

**Splatsin  
Forest & Range  
Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreement (FCRSA)  
(the "Agreement")**

**Between:  
Splatsin**

As Represented by  
Chief and Council  
(Splatsin)

**And**

**Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia  
as represented by the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation  
("British Columbia")**

(Collectively the "Parties")

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Splatsin has Aboriginal Interests within the Area of Aboriginal Interest.
- B. The Parties wish to set out a process for consultation regarding forest and range resource development on Crown lands within the Area of Aboriginal Interest.
- C. The Parties intend this Agreement to assist in achieving stability and greater certainty for forest and range resource development on Crown lands within the Area of Aboriginal Interest and to assist Splatsin in its pursuit of activities to enhance the well being of its Members.

**THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 1 - INTERPRETATION**

**1.1 Definitions.** For the purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions apply:

"Aboriginal Interests" means:

- (a) asserted aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title; or
- (b) determined aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title, which are recognized and affirmed under section 35(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

**“Administrative and/or Operational Decision”** means a decision made by the Minister or a Delegated Decision Maker related to forest and range resources under provincial legislation that is included in the First Annual List and/or Annual List as defined and set out in Appendix B;

**“Band Council Resolution”** means a resolution of Splitsin having the form of Appendix D;

**“BC Fiscal Year”** means a period beginning on April 1 of a calendar year and ending on March 31 of the next calendar year;

**“Delegated Decision Maker”** and **“DDM”** means a person with authority to make statutory decisions with respect to forest and range resources under provincial legislation as amended from time to time;

**“Designate”** means the entity described in section 4.2;

**“Effective Date”** means the last date on which this Agreement has been fully executed by the Parties;

**“First Fiscal Year of the Term”** means the BC Fiscal Year in which the Effective Date falls;

**“Forest Tenure Opportunity Agreement”** means an agreement signed between the Minister and a First Nation that provides for the Minister to direct award forest tenure under the *Forest Act*;

**“Licensee”** means a holder of a forest tenure or a range tenure;

**“Matrix”** means the table set out as a part of section 1.10 of Appendix B;

**“Minister”** means the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations having the responsibility, from time to time, for the exercise of powers in respect of forests and range matters;

**“Operational Plan”** means a Forest Stewardship Plan, Woodlot Licence Plan, a Range Use Plan, or Range Stewardship Plan, as those terms are defined in provincial forest and range legislation;

**“Payment Account”** means the account described in subsection 4.4(a);

**“RA”** means a reconciliation agreement between British Columbia and Splitsin that creates a foundation for the reconciliation of aboriginal rights and/or aboriginal title with Crown sovereignty but is not a treaty in the meaning of section 35(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

**“Revenue Sharing Contribution”** means each payment to be made by British Columbia to Splitsin under Article 3 of this Agreement;

“**SEA**” means a strategic engagement agreement between British Columbia and Splat-sin that includes agreement on a consultation process between Splat-sin and British Columbia in relation to the potential adverse impacts of proposed provincial land and natural resource decisions on Splat-sin’s Aboriginal Interests;

“**Secwepemc Reconciliation Framework Agreement**” means the agreement between British Columbia, Splat-sin and other Secwepemc member bands, that includes agreement on a consultation process between Splat-sin and British Columbia in relation to the potential adverse impacts of proposed provincial land and natural resource decisions on Splat-sin’s Aboriginal Interests;

“**Term**” means the term of this Agreement set out in section 14.1;

“**Timber Harvesting Land Base**” means the portion of the total land area of a management unit considered by Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to contribute to, and be available for, long-term timber supply;

“**Area of Aboriginal Interest**” means the Area of Aboriginal Interest claimed by Splat-sin located within British Columbia as identified by Splat-sin and shown in bold black on the map attached in Appendix A.

**1.2 Interpretation.** For purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) “includes” and “including” are not intended to be limiting;
- (b) the recitals and headings are inserted for convenience of reference only, do not form part of this Agreement and are not intended to define, enlarge or restrict the scope or meaning of this Agreement or any provision of it;
- (c) any reference to a statute in this Agreement includes all regulations made under that statute and any amendments or replacement of that statute or its regulations;
- (d) unless the context otherwise requires, words expressed in the singular include the plural and *vice versa*;
- (e) any reference to a corporate entity includes any predecessor or successor to such entity; and
- (f) there will be no presumption that doubtful expressions, terms or provisions in this Agreement are to be resolved in favour of any Party.

