File No: 3400-20/C2C

July 12, 2005

Ted Armstrong, Chair  
UBCM First Nations Relations Committee  
Suite 60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way  
Richmond, BC  V6X 2W9

Dear Chair Armstrong:

Please find attached the Final Report from the In-SHUCK-ch Nation and Fraser Valley Regional District Community to Community Forum that was held on June 15, 2005.

As per the funding requirements, please note the final report includes the following information:

- Final Report: Background
  Forum Objectives
  Forum Session
  Forum Outcomes
  Financial Summary
- Appendix A: Complete list of participants
- Appendix B: Forum Agenda
- Appendix C: Briefing Notes and Script
- Appendix D: Speaking Notes
- Appendix E: In-SHUCK-ch Presentation
- Appendix F: Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement
- Appendix G: Press Clippings

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Terry Raymond, Chair
Fraser Valley Regional District

Att.
FINAL REPORT

In-SHUCK-ch Nation
and
Fraser Valley Regional District

Joint
Community to Community Forum
June 15, 2005
Best Western Rainbow Country Inn
1. **Background**

The Fraser Valley Regional District and the In-SHUCK-ch Nation have been developing and nurturing an intergovernmental relationship since the mid 1990's. This relationship is separate and apart from our relationship at the Treaty Table. Representatives of the Regional District have toured the In-SHUCK-ch Nation traditional territory, both parties have articulated their various interests relative to treaty issues and agreed to establish an intergovernmental working group with the goal of protecting green space and promoting a road on the west side of Harrison Lake, among other initiatives.

It was agreed by both parties that it was now time to formalize the existing intergovernmental relationship by way of signing a Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement. By formalizing the relationship between the In-SHUCK-ch Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District both communities are sending the message that they are committed to establishing a solid, co-operative government-to-government relationship.

2. **Forum Objectives**

The primary objectives of the forum are to:

a) foster and further build relationships between the In-SHUCK-ch Nation and regional business interests, as well as regional and local governments, service agencies, non-governmental organizations and other interests in the region.

b) provide an opportunity for the In-SHUCK-ch Nation to brief these business and other interests on the treaty negotiations in general and their strategic plan in particular.

c) provide a forum for discussion among the parties about common interests, areas of concern and future opportunities.

d) provide an opportunity to share history, discuss common interests and areas of concern and to lay a foundation for future discussion and for the post treaty relationship.

e) conduct a formal signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement between the Fraser Valley Regional District and the In-SHUCK-ch Nation.
3. **Forum Session**

For the purposes of this session Clint Hames, Mayor of Chilliwack acted as session facilitator. Mayor Hames extended a welcome to all participants, explained the purpose behind a community to community forum and reviewed the objectives of this particular forum.

Mayor Hames introduced the head table who included:

- Eppa (Gerard Peters) Chief Negotiator for the In-SHUCK-ch Nation
- Catherine Panter, Chief Negotiator for British Columbia
- Tim Koepke, Chief Negotiator for Canada
- Terry Raymond, Chair of the Fraser Valley Regional District
- John Turner, Chair of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

This was followed by the introduction of distinguished guests:

- **John Les, Minister for Small Business and Economic Development and MLA for Chilliwack-Sumas**  
  On behalf of Mr. Les who was unable to attend, Mayor Hames extended greetings and congratulations.

- **Barry Penner, MLA for Chilliwack-Kent**  
  Mr. Penner extended congratulations to the In-SHUCK-ch Nation for their efforts in reaching out and fostering positive intergovernmental relationships. He said he was pleased with Eppa's goal of achieving AIP within six months noting that the government of British Columbia is committed to reaching honourable treaties. He concluded by noting that everyone has the same goal of keeping the In-SHUCK-ch traditional territory unspoiled and properly managed.

- **Joan McIntyre, MLA for West Vancouver, Garibaldi**  
  Ms. McIntyre said that as a new MLA this was her first formal opportunity to attend a Community to Community Forum. She congratulated all parties on entering into a Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement and expressed a desire to be able to work closely with all parties in the future.

- **Mark Smith, Treaty Legal Advisor for the BC Treaty Commission**  
  Mr. Smith brought greetings from the BC Treaty Commission and regrets on behalf of the Commissioners who were unable to attend the forum. Mr. Smith noted that the BC Treaty Commission was very pleased with the progress of negotiations at the In-SHUCK-ch Table noting that this table exemplified treaty making in British Columbia.

