Restoring and building upon the previously strong relationship between elected and hereditary structures is essential to realizing a new and better future for the Wet'suwet'en people, and the Province is eager to support that work.

I can assure you that the Province continues to provide funding and other resources to support Nation reunification. Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation staff and I continue to meet and communicate with both elected and Hereditary Chiefs to encourage the dialogue necessary for reunification. Ultimately, self-determination can only be realized internally within the Wet'suwet'en Nation.

Again, I thank you for your letter and the voicing of your concerns. I encourage you to continue to provide this kind of support for the Wet'suwet'en and other Nations across the Province as we work together to implement the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

Sincerely,

Murray Rankin, QC

Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

CC: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, MP Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

CAC April 14th meeting -- Immediate Measures Agreement messaging

From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX s.15

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To: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX <Tom.McCarthy@gov.bc.ca>, Gellein, Colleen IRR:EX

<Colleen.Gellein@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 8, 2021 12:02:12 PM PDT

Attachments: Wet'n CAC - Immediate Measures Agreement PPT.pptx

Hi,

Please see the attached. Happy to incorporate any and all feedback. Please note that I would present this after we have finalized our confidentiality agreement with this group. After your review, I will bring to Sandra for her input.

Cheers,

Stu

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As outlined in MOU:

- Immediate Measure # 5:
 - "Canada and BC will provide the necessary resources to Wet'suwet'en for these negotiations"
- The Immediate Measures Agreement fulfills B.C.'s commitment
- Support is approximately \$10 M over three years
 - Canada's support being developed with Wet'suwet'en

Support includes funding for MOU items:

- Priority topics
 - Wet'suwet'en Nation Reunification Strategy
 - Water
- Governance capacity building
 - Which supports all other topics/items detailed in Term Sheet
- Negotiation and community outreach/visibility

All in support of employing immediate measures that contribute towards the recognition, affirmation and implementation of Wet'suwet'en rights and title

Wet'suwet'en Reunification

- Unity building initiatives
 - Visioning
 - Unity building workshops
 - Dialogue with Houses and Clans
- Initiatives will be inclusive and accessible to all Wet'suwet'en people

Wet'suwet'en Governance capacity building

- Funds to hire contractors and staff
- Develop stewardship and wildlife guardian programs
- Enhance Wet'suwet'en capacity to inform decisions on the land base
- Purchase and renovations of Lake Kathlyn School for a seat of government/offices for the Nation

Land based work builds off Skeena ESI

- The Skeena ESI is a collaboration on environmental stewardship and monitoring amongst 10 First Nations, including both hereditary and elected leadership, and 3 provincial ministries, resulting in state of the value assessments for key environmental values
- Skeena ESI is collaboratively developing 'trusted data' that supports a consent-based decision making model with First Nations
- As Skeena ESI products become available this spring, we will share information with industry and stakeholders and seek to work together to augment our trusted data.
- ESI is a successful example of UNDRIP Implementation, "Reconciliation in Action"

Water

- Technical Working Group at initiation stage
- Review of legal objectives in the Morice Land and Resource Management Plan
- Exploring use of Water Sustainability Plans and Water Sustainability
 Act objectives in plan area
- Will develop a Governance Team to support technical work
- Once governance in place, will start interest-holder engagement

Negotiation support

- Staff and support for the continued discussions
 - Occur bi-weekly
 - Require legal support
- Collaboration takes time
 - Lots of dialogue
 - Lots of review, internal meetings to develop/discuss concepts

Community Outreach and Visibility

- Continuation of REG/CAC
- Public engagement
- Involvement in working groups (i.e. water)
- Projects to raise Wet'suwet'en visibility throughout the Yintah

Questions and Answers

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Immediate Measures Funding -- for April 14 meeting

From Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX s.15

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To: SANDRA HARRIS <sandra.harris@wetsuweten.com>

Sent: April 13, 2021 9:14:35 AM PDT

Hi Sandra,

I'm hoping we can provide some verbal messaging on the Term Sheet funding tomorrow in addition to the What We Heard discussion. I'm thinking it would be good to run by and Debbie and make sure she agrees with the messaging. Are you ok if I set-up a meeting with Debbie, you and I to discuss the potential messaging?

Cheers,

Stu

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RE: CAC Update

From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX s.15

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<executive.director@dzelkant.com>

Sent: April 15, 2021 9:52:10 PM PDT

Attachments: NR_Wet'suwet'en term sheet_15April2021_final.pdf

Hi all,

Apologies for the late email – att'd is the Press Release due to be distributed tomorrow. I will look to set time for us to discuss next week.

Cheers,

Stu

From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX Sent: April 15, 2021 11:39 AM

To: 'Annette Morgan Dze L K'ant' <executive.director@dzelkant.com>; 'Brian Atherton Upper Skeena'

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<sandra.harris@wetsuweten.com>

Subject: CAC Update

Hi everyone,

As noted yesterday, Sandra and I understand that it is likely there will be a funding announcement from the Province and the Wet'suwet'en early tomorrow morning (Friday). This is not yet final and we are still working on materials; however, our goal is to send you an embargoed news release with some additional information by the end of the day. I hope we could then set up some time to discuss/get into details – probably early next week.

I want to note that this is not yet final, and this news will be confidential until it is released officially. So we ask that you keep this news, and any documents I send you, strictly confidential until the news is publicly release (I will let you know when that happens).