**1.3 Appendices.** The following Appendices and Schedule are attached to and form part of this Agreement:

Appendix A - Map of Area of Aboriginal Interest;

Appendix B - Consultation Process

B - Schedule 1 – List of Decisions;

Appendix C - Revenue Sharing Contribution Methodology;

Appendix D - Band Council Resolution Appointing Delegate;  
Appendix E - Statement of Community Priorities Format; and,  
Appendix F- Annual Report.

## **ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

**2.1 Purpose and objectives.** The purposes and objectives of this Agreement are:

- (a) to establish a consultation process through which the Parties will meet their respective consultation obligations in relation to potential adverse impacts of proposed forest and range resource development activities, including Administrative and/or Operational Decisions or Operational Plans, on Splatsin's Aboriginal Interests;
- (b) to provide a Revenue Sharing Contribution to support the capacity of the First Nation to participate in the consultation process herein, as an accommodation for any adverse impacts to Splatsin's Aboriginal Interests resulting from forest and range resource development within the Area of Aboriginal Interest and so that Splatsin may pursue activities that will enhance the social, economic and cultural well being of its members; and
- (c) to assist in achieving stability and greater certainty for forest and range resource development on Crown lands within the Area of Aboriginal Interest.

## **ARTICLE 3 - REVENUE SHARING CONTRIBUTIONS**

**3.1 Calculation and timing of payments.** Subject to section 4.5 and Articles 5 and 13, during the Term, British Columbia will:

- (a) make annual Revenue Sharing Contributions, calculated in accordance with Appendix C, to Splatsin (or its Designate under section 4.2, as the case may be); and
- (b) pay the annual Revenue Sharing Contribution in two equal instalments, the first to be made on or before September 30<sup>th</sup> and the second to be made on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**3.2 First Fiscal Year.** Notwithstanding section 3.1, for the First Fiscal Year of the Term, the Revenue Sharing Contribution is deemed to be \$748,415 the first instalment of which will be paid on or before September 30, 2015, if the Effective Date is prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> or on or before March 31, 20 if the Effective Date is after July 31<sup>st</sup>.

- 3.3 Prorated amounts.** For the purposes of determining the amount of the Revenue Sharing Contribution for partial BC Fiscal Years, the amount will be prorated to the month in which the Agreement is signed by Splatsin.
- 3.4 Subsequent BC Fiscal Year amounts.** Before November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year during the Term, British Columbia will provide written notice to Splatsin of the amount of the Revenue Sharing Contribution for the following BC Fiscal Year and the summary document(s) and calculations identified in Appendix C.
- 3.5. Amount agreed to.** Splatsin agrees that the amount set out in the notice provided under section 3.4 will be the amount of the Revenue Sharing Contribution payable under this Agreement for that following BC Fiscal Year.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - DELIVERY OF PAYMENTS**

- 4.1 Recipient entity.** Unless Splatsin notifies British Columbia that it has made an election under to section 4.2, Revenue Sharing Contributions will be paid to Splatsin.
- 4.2 Election of Designate.** Splatsin may elect to have a Designate receive Revenue Sharing Contributions provided that the Designate:
- (a) is a registered corporation or society with the legal authority and capacity to receive the funds for the purposes described in section 2.1; and
  - (b) is duly appointed to receive the Revenue Sharing Contribution on behalf of Splatsin and such appointment is confirmed by a Band Council Resolution of Splatsin.
- 4.3 Obligations continue.** The election of a Designate under section 4.2 does not relieve Splatsin of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 4.4 Payment Account.** Splatsin or its Designate will:
- (a) establish and, throughout the Term, maintain an account in the name of Splatsin (or its Designate, as the case may be) at a Canadian financial institution into which direct deposits can be made by British Columbia for the purpose of receiving monies payable by British Columbia pursuant to this Agreement (the "Payment Account"); and
  - (b) provide to British Columbia sufficient address and account information respecting the Payment Account to enable British Columbia to make direct deposit payments to the Payment Account.
- 4.5 Requirement to make a payment.** British Columbia may withhold a Revenue Sharing Contribution it would otherwise be required to make until Splatsin (or its Designate, as the case may be) has met the requirements set out in section 4.4.