The three chief negotiators to the In-SHUCK-ch table were then invited to provide an update on the treaty process to date.
All negotiators commented on the positive relationship between the FVRD and the In-SHUCK-ch Nation which has translated well for the treaty table. It is hoped that AiP will be reached within the next six months with a final treaty negotiated by March, 2006.

Eppa added that the In-SHUCK-ch Nation has changed their approach to treaty making. He pointed out that in order to be truly self-governing the In-SHUCK-ch Nation needs to be able to “pay their own way” and not be dependent on other parties. Having acknowledged this, however, the In-SHUCK-ch Nation’s goal is not independence but rather interdependence.

At the conclusion of the Chief Negotiators remarks, Mayor Hames called upon the chiefs representing Douglas First Nation, Samahquam Nation Government and Skatin First Nation, which makeup the In-SHUCK-ch Nation, for the official signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement, along with the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer of the FVRD.

Chair Raymond provided brief comments acknowledging this signing ceremony formalized the intergovernmental relationship between the In-SHUCK-ch Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District that has been in existence since the mid 1990s. He noted that the success of any government-to-government relationship is predicated upon open and transparent communications based on trust, respect and mutual understanding.

Chair Raymond pointed out that the Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement identified a number of key interests and shared values as well as outlined various principles of cooperation to allow for collaborative decision making with regard to key areas. Key areas of mutual interests include:

- environmental protection
- economic development
- land use planning
- capacity building
- intergovernmental relations

At the conclusion of his comments, Chair Raymond noted that as a symbolic gesture, and in recognition of the newly created In-SHUCK-ch Nation, the FVRD is presenting the In-SHUCK-ch Nation with a flag stand for their newly redesigned flag. In addition, another three flag stands will be provided for each of the three communities, Samahquam, Skatin and Douglas, that form the In-SHUCK-ch Nation.

Accepting the gift on behalf of the In-SHUCK-ch Nation, Eppa said that he was pleased with this formal expression of the In-SHUCK-ch Nation and FVRD’s intergovernmental relationship. He added that he hopes a similar MOU can be signed with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District in the near future. He noted that the In-SHUCK-ch Nation has invested a significant amount of time to intergovernmental relations; reaching out to other governments to find out how they work and in turn explaining to various parties the structure In-SHUCK-ch Nation. He feels the In-SHUCK-ch have come a long way
and have a different and better understanding of how everyone can operate together. The In-SHUCK-ch intend to continue to reach out and establish relationships. Eppa reiterated their goal is “interdependence” rather than independence.

Each of the three chiefs, Chief Darryl Peters, Chief William Schneider, and Chief Patrick Williams, expressed their thanks to all forum participants for attending, and to the In-SHUCK-ch Negotiating Team for all their hard work. They also commented that the In-SHUCK-ch Nation is a determined one with concrete goals and intends to pursue relationships with other agencies in order to achieve these goals.

The forum then adjourned for dinner.

The forum was reconvened by Chair Raymond. Eppa was then called upon to present the In-SHUCK-ch Nation’s Seven Generations Plan. (See Appendix E). This was followed by a presentation from Christen Erling on building indigenous economies. This presentation pointed out the “old” approach taken towards economic development and why that method wasn’t successful. Mr. Erling noted that successful economic development depends upon good government: capable and appropriate with strategic thinking in place.

Eppa concluded the In-SHUCK-ch Nation’s presentation by reviewing maps of the In-SHUCK-ch traditional territory and explaining what areas the In-SHUCK-ch Nation were interested in securing via treaty and why.

The floor was then opened for questions. Mr. Trethewey, a private landowner with land in the In-SHUCK-ch traditional territory, asked if the In-SHUCK-ch Nation had taken into account the possibility of Independent Power Productions when selecting land for treaty negotiation. Eppa responded that they had and the issue is being pursued via treaty negotiations. Eppa also noted that the In-SHUCK-ch Nation has some real capacity issues (financial and expertise) in pursuing IPP’s as a viable source of economic development.

