

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION



BETWEEN

CHEAM FIRST NATION
DISTRICT OF KENT
SCOWLITZ FIRST NATION
SEABIRD ISLAND BAND
STÓ:LŌ TRIBAL COUNCIL
STS'AILES FIRST NATION



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS



WHEREAS Cheam First Nation, District of Kent, Scowlitz First Nation, Seabird Island Band, Stó:lō Tribal Council, Sts'ailes First Nation, and the Village of Harrison Hot Springs (hereafter known as the Parties) have a common interest in developing a collaborative working relationship which will benefit our communities;

AND WHEREAS the Parties also have shared interests in cooperative intergovernmental relationships, including those between each Party before and after treaties are signed;

AND WHEREAS cooperative working relationships between governments build effective communications and trust. Collaborative actions in areas such as economic development and natural resources management contribute directly to the health and well being of our communities;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that this Memorandum of Understanding represents a commitment by the Parties to work together to promote cooperative relationships between the Parties.

PRINCIPLES

1. Mutual respect for each Party's mandates, policies, areas of jurisdiction and that the Protocol on Cooperation and Communication does not fetter the individual mandates of the Parties;
2. Cooperation in exchange, development and distribution of information that is relevant to on-going projects of mutual benefit; and
3. Acknowledgement that good relations between neighbours are required for all citizens to benefit and to accomplish more together.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The Parties have the following mutual objectives:

1. Promote understandings of interests of First Nations and Local Governments including participation in each other's events wherever possible;
2. Provide opportunities for relationship building between the Parties such as through the UBCM annual "Community to Community Forum" which encourages dialogue between the community leaders on the areas of common interest. This includes Economic Development, Natural Resource Management affecting the environment, (Fraser River, Salmon Enhancement, Erosion, Flood Control, Gravel Removal and Waste Management), Education Training, Tourism, Emergency Measures, Affordable Service Delivery, Agriculture and Cooperative Land Use Planning;
3. To identify and collaborate on areas of mutual benefit;
4. Encourage and promote effective methods of dispute resolution between the Parties. A dispute resolution committee shall be struck with equal representation from the Parties who will select an independent Chair; and
5. The Parties agree to continue to support existing "Community to Community Forum" to further the objectives stated in the Agreement.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties agree to meet and review joint initiatives and projects as well as general progress on the above objectives and will strike working groups as necessary to develop and implement priority areas.

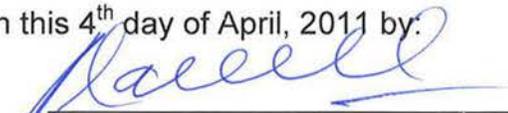
SIGNED on behalf of **Cheam First Nation** on this 4th day of April, 2011 by:


Chief Lincoln Douglas


(Witnessed by)
Print Name:

SIGNED on behalf of the **District of Kent** on this 4th day of April, 2011 by:


Mayor Lorne Fisher


Wallace Mah, Chief Administrative Officer

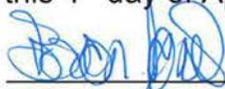
SIGNED on behalf of **Scowlitz First Nation** on this 4th day of April, 2011 by:


Chief Andy Phillips


(Witness by)
Print Name:

SIGNED on behalf of **Seabird Island Band** on this 4th day of April, 2011 by:


Chief Clem Seymour


(Witnessed by)
Print Name:

SIGNED on behalf of **Stó:lō Tribal Council** on this 4th day of April, 2011 by:


Grand Chief Clarence Pennier

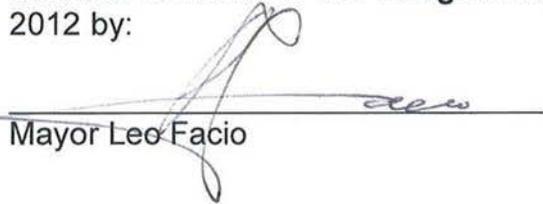

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SIGNED on behalf of the **Sts'ales First Nation** on this 4th day of April, 2011 by:


Chief Willie Charlie


(Witnessed by)
Print Name:

SIGNED on behalf of the **Village of Harrison Hot Springs** on this 1st day of March, 2012 by:



Mayor Leo Facio



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Chief Administrative Officer