

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
AND  
PROTOCOL AGREEMENT**

**This AGREEMENT** dated for reference the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005

**BETWEEN:**               **IN-SHUCK-CH NATION**  
                                  **(representing Douglas First Nation, Samahquam Nation and**  
                                  **Skatin First Nations)**

**AND:**                     **FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**(the Parties)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. In-SHUCK-ch 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 encompass lands that either form all or part of In-SHUCK-ch 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 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, setting a solid foundation for future planning and raising awareness and understanding of In-SHUCK-ch 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 In-SHUCK-ch 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 In-SHUCK-ch 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, capacities, 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(s) related to common areas of interest.
- 3.2 The Parties 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
- Environmental Protection
- Economic Development
- Land Use Planning and Management
- Watershed Management
- Transportation Initiatives
- Shared / Reciprocal Services
- Capacity Building
- Zoning processes

## **5.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 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 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 Nation 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 Nation and Board.

6.3 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**

**IN-SHUCK-CH NATION**


41290B RR#1, Lougheed Highway, Deroche, BC V0M 1G0  
c/o Chief Administrative Officer

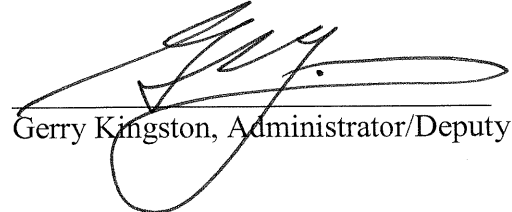
**FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT**

45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6  
c/o Chief Administrative Officer


**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**


  
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Terry Raymond, Chair

  
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Gerry Kingston, Administrator/Deputy

**In-SHUCK-ch Nation**  
**By its authorized signatories**

  
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Chief William Schneider,  
Samahquam Nation Government

  
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Chief Patrick Williams, Skatin First Nation

  
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Chief Darryl Peters, Douglas First Nation