A representative of the Long Island Residents Association asked about the In-SHUCK-ch Nation’s position with regard to their leased land. Eppa responded that the In-SHUCK-ch intended to honour existing leases and had no intention of displacing anyone or destroying property that others had invested in. He noted that the Ministry of Land and Water BC is currently in the process of converting the leased land to fee simple. The Residents Association expressed thanks to Eppa and the In-SHUCK-ch Nation for meeting with them and explaining the Nation’s plans to everyone’s satisfaction.

There being no further questions, Chair Raymond adjourned the meeting thanking all participants for attending.
4. **Forum Outcomes**

The formal signing of a Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement between the In-SHUCK-ch Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District is considered a significant accomplishment of this community forum. The agreement identifies a number of key interests and shared values, and outlines various principles of cooperation. It sets the stage for the next phase of the intergovernmental relationship between the two governments. The FVRD has committed to assisting the In-SHUCK-ch Nation with their capacity building initiatives and plans are in place to offer mentoring, job shadowing and training opportunities to In-SHUCK-ch staff. Workshops will also be offered during the summer of 2005 in the areas of land use planning and development, finance, corporate administration human resources and government. Reporting out on the community forum to councils and Boards will be by way of sharing this final report
Financial Summary

Room Rental: waived by hotel

Catering: Dinner Buffet

Audio/visual equipment rental

Gift Exchange (4 flag stands + engraving)

Presentation Case for signed official MOU

Staff coordination/liaison
  Includes Sr. mgmt's time spent in prep meeting and preparing presentations. Also includes time spent preparing agenda, invitation, invitation list, phone calls/email, hotel arrangements, note taking, final report prep and distribution

Copying of Agenda Materials (100 copies)

Preparation/distribution of final report

0.00

2,118.00

278.20

600.00

350.00

3,500.00

200.00

600.00

7,646.20
Appendix A

Participants:

MLA Joan McIntyre
MLA Barry Penner

Gordon Poole, Mayor of Hope
Abe Neufeld, Mayor of Mission
John Allen, Mayor of Harrison Hot Springs
Mary Reeves, Mayor of Abbotsford
Dick Bogstie, Director, FVRD
Clint Hames, Mayor of Chilliwack
John Turner, SLRD Chair
Keith Warrener, Director, FVRD
Terry Raymond, Chair FVRD
Sharon Gaetz, City Chilliwack
George Peary, Director FVRD
Frank Sobkowich, Director FVRD
Mickey Macri, SLRD/PLTAC
Paul Edgington, CEO SLRD
Kevin Anderson, Councillor Lillooet
Candace Gordon, LMTAC
Suzanne Gresham, Dir. Admin, FVRD
Gerry Kingston, CEO, FVRD
Gillian Berger, FVTAC Assistant

Carole Carver, Negotiator Treaty Negotiation Office
Colleen Davis, Analyst Treaty Negotiation Office
Catherine Panter, Chief Negotiator, Treaty Negotiation Office
Bruce Milne, INAC
Tim Koepke, INAC
Katherine Beavis, INAC
Chris Seltenrich, INAC
Mark Smith, BCTC

Ken Burroughs, Long Island Residents Assoc.
Nat Calueuley, Long Island Residents Assoc.
Leonard Feldes, BC Timber Sales
Brian Taylor, May Trucking, Hope
Leonard Feldes, BC Timber Sales
Rae McCombs, Long Island Leaseholder
David Allen, Chehalis Indian Band
Allen Trethewey, Private landowner
Brig Trethewey, private landowner
Betty Champ, Chilliwack REB
Kerry Grozier, Min of Forests
Peter Jones, Min. Sustainable Resources
Arlette Malcolm, Min. Sustainable Resources

Robert Freeman, Chilliwack Progress

**In-SHUCK-ch Nation**

Eppa (Gerard Peters)
Chief William Schneider, Samahquam Nation Government
Chief Patrick Williams, Skatin First Nation
Chief Daryl Peters, Douglas First Nation

Mark Peters, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Michael Smith Sr., In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Gabe Williams, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Neil Phillips, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Pat Peters, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Phyllis Wright, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Herman Day, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Bertha Purcell, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Lori Vandenberg, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Allen Gabriel, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Erling Christensen, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Vern Shanoss, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
George Purcell, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Pauline Peters, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Shawn Gabriel, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Patrick Jack, In-SHUCK-ch Nation