Best,

Sandra and Stewart

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release 2021IRR0027-000729 April 16, 2021 Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Office of the Wet'suwet'en

Province supports Wet'suwet'en Nation MOU on title and rights negotiations

WET'SUWET'EN YINTAH - The Province is providing Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs with \$7.22 million to support work to implement Wet'suwet'en title and rights. The funding will be used to support Wet'suwet'en governance, engage in unity-building activities and facilitate ongoing discussions related to the 2020 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The three-year funding commitment will support the Wet'suwet'en in their work on governance and the shared goal of reunification within Wet'suwet'en Nation. The Office of the Wet'suwet'en, Houses and Clans will undertake an internal engagement process to advance unity-building, which will be inclusive of all Wet'suwet'en House members.

The new provincial funding will also support more resources for Wet'suwet'en Nation to revitalize Wet'suwet'en governance structures for water stewardship, wildlife programs, ecosystem monitoring and other initiatives to enhance collaborative stewardship and management of land and resources in the Yintah (Wet'suwet'en territory).

Some of the new funding will be used to renovate the former Lake Kathlyn school property, which Wet'suwet'en Nation bought in 2020 through a \$1.23-million grant from the Province. The historical site to the Wet'suwet'en will be used for a Wet'suwet'en Nation governance centre, with space for administration offices and Wet'suwet'en resources.

The provision of this grant funding is not a repayable loan or treaty payment.

The Province and Office of the Wet'suwet'en launched external engagement with non-Indigenous communities in the Wet'suwet'en Yintah on the ongoing negotiations under the MOU in September 2020 through a Regional Engagement Group. A Core Advisory Council also has been meeting regularly since February 2021. Both are intended to provide critical input and ensure transparency and openness with stakeholders and local government throughout the negotiations.

In support of meaningful reconciliation, the goal in reaching out to neighbouring communities, interested parties and stakeholders is to build understanding of the Wet'suwet'en distinct relations to the Yintah. This includes how implementation of Wet'suwet'en title and rights contributes to a vibrant economy and strong local relationships that will benefit the entire region. There is also ongoing work within the provincial government to support reconciliation and recognition of Wet'suwet'en title and rights.

All parties remain committed to the negotiations under the MOU. The negotiations are active and ongoing.

Quotes:

Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs -

""Wiggus Tset At'awt At'en" Respect first, then work. It's been a challenge with the pandemic, and unexpected delays along the way. We have ongoing responsibilities and this will support our Clans and House Groups in our formal negotiations."

Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation –

"This funding will support the unity-building work within Wet'suwet'en Nation that is critical to move forward in successfully implementing the MOU. Openness and transparency continue to be a key focus in the negotiations, and I am pleased that negotiators are giving regular updates to our regional engagement group and external community advisory council."

Quick Facts:

- The MOU was signed in May 2020 by the provincial and federal governments and Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs.
- The MOU creates a framework for tripartite negotiations on an agreement to affirm Wet'suwet'en title and rights, as well as on jurisdictional matters in the areas of reunification, children and families, water, wildlife, fish, land use planning, revenue sharing and decision-making.
- Under the MOU, the provincial and federal governments committed to providing the necessary resources to the Wet'suwet'en Nation for the negotiations.

Learn More:

- Community engagement strategy: https://news.gov.bc.ca/22878
- Wet'suwet'en, B.C. and Canada MOU: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/signed_mou_bc_canada_and_wetsuweten_may_14_2020.pdf

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Dini'ze Woos (Frank Alec) 778-669-0070

RE: DRAFT Messaging for CAC

From: SANDRA HARRIS <sandra.harris@wetsuweten.com>
To: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 21, 2021 8:53:22 AM PDT

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Hi, I have some comments, please see attached.

Mis'iyh Stu, Sandra Sandra Martin Harris Communications Director Office of the Wet'suwet'en

www.wetsuweten.com Cell: 250.877.9674

From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX Sent: April 21, 2021 8:05 AM

To: SANDRA HARRIS

Subject: DRAFT Messaging for CAC

Morning Sandra,

We discussed at table the CAC meeting coming up on Friday and that we would use the att'd as a basis of our messaging (I don't think we'd present this as a PPT, but use as speaking points). I also think adding something about ESI might be good (similar to what we had at last REG). Confirming with you that this is ok.

Cheers, Stu

BC and Wet'suwet'en MOU Funding Info Sharing



immediate measures contributing towards the recognition, affirmation and implementation of Wet'suwet'en rights and title

As outlined in MOU:

- Immediate Measure # 5:
 - "Canada and BC will provide the necessary resources to Wet'suwet'en for these negotiations"
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- Support is approximately \$7.22 M (first year) over a three year funding commitment
 - Canada's support being developed with Wet'suwet'en separately nation rebuilding

Support includes funding for MOU items:

- Priority topics
 - Wet'suwet'en Nation Reunification Strategy
 - T'oh Water
- Governance capacity building
 - Which supports all other topics/items detailed in Term Sheet (ok to share?)
- Negotiation and community outreach for the betterment of all / neighbors and guests on the yintah
- Visibility signage in Wet'suwet'en language → Smithers Airport, highway 16 & place names

Wet'suwet'en Reunification

- Unity building initiatives
 - Visioning
 - Unity building workshops
 - Dialogue with Houses and Clans
- Initiatives will be inclusive and accessible to all Wet'suwet'en people
- Photovoice Genealogy Project is the Wet'suwet'en starting place

Wet'suwet'en Governance capacity building

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- Develop stewardship and wildlife guardian programs
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- Collaboration takes time
 - · Lots of dialogue
 - Lots of review, internal meetings to develop/discuss concepts
- BC government & its agencies committed to decolonization and working towards respect first and then how we can come together to negotiate and support the Wet'suwet'en Nation

Next steps

- Gitdimt'en will get us started with the photovoice genealogy project
 - Each house will have a mini planning session to map out the photo voice project
- Begins in May
- Water dialogue sessions will resume as will the Wet'suwet'en Widzin Kwa sustainability project with BC

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RE: What makes up the \$7.22 M in the Term Sheet?

