



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ISSUE: COMMUNICATION

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF:

Ktunaxa Nation Council
Akisq'nuk First Nation
Lower Kootenay Indian Band
St. Mary's Indian Band
Tobacco Plains Indian Band

(hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Ktunaxa Nation")

AND:

Regional District of East Kootenay
Regional District of Central Kootenay
City of Cranbrook
City of Kimberley
City of Fernie
District of Sparwood
District of Elkford
District of Invermere
Town of Creston
Village of Radium Hot Springs
Village of Canal Flats

(hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Local Governments")

WHEREAS:

- A. The Parties have mutual respect for each other's mandates, policies, values and areas of jurisdiction;
- B. The Parties share mutual interest in sound governance of the region and recognize that each have distinct authorities and responsibilities toward their members and residents and acknowledge that the interests of all persons living in the communities are best served by working together in a spirit of cooperation;
- C. The Parties wish to maintain respectful relations with each other and to deal fairly, openly and honestly in communication processes so that decisions with respect to their responsibilities are made with the best possible knowledge;
- D. The Parties wish to provide for consistent, meaningful and effective communication on all issues of mutual interest.

THEREFORE:

This Memorandum of Understanding represents commitment by the Local Governments and the Ktunaxa Nation to develop strong, committed and fair working relationships between their respective governments by ensuring respectful and open communication in accordance with the following principles:

PRINCIPLES:

1. Communication between the Parties will be based on mutual respect, recognition, and the reciprocal consideration of common interests.
2. Communication between the Parties will be meaningful, will enhance the relationships between the Ktunaxa Nation and the Local Governments, and will be open, frank, honest and straightforward.
3. The Parties will communicate in a transparent, proactive, flexible, and effective manner, recognizing that the nature and scope of communication may vary depending on circumstances.
4. The Parties will strive to achieve:
 - (a) a shared understanding of the purpose of the communication;
 - (b) an improved understanding of each other's mandates, policies, values, and areas of jurisdiction;
 - (c) timeliness in initiating and responding to communications;
 - (d) an appreciation of the need for workable approaches to solutions; and
 - (e) agreement on the appropriate method for the exchange, development, and distribution of information.
5. The Parties are committed to formal and informal communication at all levels of their organizations: elected, administrative, and operational.
6. When common interests including, but not limited to, planning for services, providing economic development opportunities, land use planning and developing infrastructure, are identified, the responsible party will initiate communication in a timely manner.
7. The Parties will foster mutual respect and understanding among individuals and organizations. The Parties will invite each other to participate in each other's events where appropriate, and provide opportunities for relationship building between leaders and among members of their respective communities.

AMENDMENT:

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by written agreement of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding this 4th day of November 2005.

By the Ktunaxa Nation:

Ktunaxa Nation Council




Signatory:

Akisq'nuk First Nation



Signatory:

Lower Kootenay Indian Band



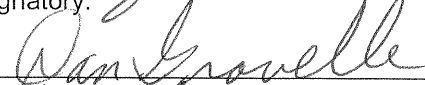
Signatory:

St. Mary's Indian Band



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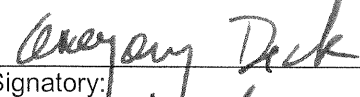
Tobacco Plains Indian Band



Signatory:

By the Local Governments:

Regional District of East Kootenay



Signatory:

Regional District of Central Kootenay



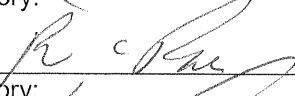
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