Agnes Giesbrecht, Samahquam Nation Government
Laura Purcell, Samahquam Nation Government
Malcolm Smith, Samahquam Nation Government

Harold Jack, Douglas First Nation
Jeanette Phillips, Douglas First Nation
Appendix B

Community to Community Forum
In-SHUCK-ch Nation
Fraser Valley Regional District
Regional Business Community

Wednesday, June 15, 2005
5:00 p.m.
Best Western Rainbow Country Inn
43971 Industrial Way, Chilliwack, BC

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks

2. Treaty Updates

3. Signing Ceremony - Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement

4. Buffet Dinner (6:15 pm)

5. Presentation of In-SHUCK-ch Nation’s 7 Generations Plan (7:00 pm)
Appendix C

Briefing Notes and Script

In-SHUCK-ch Community Forum
June 15, 2005
Best Western Hotel, Chilliwack, BC
5:00 p.m.

1 Welcome and Opening Remarks – CLINT HAMES

➢ Welcome participants

➢ Explain what a Community to Community Forum is

➢ Identify objectives of this Forum

   - Signing of MOU and Protocol Agreement between FVRD and In-SHUCK-ch Nation

   - Presentation of the In-SHUCK-ch Nation Strategic Plan to Regional Business Community

➢ Review Agenda

➢ Housekeeping

   - Sign in

   - Washrooms

   - When Dinner Served and where (6:15 in foyer)

   - When session with reconvene after Dinner (7:00 p.m.)

➢ Take the opportunity to get to know one another
Introductions – CLINT HAMES

Introduce Head Table

- **EPPA In-SHUCK-ch Chief Negotiator**
  - traditional name EPPA
  - member of Samahquam ("Shaw mah quam") Nation
  - Chief Negotiator since 1994

- **Tim Koepke, Canada’s Chief Negotiator**
  - has recently been appointed as Chief Negotiator to the In-SHUCK-ch Table
  - also a Chief Negotiator for Yukon land claim settlements and has been appointed as Chief Federal Negotiator for the negotiation of a regional long term benefits agreement among Canada, Alberta, the Athabasca Tribal Council and the Athabasca oil sands producers
  - wealth of experience in land and resource development projects

- **Catherine Panter, BC’s Chief Negotiator**
  - has been with the Treaty Negotiations Office since 1995
  - responsible for negotiations at the In-SHUCK-ch Table and Yekooche as is co-Chief Negotiator on the Treaty 8 bilateral negotiations
  - has a background in economic development and education

- **Terry Raymond, FVRD Chair**
- 9 years in role of Director for Electoral Area A
- 4th term as Chair
- extensive background working with First Nations
- resident of Boston Bar

- **John Turner, SLRD Chair**
  - a member of the Lower Mainland TAC
  - a member of The Elected Officials Forum, Sea-to-Sky Land and Resource Management Plan
  - has an extensive background in business development and strategic planning
3. **Acknowledgements – CLINT HAMES**

- Acknowledge Barry Penner, MLA for Chilliwack-Kent
  (attendance to be confirmed)

- Acknowledge MLA John Les
  (not able to attend)

- Joan MacIntyre, MLA for West Vancouver, Garibaldi
  (attendance confirmed)

- Mark Smith, Treaty Legal Advisor BCTC
  (attendance confirmed)

- Regional Business Community
  (reference guest list)
3. **Introduction of In-SHUCK-ch dignitaries**

**CLINT HAMES** to turn mike over to **EPPA**

- Bring greetings on behalf of the In-SHUCK-ch Nation (short)
- Introduce In-SHUCK-ch Nation dignitaries

**EPPA TO TURN MIKE BACK OVER TO CLINT HAMES**
GREETINGS FROM OTHER DIGNITARIES – CLINT HAMES

Clint to offer opportunity for short (1 minute) greetings from the following:

- Terry Raymond, Chair, FVRD
- John Turner, Chair, SLRD
- MLA Les
- MLA Penner
- MLA MacIntyre
- Mark Smith, BCTC

CLINT HAMES to take mike over and move forward with item 5
Treaty Updates – CLINT HAMES