From: Clermont, Ben (AADNC/AANDC)

Sen.clermont@canada.ca>

To: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 22, 2021 2:38:05 PM PDT

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Thank you.

From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 2:37 PM

To: Clermont, Ben (AADNC/AANDC) <ben.clermont@canada.ca> **Subject:** RE: What makes up the \$7.22 M in the Term Sheet?

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From: Clermont, Ben (AADNC/AANDC) < ben.clermont@canada.ca >

Sent: April 22, 2021 2:32 PM

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The version I have s.16; s.17 \$7.22 M.



Update on Wet'suwet'en MOU Negotiations

SRMC May 4, 2021



Purpose

- 1. Background and current status
- 2. Update on Term Sheet and Immediate Measures Funding Agreement
- 3. Discussion on next steps and opportunities for interagency collaboration

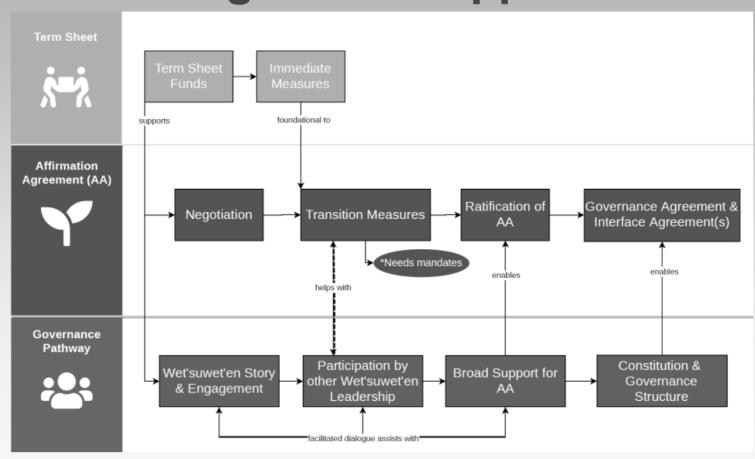


Feb 2 SRMC - Next Steps

- Maintain dialogue at table
 - Confirm negotiation approach & governance dialogue
- Seek authority from Treasury Board for Term Sheet elements & other 'short-term commitments'
- Schedule resumed stakeholder engagement sessions
- Maintain open lines of communication with senior officials
 & Ministers



Negotiation Approach





Immediate Measures Funding Agreement

Term Sheet approved using contingency funds → Immediate Measures Funding agreement developed:

| | Topic | Amount |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Renovations to Lake Kathlyn School | 1.23 M |
| 2 | Unity building/public engagement/negotiation support | 2.55 M |
| 3 | Capacity building/specific initiatives | 2.5 M Year 1 (1.25 M in Years 2,3) |
| 4 | Water stewardship and governance | 750 K |
| 5 | Wet'suwet'en visibility | 150 K |

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• \$ 7.22 M in Year 1; \$10.23 M total over three years



Community Engagement Strategy

- Regional Engagement Group (REG) meetings
 - September 10, 2020
 - February 11, 2021
 - Next Meeting June 3, 2021
- Core Advisory Council (CAC) meetings
 - · Multiple meetings to date
 - · Finalizing participant agreement on conduct/confidentiality
 - · Setting up regular monthly meetings
- Public Engagement
 - CAC will be discussing options/topics
- Working Committee (initial focus on Water)
 - Potential launch this summer focussed on Wetzin'kwa Water Stewardship Project



Interagency Collaboration



- MCFD Wellness Table
- Joint workplans for guardians, moose, and other topics in Immediate Measure Funding Agreement
 - Working with FLNRORD to establish workplans, define scope of work
- Culture Change initiatives
 - Supporting the operational implementation of the above topics by developing Provincial capacity-building learning opportunities (leveraging FLNRORD developed training)



Key Next Steps

- Ministers meeting with Hereditary Chiefs and negotiating teams on May 14, 2021
- Endorsement of approach focussed on legal recognition of Houses separate from AA
- Finalization of joint workplans to guide operational work outlined in Immediate Measures
 Funding Agreement
- Further development of culture change activities
- Continuation of Community Engagement Strategy

Negotiation and Implementation Plan – Confirmation Questionnaire

General

1. Briefly describe the initiative and what part of it is requested to be funded within the 2021/22 fiscal year. (who, what when where, how).

| | ures Funding Agreement with the Wet'suwet'en at committed \$10.37 M over three fiscals (FY 20/21; yment of \$7.22 M to Wet'suwet'en s.16 |
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| Treasury Board approved a further \$ 1.52 s.16 | 25 M in FY 22/23 and 23/24. s.16 |
| s.16 the development of guardian, wildlife and collaboration and support with FLNRO. | The remaining funds will support the Wet'suwet'en in eco-system monitoring programs and ensure |
| The total amount that is still required is \$3 | 3.15 M, s.16 |
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2. Does this initiative build on any existing agreements, mandates or commitments currently in place from any related decisions of the Minister, ministry, government or related agencies?

This initiative fulfills the Province's commitment in the May 14, 2020 tripartite Memorandum of Understanding with the Wet'suwet'en and Canada to provide the necessary resources to the Wet'suwet'en support continued negotiations.

