April 4, 2005

Regional Community to Community Forum Program
c/o UBCM
#60-10551 Shellbridge Way
Richmond, B.C.
V6X 2W9

To whom it may concern:

Please find attached our final report from our 2004/05 Community to Community Forum Project.

If further information is required, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Tumia Knott
Councillor/Director of Operations
Kwantlen First Nation
March 30, 2005

**2004/05 Regional Community to Community Forum Final Report**

**Forum Objectives**

The reserve lands of Kwantlen First Nation are located within the municipalities of Fort Langley, Maple Ridge and Mission. The objectives of our forum were to have our Kwantlen Council and Elders Advisory Group host three separate meetings with the Mayors and Council of each municipality in which Kwantlen has reserve land to discuss issues of common concern, provide some background and education on Kwantlen First Nation initiatives and work on developing positive and proactive working relations between our Nation and municipal governments in relation to various issues. Specifically, we viewed these meetings as an excellent opportunity to share information on how we operate, to discuss the establishment of a protocol for effective communication between our Nation and municipal governments, share history, and lay a foundation for future meetings and discussions.

**Forum Participants**

Participants included the Kwantlen First Nation Council, the Kwantlen Elder’s Advisory Group and Kwantlen membership, the District of Maple Ridge Mayor and Council, the Township of Langley Mayor and Council, and the District of Mission Mayor and Council.

**Assessment of whether Forum Objectives were achieved**

We are very pleased with the results of the meetings held with the respective Mayor and Councils from the three municipalities in which Kwantlen First Nation has reserve lands, and feel that in the case of all three meetings our forum objectives were met.

Although we have met with the Langley Township Mayor and Council before, this forum provided the first opportunity to invite the Mayors and Council from Maple Ridge and Mission to our administration office. In this regard, our forums held with these groups were historic in the making.
Major issues discussed

December 2, 2004 – Meeting with Mayor Kurt Alberts and Council, Township of Langley

- Dinner was provided.
- Background information on Kwantlen First Nation was provided.
- Updates on various initiatives occurring in Langley were asked of the Mayor and Council, specifically relating to the Bedford Channel Plan, Dredging in the Bedford Channel, and the Equitas Development Site.
- The Kwantlen Council provided updates on the erosion problem occurring at the top end of our reserve #6 (McMillan Island).
- The Kwantlen Council also provided updates on the development of the Kwantlen Cultural Centre Project, our Health Centre, Economic Development Plans, Forestry Initiatives, and Taxation Authority Establishment.
- Also discussed was the concept of establishing a protocol agreement between Kwantlen First Nation and the Township of Langley to ensure a regular meeting schedule to keep updated on issues/determine new issues; to strive to work together on issues of common interest and concern; and to establish a process for receiving/reviewing land referral information.

December 13, 2004 – Meeting with Mayor Kathy Morse and Council, District of Maple Ridge

- Dinner was provided.
- Background information on Kwantlen First Nation was provided.
- Updates on various initiatives occurring in Maple Ridge were asked of the Mayor and Council including the Fraser River Crossing/Albion Ferry, and the development of the Maple Ridge Official Community Plan.
- The Kwantlen Council provided updates on the development of the Kwantlen Cultural Centre Project, our Health Centre, Economic Development Plans, Forestry Initiatives and Taxation Authority Establishment.
- Also discussed was the concept of establishing a protocol agreement between Kwantlen First Nation and the District of Maple Ridge to ensure a
regular meeting schedule to keep updated on issues/determine new issues; to strive to work together on issues of common interest and concern; and to establish a process for receiving/reviewing land referral information.

January 13, 2005 – Meeting with Mayor Abe Neufeld and Council, District of Mission

- Dinner was provided.
- Background information on Kwantlen First Nation was provided.
- Updates on various initiatives occurring in Mission were asked of the Mayor and Council including the South-west area Mission Plan.
- The Kwantlen Council provided updates on Taxation Authority Establishment, the Kwantlen Cultural Centre Project, Economic Development Plans, Forestry Initiatives, and our Subdivision Development on our reserve in Mission.
- Also discussed was a request by Kwantlen to receive all land referral consultation material from the District of Mission directly, as opposed to sending it to our Tribal Council office.
- Also discussed was the concept of establishing a protocol agreement between Kwantlen First Nation and the District of Mission to ensure a regular meeting schedule to keep updated on issues/determine new issues; to strive to work together on issues of common interest and concern; and to establish a process for receiving/reviewing land referral information.