Introduce topic and hand over mike to Tim Koepke

- Canada – Tim Koepke
- BC – Catherine Panter
- In-SHUCK-ch Nation – EPPA

CLINT HAMES to call for Questions/comments from the floor
6.0 Signing Ceremony - Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement

➢ CLINT HAMES TO ASK THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE SIGNING TABLE
  - Chief William Schneider, Samahquam Nation Government
  - Chief Patrick Williams, Skatin First Nation
  - Chief Darryl Peters, Douglas First Nation
  - EPPA, Chief Negotiator, In-SHUCK-ch Nation
  - Terry Raymond, Chair, FVRD
  - Gerald Kingston, CAO, FVRD

➢ CLINT HAMES TO CALL UPON THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE COMMENTS AND EXCHANGE GIFTS
  - Terry Raymond
  - EPPA
  - Other (to be confirmed by In-SHUCK-ch Nation)

➢ CLINT HAMES TO ASK THE SIGNATORIES TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND PROTOCOL AGREEMENT
  - Execution
  - Hand Shakes
  - Photo Opportunity
  - Closing Remarks (to be confirmed)
Buffet Dinner – CLINT HAMES (6:15 p.m)

- Prayer (to be confirmed by IN-SHUCK-ch Nation)

- Announce that a buffet dinner has been set up in the foyer

- Announce that session to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.
Presentation of In-SHUCK-ch 7 Generations Plan

TERRY RAYMOND TO READJOURN MEETING AND HAND MIKE OVER TO EPPA

EPPA to deliver 7 Generations Plan and call for comments or questions from the floor at the conclusion of the presentation.
Closing Remarks – TERRY RAYMOND

- Thank participants for coming
- Identify next steps that may have been identified during the evening
- Adjourn the Forum
Appendix D

Speaking Notes for Terry Raymond

The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement is a significant step forward in the long standing relationship between the In-SHUCK-ch Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District.

Under MLA John Les’ initial leadership in the mid 1990’s, the In-SHUCK-ch Nation and the Regional District Board have been building upon their relationship ever since. We have taken tours of the In-SHUCK-ch traditional territory, articulated our various interests relative to treaty issues, agreed to establish an intergovernmental working group with the goal of protecting green space and promoting a road on the west side of Harrison Lake, among other initiatives.
Now, by way of this Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol Agreement, we are taking the next step in formalizing an inter-governmental relationship that is separate and apart from the one we have at the treaty table.

The Board recognizes and acknowledges that the success of a government-to-government relationship is predicated upon open and transparent communications based on trust, respect and mutual understanding.

This agreement identifies a number of key interests and shared values, and outlines various principles of cooperation which allows for collaborative decision making with regard to these key areas.
Some of these key areas of mutual interest include:

- environmental protection
- economic development
- land use planning
- capacity building
- intergovernmental relations

Under the terms of a separate Treaty Related Measure, arrangements are already in place for the FVRD to provide mentoring, job shadowing and training opportunities to their In-SHUCK-ch counterparts in an effort to assist the In-SHUCK-ch with their capacity building initiatives. During the course of the summer, FVRD staff will deliver a series of workshops to the In-SHUCK-ch in the areas of land use planning and development, finance, corporate administration, human resources and governance.
We congratulate the In-SHUCK-ch Nation with respect to their recent decision to establish themselves as a Nation. By signing this agreement today, we are sending a message to our communities and to the senior levels of government, that the Fraser Valley Regional District and the In-SHUCK-ch Nation are committed to establishing a solid, co-operative government-to-government relationship, which can only mutually benefit our communities and jurisdictions.

(*Gift Exchange*) As a symbolic gesture, and in recognition of your newly created government, we would like to present the In-SHUCK-ch Nation with a flag stand for your Nation’s newly redesigned flag. We are also committing to a gift of 3 additional flag stands which we hope you will use to raise the flags of the Samahquam, Skatin and Douglas First Nations.
Appendix E

In-SHUCK-ch Nation - FVRD
Community to Community Forum
Chilliwack (June 15, 2005)
Eego (Gerard Peters), Chief Negotiator
www.irshuckch.com