3. What is the outcome or deliverable expected, if this initiative is funded?

| The collaborative development and implementation of Wet'suwet'en-led programs that complement existing Provincial initiatives on priority topics outlined in the May 14 MOU. |
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| Fiscal 4. Has existing funding been leveraged to cover some or all parts of this funding request (ie. BCTC, IFE, Canada, Partner Ministries)? |
| N/A |
| What is Canada's involvement in this initiative? (ie.is there a commitment from Canada to cost share or match provincial contributions) |
| Canada has committed to developing a similar agreement over a similar span and fiscal contribution. |
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Prioritization Criteria

6. Identify any issues and information that will assist in the prioritization of this initiative: (ie. failure to support will create/ result in a legal risk, relationship risk, stakeholder / overlap risks)

The MOU discussions have stabilized a complex relationship which has resulted in direct action in the past. These funds support the development of collaborative approaches for both the Wet'suwet'en and Province while the MOU is being negotiated. Failure to fulfill the funding agreement would result in a legal risk as the province has signed a commitment to disburse, would damage the relationship between the province and the Wet'suwet'en, and would threaten a tenuous stability.

7. Does this initiative encourage aggregation of Indigenous Nations and/or reconstitution of individual First Nations into a broader collective?

8. Are there any timeframe considerations or other prioritization criteria not yet raised?

The funds are part of the broader Immediate Measures Funding Agreement which includes funding for unity building amongst the Wet'suwet'en Nation. These additional funds will support unity as they will be used to develop Wet'suwet'en capacity and be used on projects linked to the Skeena Environmental Stewardship Initiative that other components of the Wet'suwet'en nation would benefit from and are a part of.

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| ć | Are there any incremental steps that could be taken that could see some of the request |
| | being allocated in the next fiscal year? |
| | Subject to the development of joint workplans on the proposed initiatives it is possible that some of the funds could be disbursed in advance of the timelines in the funding agreement. |
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Certainty of milestone to be achieved

10. Briefly describe the commitment and capacity of the parties to conclude the initiative within the 2021/2022 fiscal year. (ie. Do all parties have the human resources needed to conclude the agreement)

| FLNRO may require | support funds that will be used in FY 22/23. |
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| 11. Briefly describe th | ne internal MIRR resources required for milestone achievement |
| | hree staff working on the file in a part-time capacity. It is not expected that eded to support this existing agreement. |
| initiative? (ie. Doe initiative raise con | erse impacts, or risks associated with moving forward with the es the initiative raise overlap/ shared territory concerns? Does the cerns with local governments, industry, or other stakeholders?) |
| s.16 s.16 agreement to advanc mitigates that risk. | however; the requirement of joint workplans and the e work that develops our relationship and do not require legislative change |
| 2021/2022 fiscal y | e Indigenous partners readiness to ratify the agreement within the rear. (ie. Is there a process for ratification? Has there been ement / consultation?) |
| The agreement has a | already been ratified using Wet'suwet'en internal governance processes. |

Land Purchases / Transfers

| 1. What is Canada's role in the transfer of land? Will Canada be cost sharing the lands or |
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| contributing, in kind, to the initiative? |
| N/A |
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| 2. If private lands are being considered for transfer, are there alternative Crown lands available that would meet the Indigenous partner's interests? |
| N/A |
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| 3. Does the Indigenous partner have a strong Aboriginal title claim to the lands being |
| considered for transfer? |
| N/A |
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| 4. Are there overlapping Aboriginal title claims to the land? |
| N/A |
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| 5. Does the land provide the Indigenous partner an opportunity to expand their community |
| or is critical to economic development opportunities? |
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| 6. What is the current valuation of the land? |
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| 7. Does transferring the land contribute to addressing impacts on stakeholders or third- |
| party interests? |
| party interests? |
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| 8. Is the availability of the land known? Is it agreed-to in principle? |
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| 9. What is the current survey status of the land? |
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| 10. Will a longer duration land transfer process cause irreparable damage to the |
| negotiations? |
| N/A |
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| 11. When are the lands anticipated to be transferred to the Indigenous partner? |

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| 12. How long is the land anticipated to be held by the Province? |
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| 13. Are there any current environmental risks associated with the land? |
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From: "Chaytor, Wisty IRR:EX" < Wisty.Chaytor@gov.bc.ca>

Date: 2021-04-27 7:11 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX" < Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca >, "Ritsema, Roger IRR:EX"

<Roger.Ritsema@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Samuel, Aaron IRR:EX" < <u>Aaron.Samuel@gov.bc.ca</u>> Subject: Negotiations Plan Questionnaire - Follow Up

Hi Stewart / Hi Roger,

I thought I would follow up with both of you to confirm you received an email last week with a **Negotiations Plan Questionnaire** to fill out; related to your work with the Wet'suwet'en, and your work related to Gityanow? The emails could have gone to Tom and Cory, so I wanted to make sure you both also saw the info request.

If you did not, please let me know and I will re-send it to you right away. We are hoping to have that information up to Trish by the end of the week.

Thanks

Wisty

Wisty Chaytor

Senior Negotiator, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation 2957 Jutland Rd. 4th Floor, Victoria, BC Tel: 250 818-6392 (cell) Page 271 of 461 to/à Page 315 of 461

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Title Leadership Annotated Agenda - draft 3.0

May 14, 2021

Time: 3 hours (10:00 AM PST – 13:00 PM PST) Agenda item times are a suggested length.

