

Meeting between the Northwest Tribal Treaty Nations
And the North Central Municipal Association
November 14th, 2003 – Prince George, BC

Meeting objective: To ensure that the Protocol agreement signed in May 2003 is being implemented.

NCMA representatives were present at the NWTT AGM in Prince Rupert earlier this year, and NWTT representatives have agreed to participate at the 2004 NCMA AGM in Fort Nelson. This participation assists participants in better understanding the pressing issues of the other, and is considered very valuable by all attendees.

The meeting held on November 14th provided an opportunity to discuss these issues in greater depth, to identify ways that we can work together, and to develop common goals. The following action items were subsequently agreed upon.

A joint lobby effort to Victoria to discuss northern issues:

It was agreed that representatives from both organizations would attend Victoria in 2004. A copy of the subsequent letter to the Premier is attached.

Review of NCMA and NWTT resolutions to identify common goals: Staff members from both organizations will review existing resolutions to identify those on which we can work together. It is anticipated that this work will be done in early 2004, in preparation for the trip to Victoria.

Northern BC Economic Initiative (an NWTT initiative funded by the Province of BC):

The NCMA will assist the NWTT in sourcing existing economic development information from non-aboriginal communities as required.

A conference to discuss the project is anticipated for either 2004 or 2005. The NCMA has agreed to participate actively in this event.

Other discussion:

The NCMA will develop a resolution for its upcoming AGM, which highlights the need for resolution of First Nations treaties.

The two organizations will consider information sessions where public protocols (First Nations/non First Nations) can be learned. The intent is to ensure a greater comfort level for those participating in formal meetings with their neighbours.

**Participants in Community to Community Forum
North Central Municipal Association and Northwest Tribal Treaty Nations
November 14th 2003, in Prince George**

Northwest Tribal Treaty Nations:

Justa Monk: Co-Chair
Gerald Wesley: Co-Chair
Jerry Asp: Director
Kenn Whyte: Economic Strategy Director

North Central Municipal Association:

Ted Armstrong: President
Craig Caruso: Regional Director
Mary Sjostrom: Second Vice President
Bonny Hawley: Director at Large

Sue Clark: Executive Coordinator
Kevin Brown: Communications Coordinator

Guests:

Jake McEwan: Northern Caucus staff
Frank Peebles: Northern Caucus staff