General Assembly resolutions
May 29, 2005 @ Baptiste Smith IR1B

- Declare the In-SHUCK-ch Nation
- Establish In-SHUCK-ch Council as interim government, with mandate to define, protect and exercise Title & Rights
- Establish nation-to-nation relationship with Canada
- Raise new 'nation' flag, retire 'council' flag
- Develop & implement the nation, using the 7 Generations Plan, ensuring citizens full participation
- Invite Canada and BC to present formal offer, with Mar. 31 05 schedule to complete AIP (Stage 4)

Principles of nation-building

- Practice "Practical" sovereignty
- Interdependence over independence
- Recognizes that there is only 1 economy
- That should grow and sustain over time
- Treaty is an economic driver for the region
- Real self-government means we pay our own
- Recognizes other forms of 'wealth'
It's, in fact, a Development Strategy

Pre-treaty Relationship

Post-treaty Relationship

Keys to sustainable development:
1) Practical sovereignty (genuine self-rule)
2) Capable governing institutions
3) Appropriate governing institutions (matching governing institutions to contemporary, indigenous, political culture)
4) Strategic thinking
5) Leadership that serves the nation instead of itself or its faction

In other words, nation building...
7 Generations Plan

- Every generation is the 7th
- is responsible for ensuring the integrity of the culture and traditions going back 7 generations
- plans forward for 7 generations
- this 7 generations plan = 1860 to 2140
- recognizes our own 'world view' that says we are directly connected to our ancestors, and to our descendants

Block 1: 2001-2005

- Cultural/Traditional/Spiritual Values
  - Integral part of how the nation functions
- Treaty is a "tool"
  - "Treaty will not define nation - nation will define treaty"
- AIP substantially completed in 2005, including Land negotiations
- agree to terms of TRM to purchase Lot 1747

7 Generations Plan

Block 1: 2001 to 2005

- Nation
  - Declare the Nation
  - Establish the government
  - "Bands" complete Constitutions
  - Draft 'nation' constitution
- Economic Development
  - Opportunities exist now (pre-treaty)
  - 1st priority = capacity building, 2nd = employment, 3rd = economic return (this will change over time)
  - Business separate from "politics"
  - Business Development Fair, July 25, 2005

Block 2: 2006 to 2010

- Governance
  - Implement Constitution(s) - with or without treaty
- Economic Development - with or without treaty
  - Implement business strategy
  - Communications (telephone, fibre network)
  - Access (road improvements)
  - Resources (forestry, fisheries, energy, land use, etc.)
  - Tourism (Sasquatch Trail, 2010 Winter Olympics, eco-tourism)
  - Partnerships (buses, IPPs, land use developments)
- Cultural Enhancement Plan - with or without treaty
  - Treaty - projections?
  - 2006 complete Stage 4 AIP - commerce Stage 5 FA
  - 2007/8 Final Agreement Ratification
  - 2008/9 Implementation Plan
  - 2009/10 Begin to Implement

Economic development potential - now and post treaty

- Timber License(s) = FRA TRM/logging contractors
- Business Relationships = Terrane, Whistle Jetboat, Business Development Fair (July 25)
- Year-round Road Access
  - Otter Fall Federal commitment - bridge construction by Fall 2000; gravel surfacing, widening, realigning and lowering grades
- IPP Development
  - Needs BC Hydro, DHIAD, LWBC, investors, Proponents, Bands, and other FN's to undertake joint planning initiative
  - Hydro Grid Connection
  - To support economic development, including IPPs
- Land Line Communications
  - voice and electronic communications capacity
  - Premier's commitment to all British Columbians

The Sasquatch Trail

- Proximity to Whistler, Fraser Valley, Lower Mainland
- Stakeholders generally agree that it would benefit the region
- In-SHUCK-ch propose discussions: BC, Cda, regional/local govts, Mt. Currie, Chehalis FN's, etc.
Sasquatch Trail Benefits - a partial list...