Chair: Facilitator Daniel Johnson

Participants:

| Wet'suwet'en | |
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| Marvin George Debbie Pierre Judy Walton Kris Statnyk Gretchen Woodman Sandra Harris Lucy Gagnon | Chief Hagwilnegh – Ron Mitchell (Laksilyu Clan) Neekupdeh – Daren George (Laksilyu Clan) Chief Kloum Khun – Alphonse Gagnon (Laksamshu Clan) Chief Smogelgem – Warner Naziel (Laksamshu Clan) Wila'at – Sue Alfred (Tsayu Clan) Andrew Tom (Tsayu Clan) Chief Madeek – Jeff Brown (Gitdumden Clan) Chief Gisday'wa (Gitdumden Clan) Chief Lay'oh – James Namox (Gil seyhu Clan) |
| Canada | |
| Minister Carolyn Bennett Deputy Minister Daniel Watson Frank Soda | Don MorrisonJonathan MonkBen Clermont |
| British Columbia | |
| Minister Murray Rankin Minister Nathan Cullen Tom McCarthy Sarah Plank | Becky Black Andrei Whitaker Colleen Gellein Stewart Dickson |

Legend for Minister Rankin:

- Each agenda item is numbered and in size 18 font and has corresponding speaking notes
- Themes for notes are underlined/italicized
- Suggested speaking notes are in bold

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RE: BC-Wet'suwet'en Immediate Measures Term Sheet

From: Clermont, Ben (AADNC/AANDC)

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To: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 20, 2021 1:40:29 PM PDT

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From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 1:39 PM

To: Clermont, Ben (AADNC/AANDC) <ben.clermont@canada.ca> **Subject:** RE: BC-Wet'suwet'en Immediate Measures Term Sheet

I'm afraid I can't speak to the sufficiency piece, but would say that this constitutes public confirmation that BC is supporting the HC's to engage in unity building activities, which would reasonably include clan engagement meetings.

From: Clermont, Ben (AADNC/AANDC) < ben.clermont@canada.ca >

Sent: May 20, 2021 1:18 PM

To: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX < Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca > **Subject:** RE: BC-Wet'suwet'en Immediate Measures Term Sheet

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Stewart, the following should be sufficient as public confirmation that BC is supporting s.16

to engage

in clan engagement meetings towards Nation reunification, right?

On the OW website:

http://www.wetsuweten.com/files/NR Wetsuweten term sheet 15April2021 final.pdf

From: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 1:00 PM

To: Clermont, Ben (AADNC/AANDC)

 Lermont@canada.ca>; McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX

<Tom.McCarthy@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: BC-Wet'suwet'en Immediate Measures Term Sheet

No, the funding agreement itself is not public. We did however provide some verbal messaging at a CAC meeting.

From: Clermont, Ben (AADNC/AANDC) < ben.clermont@canada.ca>

Sent: May 20, 2021 12:36 PM

To: Dickson, Stewart IRR:EX <Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca>; McCarthy, Tom IRR:EX <Tom.McCarthy@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: BC-Wet'suwet'en Immediate Measures Term Sheet

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Gents, is the content of the Term Sheet public information?

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Welcome!

June 3, 2021

Regional Engagement Group Meeting



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Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- Housekeeping
- Introductions
- Update from Table
- Funding discussion
- Water Update
- Q & A

Photo from Wet'suwet'en.com



Prayer and Acknowledgment







Housekeeping

- This is a virtual safe space
- All participants will be muted during the presentation
- We will provide space at the end for questions
- If you have a question, please use the chatbox to:
 - Signal you have a question you want to ask
 - Or type in the question
 - Scribe will monitor the chatbox and moderate Q and A
- If you still have questions unanswered at the end of the meeting, please reach out to <u>Stewart.Dickson@gov.bc.ca</u>









Introductions

Welcome to new co-chair:

- Frank Soda
 - Special Advisor
 - Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

- Sandra Harris (co-chair)
 - · Office of the Wet'suwet'en
 - Communications Director
- Tom McCarthy (co-chair)
 - Divisional Chief Negotiator
 - Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Stewart Dickson (scribe)
 - Negotiator
 - Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation







Update from Negotiators Table

- Current focus is on legal recognition of Wet'suwet'en Houses as the holders of Wet'suwet'en aboriginal rights and title in accordance with their Inuk'Nuaten
- Canada/BC focus is on how that can take effect through respective Indigenous Governing Body policy
- Progress at Child and Family Wellness Table
 - Strengthened ties between the current MOU discussions and the work done by the Wet'suwet'en, BC, and Canada according to the 2018 MOU regarding child and family services
 - In full anticipation of BC/Canada affirming House Groups as IGB, scaling up child and family wellness operations – key value: responsible growth
 - Genealogy Project foundational element
 - Youth Leadership/Engagement succession planning, unity building, healing (traumainformed) focus







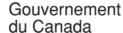


Immediate Measures Funding Agreement

As outlined in MOU:

- Immediate Measure # 5: "Canada and BC will provide the necessary resources to Wet'suwet'en for these negotiations":
 - The Wet'suwet'en-BC Immediate Measures Term Sheet fulfills B.C.'s commitment
 - Support is \$7.22 M in the first year of approximately \$10 M over three years
 - Wet'suwet'en and Canada are separately co-developing a Term Sheet for Nation rebuilding









Immediate Measures Funding Agreement

Funding supports work under MOU:

- Priority topics
 - Wet'suwet'en Nation Unity Building initiatives
 - visioning, unity building workshops, dialogue inclusive and accessible to all Wet'suwet'en people
 - Photovoice Genealogy Project is the Wet'suwet'en starting place
 - T'oh Water
- Governance capacity building
 - · Hire contractors and staff; develop stewardship and wildlife guardian programs
 - Enhance Wet'suwet'en capacity to inform decisions on the Yintah
 - Purchase and renovations of Lake Kathlyn School for Wet'suwet'en Government
- Negotiation and community outreach support
- Visibility making the Nation more visible









Immediate Measures Funding Agreement

Builds off Skeena Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI):

- collaboration on environmental stewardship and monitoring amongst:
 - 10 First Nations, including both hereditary and elected leadership
 - 3 provincial ministries
- resulting in state of the value assessments for key environmental values
- collaboratively developing 'trusted data' that supports a consent-based decision making model with First Nations
- information will be shared with industry and stakeholders seek to work together to augment our trusted data
- a successful example of UNDRIP Implementation, "Reconciliation in Action"



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Immediate Measures Funding Agreement Negotiation support:

