



MEMBER RELEASE

October 21, 2011

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

---SURVEY REMINDER – DEADLINE OCTOBER 28, 2011---

If you have not yet completed the UBCM First Nations Relations Committee survey seeking feedback on the negotiation of non-treaty agreements impacting local governments, please do so over the next week. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, October 28, and it is crucial we hear from affected local governments prior to our review and possible renewal of the MOU with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

Under the 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. Your feedback will assist us in determining whether or not there has been adequate consultation and information sharing on the part of the provincial government.

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>