Recommendations by participants

Commitments were made by all three municipalities to continue to work on our relationship building, and to meet at least once or twice a year in a similar format. The Kwantlen Council is committed to seeing our relationship with our local governments continue to grow and to improve our methods of communication with each other and work on various initiatives collaboratively and in the spirit of mutual respect and cooperation.

Feedback from our Kwantlen Council and members of our Elders Advisory Committee on the results of these meetings were positive and many suggested
that we continue to host these meetings and work on relationship-building with our local municipalities.

Meetings with the Mayors and Council were made open to Kwantlen community members to attend. Feedback received from those who attended was also similar as above.

**Financial Summary of Event Expenditures**

Please see attached financial summary.

**Written Material from Event**

Please see attached written material (agendas/meeting handouts) from the events hosted.

**Acknowledgements**

Kwantlen First Nation wishes to thank the Union of BC Municipalities and the First Nations Summit for approving our funding for our Community to Community Forum events. The events were very positive for our Kwantlen government in promoting our initiatives to local communities and in educating local communities on Kwantlen First Nation.
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Kwantlen First Nation Council Meeting with Mayor Kurt Alberts and Langley Council Members

December 2, 2004
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Dinner
2. Welcome/Background/Introductions
3. Background information on Kwantlen First Nation
4. Updates: Bedford Channel Plan/ Dredging/ Equitas (Interfor) Development Site
5. Erosion on McMillan Island
6. Kwantlen Cultural Centre Development
7. Update on other Kwantlen Programs
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4. Updates: Taxation Authority Establishment; communication of land referral consultation material; South-east area Mission Plan
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   • Forestry Initiatives
   • Subdivision Development for Kwantlen membership (I.R. #4)
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8. Additional items:
Kwantlen First Nation Backgrounder
(current to January 2005)

Reserve Land Base

- 6 reserves in total – land base of 1227 acres
  - Kwantlen I.R. #1 – Whonnock (Maple Ridge) – 97 acres
  - Kwantlen I.R. #2 (Stave River (west side) – Mission) – 110 acres
  - Kwantlen I.R. #3 (Silvermere Island – Mission) – 89 acres
  - Kwantlen I.R. #4 (Stave River (east side) – Mission) – 237 acres
  - Kwantlen I.R. #5 (Maple Ridge) – 331 acres
  - Kwantlen I.R. #6 (McMillan Island – Fort Langley) – 412 acres

- Formerly, we had two reserves – I.R. #7 (New Westminster) and I.R. #8 (Surrey). These were sold in the 1940’s and 1950’s. This loss of our reserve land may form the part of a future specific land claim.

Traditional Territory

- Kwantlen Traditional Territory extends from Mud Bay in Tsawwassen in the south, to the northern end of Stave Lake to the north, east to Mission, and west to New Westminster.

Population

- Traditionally, Kwantlen was one of the largest aboriginal groups in the Lower Fraser River area. Oral historical/anthropological sources indicate the Kwantlen population in pre-contact times to be between 6-10,000 strong.

- Currently, the Kwantlen population totals 184 members (December 2004). Approximately half of these members live on reserve.

Governance

- The current governance of Kwantlen First Nation consists of one hereditary Chief (Chief Marilyn Gabriel) and two appointed Council members (Councillor Tumia Knott, Councillor Les Antone).
Kwantlen Elders are actively involved in Kwantlen governance. Elders provide general advisory services and are involved in decision making for the Kwantlen community.

Recently, the Kwantlen Council has established community committees to also assist in decision making for the community with respect to Education, Fishing, Lands and Resources, Housing and Social Issues. As we continue to grow, we anticipate having even more committees develop.

Programs and Services

Kwantlen’s jurisdiction, in terms of the programs and services it provides, is significantly more expansive than that of a local municipality or federal department.

Programs and services delivered by Kwantlen First Nation to Kwantlen membership includes the following:

- Fishing (negotiating with DFO/ enhancement projects)
- Education – K-12, plus post-secondary
- Social Development, Child/Family Issues
- Cultural Enhancement
- Economic Development
- Financial/Program Administration
- Housing
- Capital Projects
- Lands and Resource Issues
- Health Programs
- Headstart/ Youth Programs
- Maintenance/Public Works
- Heritage Issues
- Governance Issues