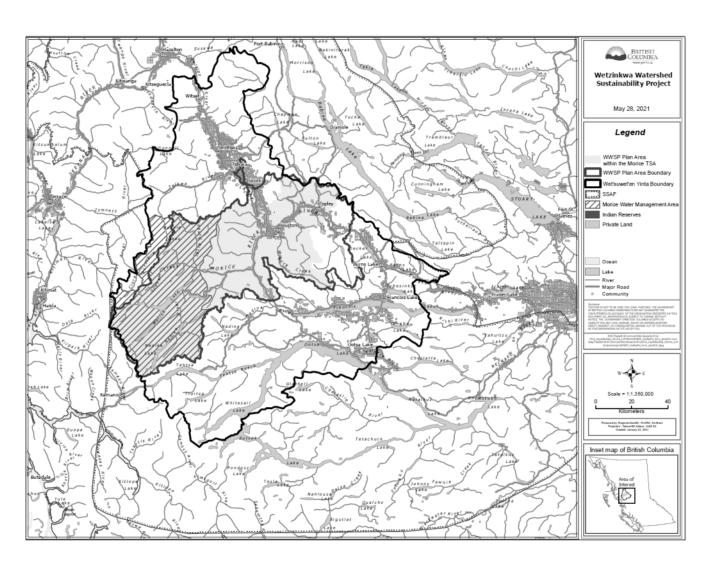
- Staff and support for the continued discussions
 - Discussions occur bi-weekly
 - Require legal support
- Collaboration takes time
 - Lots of dialogue
 - Lots of review, internal meetings to develop/discuss concepts
- BC & Canada committed to the work outlined in the MOU



Background

- Water/T'oh named priority in Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (May 14, 2020)
- BC and Wet'suwet'en working together on water/t'oh through the Wetzin'kwa Water
 Sustainability Project
- Cumulative effects on the Wetzin'kwa watershed
- Vision to improve watershed health and integrity through establishing new water objectives and a Water Sustainability Plan
- Aim to integrate Wet'suwet'en laws, values and governance into resource management and decision making

Project Area



Project Status



Technical Working Group



Project Infrastructure



Review of legal objectives in the project area



Work plan for development of water objectives

Engagement

- Establishing a water working group under the MOU Community Engagement Strategy
- To receive information about the Wetzin'kwa Water Sustainability Project as it progresses, please contact:

Megan Peloso
Province of BC
megan.peloso@gov.bc.ca

Sam Pittman
Office of the Wet'suwet'en
samuel.r.pittman@gmail.com









Next Steps

- Meeting next quarter (date TBD)
- Record and PPT will be shared to participants
- CAC continue to meet
- Water Working Group to be developed
- Discussions continue



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Q&A

- Contacts for further questions:
 - Sandra Harris, Office of the Wet'suwet'en
 - <u>Sandra.Harris@wetsuweten.com</u>
 - Frank Soda, Canada
 - Frank.Soda@canada.ca
 - Tom McCarthy, Province of BC
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 - Stewart Dickson, Province of BC
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Meeting of the Wet'suwet'en Regional Engagement Group (REG)

June 3, 2021 - via Zoom

Participants:

Province of BC: MIRR: Tom McCarthy (Divisional Chief Negotiator, Co-Chair - Presenter), Stewart Dickson (Negotiator), Colleen Gellein (support), FLNR Water: Megan Peloso, Robin van Iderstine, Ryan Holmes

Wet'suwet'en Nation: Sandra Harris (Communications Director, Co-Chair - Presenter), Debbie Pierre (acting Lead Negotiator), Judy Walton (support), Marvin George (Member of Wet'suwet'en Negotiation team), Gretchen Woodman (Member of Wet'suwet'en Negotiation team), Honoured Guest, Chief Hagwilnegh, Water: David de Wit, Samuel Pittman

Canada: Frank Soda, Don Morrison, Wade Henry

48 participants (including above)

Meeting Record:

Opening Prayer and Welcome, acknowledgement that we are honoured to be on the territory of the Wet'suwet'en Nation

- Introductions of co-chairs (Sandra Harris, Office of the Wet'suwet'en; Tom McCarthy, MIRR) and scribe/moderator (Stewart Dickson, MIRR)
- Welcome to co-chair Frank Soda, Special Advisor for Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Address by Honoured Guest, Chief Hagwilnegh, in remembrance of Kamloops Indian Residential School

Update from Negotiators' Table (Frank, Gretchen)

- Ben Clermont is retiring and Wade Henry who is on camera is joining our team and Don Morrison is jointing our team, and both are on the wellness table.
- The tragic events we have just heard so eloquently about is about what the MOU that was signed over a year ago is about. Canada and BC have been taking a long time to figure out how to make that take legal effect.
- Current focus is on legal recognition of Wet'suwet'en Houses as the holders of Wet'suwet'en
 aboriginal rights and title in accordance with their Anuk Nu'at'en. Addressing the Wet'suwet'en to
 make their own decisions on their own land. How that can take effect through Indigenous
 Governing Body policy.
- We are making a lot of progress on Child and Family table. This has been going on for decades –
 Hagwilnegh and Sandra Harris have been at this for years long standing. We are scaling up
 programs as Canada and BC sort out legal recognition and the intention is that by the time legal
 recognition is affirmed we will have sorted it all out. Like Hagwilnegh said children and genealogy

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program. We are excited about investing in our young people and amplifying their voices. This lessens the load for generations to come. They will in short order be inheriting the work we have today.