- Investments for destination resorts
- $4 million in outdoor tourism
- 980 person years in immediate employment
- 40 or more annual jobs in eco-tourism
- $36 million dollars in increased property values
- Alternative access to Pemberton/Whistler easing pressure on highway 99 and highway 1

Building Indigenous Economies

| Create enterprises that support long-term goals — and can last — a sustainable economy |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Gain respect and trust | Attract investors (including own citizens) | Retain talent |
| Stability | Politics out of business | Efficiency |
| Capable and appropriate governing institutions | Strategic thinking | Public-spirited leadership |
| Self-Determination (practical sovereignty) |
Appendix F

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
AND
PROTOCOL AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT dated for reference the 15th 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
Terry Raymond, Chair

Gerry Kingston, Administrator/Deputy

In-SHUCK-CH Nation
By its authorized signatories
Chief William Schneider,
Samahquam Nation Government

Chief Patrick Williams, Skatin First Nation

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In-SHUCK-ch tries to play catch-up with B.C. economy

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The In-SHUCK-ch people living in the remote Lillooet River Valley are trying to play catch-up with the rest of B.C., declaring themselves a nation and establishing formal relations with regional governments even before a treaty is signed.

A memo of understanding formalizing a relationship with the Fraser Valley Regional District was signed Wednesday in Chilliwack, and a similar MOU is in the works with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District. Both regional districts overlap the In-SHUCK-ch traditional territory north of Harrison Lake.

A seven-year economic development strategy was also unveiled by the In-SHUCK-ch Wednesday which focuses on "practical sovereignty" and nation-building to throw off the yoke of "legislated dependance."

"We're going to have to play catch-up — really fast," In-SHUCK-ch negotiator Gerard Peters said, to build the economic and governmental capacity other B.C. communities have been working on for the past 140 years.

"We really haven't had the opportunity to do that in any meaningful way," he said. "We've been managed as a people from cradle to grave. We mean to change that as a people."

MOU offers 'bold new direction'

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Only about 200 of the 834 In-SHUCK-ch members still live in the remote area accessible only by rough logging road and no connection to the B.C. Hydro power grid.

Federal treaty negotiator Tim Koeke called the MOU a "bold new direction" for both the In-SHUCK-ch and the FVRD and a "good underpinning" for successful treaty talks.

B.C. negotiator Catherine Panter said she is "optimistic" a treaty agreement-in-principle (AIP) will be reached in the next six months, and a final treaty by March next year.

"The In-SHUCK-ch First Nation has always been a star in trying to develop and maintain positive relationships with local governments," she said. "I think this MOU is symbolic of that."

SLRD chair John Turner said the MOU document itself has "little value," but the shared experience of working together to create it is "priceless" for both sides.

"Treaties are not the only way we can improve our relationship," he said.

FVRD chair Terry Raymond said the MOU formalizes an ongoing relationship with In-SHUCK-ch members sitting on a regional district working group.

He said regional district staff will mentor In-SHUCK members in the practical details of government through a "job-shadowing" program.
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FVRD signs first formal link with native government

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A memorandum of understanding between the Fraser Valley Regional District and the In-SHUCK-ch First Nation this week is a first step toward establishing a formal relationship between the two governments.

FVRD chairman Terry Raymond says the MOU to be signed Wednesday in Chilliwack is the first the regional district has undertak-en, but similar talks are also underway with the Yale First Nation.

A strategic plan outlining proposed In-SHUCK-ch economic development is also expected to be unveiled at the Wednesday meeting to local business leaders, federal and provincial treaty negotiators and local politicians.

"I think it's going to (have) a good impact," Mr. Raymond says about the proposed economic development plan. "It's going to have an overflowing effect on non-native communities as well."

In-SHUCK-ch spokesman Gerard Peters was unavailable for comment yesterday on details of the nation's strategic plan.

Last March, the B.C. government announced a $100,000 treaty-related measure to help the In-SHUCK-ch develop a self-government model, and $1.7 million to rebuild 10 bridges in the "sometimes forgotten" In-SHUCK-ch traditional territory. About 200 members of three In-SHUCK-ch bands live in the remote area that stretches from Harrison Lake north to Pemberton.

Mr. Raymond says the MOU allows the regional district and the In-SHUCK-ch to "recognize one another as a local government" and to formally discuss issues like treaty settlement lands and provision of regional services.

In-SHUCK-ch and Yale First Nation members will also take part in a "job shadowing" program at the regional district to help develop their own self-government models, he says.

The In-SHUCK-ch hope to reach a treaty agreement in principle (AIP) before the end of this year. Federal and provincial negotiators will provide a treaty update at the MOU signing ceremony that starts at 5 p.m. at the Best Western in Chilliwack.