



MEMBER RELEASE

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TO: Mayor & Council | Chair & Board | Senior Staff
FROM: Councillor Murry Krause, Chair
First Nations Relations Committee
RE: ***Survey on MOU on Local Government Participation in the New
Relationship with First Nations in BC***

Further to our September 16 notice, the UBCM First Nations Relations Committee is seeking feedback on member experiences with regard to the negotiation of non-treaty agreements involving land, resources and economic development that impact local government jurisdiction, operations or service provision.

Under a 2008 MOU, the Province made a commitment to consult with local governments on negotiations with First Nations outside the treaty process—similar to consultation within the treaty process. The MOU is now up for review and the following online survey is intended to gather information that will inform the Committee's upcoming discussions with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

The survey should be completed by someone within your local government who has (or should have) an awareness of non-treaty agreements that have been negotiated with neighbouring First Nations. In addition to the survey, several local governments will be contacted directly for more in-depth interviews and we invite any local government that would like to provide additional input (or input outside the survey process) to notify project consultant Errin Morrison at mou@ubcm.ca.

The survey deadline is **Friday, October 28, 2011**.

Please access the online survey through the following link:

<http://www.surveys.civicinfo.bc.ca/v2/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=78LI3p8>