Wet'suwet'en-BC Immediate Measures Funding Agreement (Tom, Sandra)

- Wet'suwet'en and Canada are separately co-developing a Term Sheet for Nation rebuilding
- As outlined in MOU in Immediate Measure # 5: "Canada and BC will provide the necessary resources to Wet'suwet'en for these negotiations":
 - The Wet'suwet'en-BC Immediate Measures Term Sheet fulfills B.C.'s commitment
 - Support is \$7.22 M in the first year of approximately \$10 M over three years
 - o Funding was announced about 8 weeks ago.
- Funding supports work under MOU:
 - Priority topics
 - Wet'suwet'en Nation Unity Building initiatives
 - visioning, unity building workshops, dialogue inclusive and accessible to all Wet'suwet'en people
 - Photovoice Genealogy Project is the Wet'suwet'en starting place.
 - Genealogy is about helping people use a photo voice pictures approach to connect to their mothers.
 - T'oh Water
 - Governance capacity building
 - Hire contractors and staff; develop stewardship and wildlife guardian programs
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Building off Skeena Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) (David, Debbie)

- David: Great history of collaborative work. Data allows us to make enduring decisions.
 Information is powerful and needs to be shared.
- Debbie: This is an exceptional foundation for some of the work that is going to be underway around Immediate Measures being about to collect that data and principles for proper decision making on the territories assessing the health of the five priority areas one of leading around Wet'suwet'en principles want to recognize the teams and the hard work innovative in implementing key thresholds for Wet'suwet'en all those who use the resources.

Negotiation support (Tom)

Tom: we are making space for Wet'suwet'en law – and collaboration takes time. On that note pleased to introduce David DeWit – who works for office of the Wet'suwet'en and is involved in just about every project – and is held in tremendously high regard – and Megan Peloso – on the team that wis working with David on the Wetzin'kwa water sustainability project.

Wetzin'kwa Water Sustainability Project (Megan, David)

- The MOU named several priority areas with corresponding timelines water was an immediate priority. Very quickly we started to work on water. The Wetzin'kwa watershed was altered by land use and changing climate we share responsibility in leadership to address these we intend to establish new water objectives and water sustainability plan
- Would like to acknowledge a couple of other project team members Robyn Van Iderstine. and Ryan Holmes maybe will hear from them on Q and A. There is an open door for more engagement as this project progresses.
- In Wet'suwet'en, Kwa means river, and Wetzin means clear, blue-green waters. Taken together, Wetzin'kwa means the river of clear, blue-green waters, and refers to what is commonly known as the Bulkley and Morice river systems.
- The Wetzin'kwa watershed has been affected by land-use activities and a changing climate resulting in the degradation of values.
- As stewards of the land, the Wet'suwet'en have a cultural responsibility to safeguard the integrity and health of the Wetzin'kwa watershed.
- Project Area (see map in PowerPoint) black is Wet'suwet'en territory and red is project area.
 From east of Topley to west of Morice Lake; southern boundary is divided between Skeena and Fraser watersheds.
- Project Status
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Thanks, Colleen

Meeting of the Wet'suwet'en Regional Engagement Group (REG)

June 3, 2021 – via Zoom

Participants:

Province of BC: MIRR: Tom McCarthy (Divisional Chief Negotiator, Co-Chair - Presenter), Stewart Dickson (Negotiator), Colleen Gellein (support), FLNR Water: Megan Peloso, Robin van Iderstine, Ryan Holmes

Wet'suwet'en Nation: Sandra Harris (Communications Director, Co-Chair - Presenter), Debbie Pierre (acting Lead Negotiator), Judy Walton (support), Marvin George (Member of Wet'suwet'en Negotiation team), Gretchen Woodman (Member of Wet'suwet'en Negotiation team), Honoured Guest, Chief Hagwilnegh, Water: David de Wit, Samuel Pittman

Canada: Frank Soda, Don Morrison, Wade Henry

48 participants (including above)

Meeting Record:

Opening Prayer and Welcome, acknowledgement that we are honoured to be on the territory of the Wet'suwet'en Nation

- Introductions of co-chairs (Sandra Harris, Office of the Wet'suwet'en; Tom McCarthy, MIRR) and scribe/moderator (Stewart Dickson, MIRR)
- Welcome to co-chair Frank Soda, Special Advisor for Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Address by Honoured Guest, Chief Hagwilnegh, in remembrance of Kamloops Indian Residential School

Update from Negotiators' Table (Frank, Gretchen)

- Ben Clermont is retiring and Wade Henry who is on camera is joining our team and Don Morrison is jointing our team, and both are on the wellness table.
- The tragic events we have just heard so eloquently about is about what the MOU that was signed over a year ago is about. Canada and BC have been taking a long time to figure out how to make that take legal effect.
- Current focus is on legal recognition of Wet'suwet'en Houses as the holders of Wet'suwet'en
 aboriginal rights and title in accordance with their Anuk Nu'at'en. Addressing the Wet'suwet'en to
 make their own decisions on their own land. How that can take effect through Indigenous
 Governing Body policy.
- We are making a lot of progress on Child and Family table. This has been going on for decades –
 Hagwilnegh and Sandra Harris have been at this for years long standing. We are scaling up
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Wet'suwet'en-BC Immediate Measures Funding Agreement (Tom, Sandra)

- Wet'suwet'en and Canada are separately co-developing a Term Sheet for Nation rebuilding
- As outlined in MOU in Immediate Measure # 5: "Canada and BC will provide the necessary resources to Wet'suwet'en for these negotiations":
 - The Wet'suwet'en-BC Immediate Measures Term Sheet fulfills B.C.'s commitment
 - Support is \$7.22 M in the first year of approximately \$10 M over three years
 - o Funding was announced about 8 weeks ago.
- Funding supports work under MOU:
 - Priority topics
 - Wet'suwet'en Nation Unity Building initiatives
 - visioning, unity building workshops, dialogue inclusive and accessible to all Wet'suwet'en people
 - Photovoice Genealogy Project is the Wet'suwet'en starting place.
 - Genealogy is about helping people use a photo voice pictures approach to connect to their mothers.
 - T'oh Water
 - Governance capacity building
 - Hire contractors and staff; develop stewardship and wildlife guardian programs
 - Enhance Wet'suwet'en capacity to inform decisions on the Yintah
 - Purchase and renovations of Lake Kathlyn School for Wet'suwet'en Government
 - Negotiation and community outreach support
 - Visibility making the Nation more visible

