Final Treaty Agreements: Examining Local Government Interests

City of Prince George Perspective

Background

Understanding Goals, Interests and Purposes
Shared Interests

- Equity
- Quality
- Equal Access
- Equal Opportunity
- Non-competitive structures
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Certainty

Lheidli T’enneh
Purpose & Strategic Goals

- Purpose
  Establish a future that will ensure a high quality of life while flourishing with the environment.
- Six Strategic Goals
Lheidli Strategic Goals

1. Establish opportunities for education, skills and employment.
2. Promote trust and effective communications.
3. Establish responsible stewardship of resources.
4. Ensure accountable and effective financial management.
5. Develop a strong and viable economy.
6. Establish effective, accountable and continuous infrastructure.

BC/Canada Treaty Process

- Six Stage Treaty Process
  - The process began for the Lheidli in 1993
- Local governments engaged at Stage 5
- Late 2005 – Council endorsed proposed Treaty Settlement Land (TSL) and discussion began on the concept
- 2006 - A draft Comprehensive Master Agreement was prepared
New Category of Land Interest

- Urban Treaty Settlement Lands
TSL Announcement
Consultations

Community Consultation

Local Government Interests
What Worked Well?

- Relationships: Political and Administrative Consultation
  - Mutual Trust
  - Respect
  - Open and Constructive Dialogue
  - Intent to Work Together
  - Recognition of Shared Interests
What could be improved?

- Funding Support
- Land and Service Expectation Interests
- Plan for Capacity

Local Government Role

Developing Solutions

- Memoranda of Understanding
- Relationship Building
- Access to negotiating teams
- UBCM, PGTAC, Community to Community Forums
- Celebrating Success - Together
- Demonstrating Continued Support
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Final Agreement

- What is next?

Questions