

# **Joint Watershed Management Forum**

Between

Sunshine Coast Regional District  
&  
Sechelt Indian Band



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## **1. BACKGROUND**

The Chapman/Gray Creek Watersheds are situated within and form part of the traditional territory of the Sechelt Indian Band.

The Watersheds are situated within the Sunshine Coast Regional District, which has authority to provide the service of potable water to the residents of the SCR D.

The Band and the SCR D have a mutual interest in improving and maintaining the safety and quality of their potable water supply and in jointly assuming the responsibility and authority for the attaining and maintaining of the highest possible safety and quality standards for their potable water supply.

## **2. FORUM OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the meeting on December 2, 2004 was to jointly negotiate the terms of the agreement, how to share responsibility and decision making processes.

The purpose of the meeting on January 14 2005 was to focus on finalizing the final agreement

Comment:

### Other Issues Discussed

- Political effectiveness at the Provincial Level
- Future preservation/enhancement of the watersheds
- Safety, wellbeing and empowerment of Sunshine Coast residents
- Protection- environmental
- Protection of source - Safety and quality of the potable water supply to residents of the SCR D
- Unity between SIB and SCR D
- Public awareness of priority of pursuit
- Other watersheds to be protected as they should get emphasis as this moves forward
- Mechanisms available to begin to use water rates to set aside reserve to purchase land as necessary.
- Aboriginal Land Claims

## **3. DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE**

Forum was attended by Elected Officials and senior staff from the Sunshine Coast Regional District as well as the Sechelt Indian Band. For detailed listing of attendees, please refer to the minutes of the meetings (appendices "D" and "G").

Keren Taylor-Hughes of KTH Consulting facilitated forum.

#### 4. OUTCOME AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Agreement being finalized and endorsed by SCRD Council and the Sechelt Indian Band
- Committee will be struck after approval to develop Terms of Reference, issues, protocol, cost sharing etc.
- As reflected in the meeting evaluation, the initiative was a success.

#### 5. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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| SCRD staff time for preparation of forum (2 sessions) | 1,727.36          |
| Meeting Facility Rental & Meals (2 Sessions)          | 525.19            |
| Facilitator Costs 2 Sessions @640.00 ea.              | 1,280.00          |
| Murdy McAllister Legal Counsel                        | 264.00            |
| Total Expenses  | <b>\$3,796.55</b> |

#### 6. APPENDICES

- Joint Watershed Management Agreement – Draft A
- Minutes – Preparation Meeting – November 25, 2004 B
- Agenda – December 2, 2004 Forum Meeting C
- Minutes of the December 2, 2004 Forum Meeting D
- Minutes – Preparation Meeting – January 5, 2005 E
- Agenda – January 14, 2005 Forum Meeting F
- Minutes – January 14, 2005 Forum Meeting G