Building off Skeena Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) (David, Debbie)

- David: Great history of collaborative work. Data allows us to make enduring decisions.
 Information is powerful and needs to be shared.
- Debbie: This is an exceptional foundation for some of the work that is going to be underway around Immediate Measures being about to collect that data and principles for proper decision making on the territories assessing the health of the five priority areas one of leading around Wet'suwet'en principles want to recognize the teams and the hard work innovative in implementing key thresholds for Wet'suwet'en all those who use the resources.

Negotiation support (Tom)

Tom: we are making space for Wet'suwet'en law – and collaboration takes time. On that note pleased to introduce David DeWit – who works for office of the Wet'suwet'en and is involved in just about every project – and is held in tremendously high regard – and Megan Peloso – on the team that wis working with David on the Wetzin'kwa water sustainability project.

Wetzin'kwa Water Sustainability Project (Megan, David)

- The MOU named several priority areas with corresponding timelines water was an immediate priority. Very quickly we started to work on water. The Wetzin'kwa watershed was altered by land use and changing climate we share responsibility in leadership to address these we intend to establish new water objectives and water sustainability plan
- Would like to acknowledge a couple of other project team members Robyn Van Iderstine. and Ryan Holmes maybe will hear from them on Q and A. There is an open door for more engagement as this project progresses.
- In Wet'suwet'en, Kwa means river, and Wetzin means clear, blue-green waters. Taken together, Wetzin'kwa means the river of clear, blue-green waters, and refers to what is commonly known as the Bulkley and Morice river systems.
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Thank-you Gretchen. If Debbie and Tom agree, they can sign the attached PDF version which I have just signed.

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incorporated your track changes. We added some additional information re: timelines.

Looking forward to your review and next set of instructions.

Thanks everyone,

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Confidential Issues Note - ADVICE TO MINISTER

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Updated: April 21, 2021

Minister Responsible: Hon. Murray Rankin

Wet'suwet'en reconciliation

TOP MESSAGE

 This is critical work. We are addressing matters of Wet'suwet'en rights and title outstanding since the Delgamuukw-Gisday-wa decision more than 20 years ago.

KEY MESSAGES:

- Resolving these issues will help avoid conflicts on the land, and support work together that will benefit all communities and people who live in the region.
- The Province is committed to this work and we are making progress as the negotiations continue.
- That's why we have provided funding to the Wet'suwet'en to support their work to add to their governance capacity, engage in unity-building activities and participate in the ongoing discussions under the 2020 MoU.
- This funding will support the reunification work within the Wet'suwet'en Nation that is critical to move forward to implement the MOU successfully, and in a way that includes all Wet'swuet'enWet'suwet'en members.
- In the interest of transparency and openness, the Province and Wet'suwet'en have initiated a process to ensure broad community input in the negotiations.

If asked about the new funding:

- The Province provided a \$7.22-million grant to Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs to create governance capacity, engage in unity-building activities and facilitate ongoing discussions under the 2020 Memorandum of Understanding.
- The funding will support the Wet'suwet'en in their work on an internal engagement process to advance unity-building, which will be inclusive of all Wet'suwet'en members.
- It will also support new staff and initiatives that ensure Wet'suwet'en Nation can better participate in collaborative stewardship and management of land and resources in Wet'suwet'en territory – for example with water stewardship, wildlife programs and eco-system monitoring.
- Some of the new funding will be used to renovate a recently purchased former school property that will be used for a new Wet'suwet'en Nation government building with administration offices and community resources.

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If asked about elected leadership opposition to funding and MOU negotiations:

- Ultimately it is for the Wet'suwet'en people to resolve their own governance matters that is central to self-determination.
- Governance matters and reunification within Wet'suwet'en Nation is an important element in the MOU, and is essential for moving forward successfully.
- Under the MOU, all Wet'suwet'en must be consulted on agreements negotiated, and there must be clarity on Wet'suwet'en governance structures and systems in order to move forward.
- The Province provides funding to band councils of the Wet'suwet'en through various financial arrangements related to forestry, pipelines, and children and family services – agreements worth millions of dollars to these communities.

If asked about elected chiefs' concerns over transparency & involvement:

- Under the MOU, there must be consultation with all Wet'suwet'en about any agreement, as well as clarity on Wet'suwet'en governance structures and systems.
- Part of the funding is intended to support this work, through an internal engagement process to advance unity-building.
- Hereditary Chiefs have advised they will be engaging with all Wet'suwet'en members under this process to ensure transparency as we move forward together with negotiations.

If asked about the status of negotiations:

- We are committed to working together to determine how best to implement Wet'suwet'en rights and title.
- Our negotiations toward an agreement that affirms Wet'suwet'en rights and title are active and ongoing, involving_discussions on a number of topics.
- We are making progress together, but this is complex work and we need to take the time to make sure we do this right.
- Openness and transparency with local communities and stakeholders as the negotiations proceed are critical.
- If pressed: At this time, we don't have an updated timeline.

If asked about the status of the CGL project in relation to negotiations:

- The Coastal GasLink project is permitted and approved to proceed.
- B.C. engaged extensively with Indigenous communities on the Coastal GasLink project, including both hereditary chiefs and elected leadership.
- At the time the MOU was reached, all parties at the table recognized the differences relating to the CGL project remain. That has not changed.

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