

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
AND  
PROTOCOL AGREEMENT**

**This AGREEMENT** dated for reference the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006

**BETWEEN:           YALE FIRST NATION**

**AND:                 FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**(the Parties)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Yale First Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) each have distinct governance authorities and responsibilities towards their residents and members, and acknowledge that the interests of all persons living in their communities are best served by working together in the spirit of cooperation.
- B. The Parties acknowledge that the boundaries of the FVRD include lands that either form Yale First Nation traditional territory, reserve lands, or potential treaty settlement lands.
- C. The Parties recognize that building a government-to-government relationship now will create a level of certainty for our neighboring communities and jurisdictions and begin an important dialogue in anticipation of successful treaty negotiations.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Parties enter into this Protocol agreement with the intention and desire to establish a cooperative government-to-government relationship for the purpose of sharing information, improving communications, addressing specific concerns, and raising awareness and understanding of Yale First Nation title and rights and the responsibilities of the FVRD under the Local Government Act and the Community Charter.

**1.0     PURPOSE**

- 1.1     The Purpose of this Protocol Agreement is to enter into a more formal arrangement between Yale First Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District with respect to establishing and maintaining a long-term cooperative government-to-government relationship through effective communications, and;
- 1.2     To establish a government-to-government working committee comprised of political appointments and/or staff to foster the development of clause 1.1.

## **2.0 PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION**

The Parties agree that Yale First Nation and the FVRD will:

- 2.1 Meet regularly to promote and encourage open and constructive dialogue based on mutual trust, honesty and respect.
- 2.2 Work cooperatively to ensure that the Parties have a full understanding of each other's governing structures, traditions, roles and responsibilities.
- 2.3 Respect for the views and authority of each of the Parties.

## **3.0 SHARED VALUES**

- 3.1 The Parties acknowledge the establishment of a government-to-government relationship will provide a venue to encourage discussion related to common areas of interest.
- 3.2 The participants recognize that there may be mutually beneficial opportunities for establishing cooperative action plans through the establishment and maintenance of a positive and meaningful government-to-government relationship.

## **4.0 KEY INTERESTS**

4.1 The Parties agree to work together and explore the following key interests:

- Intergovernmental Relationships
- Cultural and Heritage Protection
- Tourism and Economic Development
- Yale Foreshore Plan
- Community Relations
- Parks and Recreation
- Service Delivery
- Partnering Opportunities
- Emergency Management
- Mosquito Control

## **5.0 COMMUNICATIONS & CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Parties recognize that the success of a government-to-government relationship is predicated upon open and transparent communications based on trust, respect and mutual understanding.
- 5.2 It is the intention of the Parties to pursue opportunities for collaborative and consultative decision-making on common areas of interest.

5.3 The Parties acknowledge and recognize that communications and information sharing for initiatives set out in 4.1 may be subject to Federal and Provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation.

## 6.0 TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

6.1 The Parties agree this MOU and Protocol Agreement shall take effect by a formal resolution by each respective Council and Board.

6.2 The Parties agree this MOU and Protocol Agreement is a living document and may be subject to revision from time to time by mutual consent. The revisions must be agreed to in writing and by adoption, by formal resolution, of each respective Council and Board.

7.3 This MOU and Protocol Agreement will remain in effect unless terminated by either of the Parties by providing sixty (60) days notice in writing, to be delivered by hand, facsimile or registered mail.

## 7.0 ADDRESS FOR SERVICE

### YALE FIRST NATION

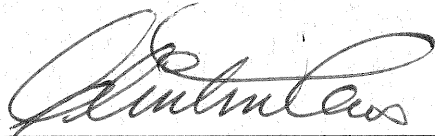
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### FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

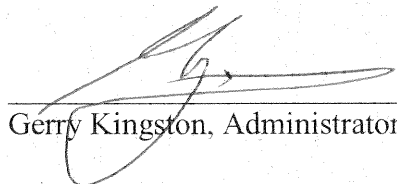
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have hereunto affixed their signatures as of the day and year first written above.

Fraser Valley Regional District  
By its authorized signatories



Clint Hames, Chair



Gerry Kingston, Administrator

Yale First Nation  
By its authorized signatories



Chief Robert Hope