## ARTICLE 5 - CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

- 5.1 Reporting and compliance requirements.** For each BC Fiscal Year following the First Fiscal Year of the Term, the requirement to make a Revenue Sharing Contribution is subject to:
- (a) Splatsin having published all of the necessary statements and reports before the applicable dates as set out in Article 8 of this Agreement;
  - (b) Splatsin being in all other respects in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; and
  - (c) Revenue Sharing Contributions not having been suspended under Article 13 of this Agreement.
- 5.2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the payment of money by British Columbia to Splatsin pursuant to this Agreement is subject to:
- (a) there being sufficient monies available in an appropriation, as defined in the *Financial Administration Act*, to enable British Columbia in any BC Fiscal Year or part thereof when any such payment may be required, to make that payment; and
  - (b) Treasury Board not having controlled or limited, pursuant to the *Financial Administration Act*, expenditure under any appropriation referred to in (a).

## ARTICLE 6 - CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Satisfaction of consultation obligations.** The Parties agree that subject to 6.3, the process set out in Appendix B of this Agreement will be the means by which they will fulfill their obligations to consult on proposed Operational Plans or proposed Administrative and/or Operational Decisions and, where appropriate, the means by which British Columbia will identify potential measures to accommodate any potential adverse impacts on the Splatsin's Aboriginal Interests resulting from Operational Plans or Administrative and/or Operational Decisions.
- 6.2 Map may be shared.** British Columbia may share the map attached as Appendix A with other provincial agencies or with a Licensee responsible for information sharing associated with Operational Plans or Administrative and/or Operational Decisions.
- 6.3 Secwepemc Reconciliation Framework Agreement.** The Parties agree that notwithstanding 6.1:

- (a) the Secwepemc Reconciliation Framework Agreement includes a consultation process which addresses forest and range management and decision making and the Parties agree that the consultation process set out in the Secwepemc Reconciliation Framework Agreement will continue after the Effective Date;
- (b) if the Secwepemc Reconciliation Framework Agreement comes to the end of its term or is terminated prior to the end of the Term, and is not replaced by a consultation process under any subsequent agreement, then the consultation process set out in Appendix B of this Agreement will apply for the remainder of the Term.

## **ARTICLE 7 - ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND COVENANTS**

- 7.1 Revenue Sharing Contributions will vary.** Splatsin acknowledges that forest revenues received by British Columbia fluctuate and that the Revenue Sharing Contributions under this Agreement will vary over time.
- 7.2 Revenue Sharing Contributions are an accommodation.** Splatsin agrees that the Revenue Sharing Contributions made under this Agreement constitute an accommodation for any potential adverse impacts of Administrative and/or Operational Decisions, and any forest or range development practices that may be carried out under an Operational Plans, on Splatsin's Aboriginal Interests.
- 7.3 Where consultation process followed.** Splatsin agrees that if the consultation process set out in the Secwepemc Reconciliation Framework Agreement, or this Agreement is followed, British Columbia has adequately consulted and has provided an accommodation with respect to potential adverse impacts of Administrative and/or Operational Decisions, and any forest or range development practices that may be carried out under an Operational Plan, on Splatsin's Aboriginal Interests.

## **ARTICLE 8 - COMMUNITY PRIORITIES, ANNUAL REPORTS and RECORDS**

- 8.1 Statement of Community Priorities.** Splatsin covenants and agrees that it will:
  - (a) within 60 days of the Effective Date, based on the First Fiscal Year Revenue Sharing Contribution, prepare a statement of community priorities for the Term substantially in the form set out in Appendix E that outlines activities it intends to fund to help achieve the socio-economic objectives referred to in section 2.1(b); and
  - (b) before the end of each BC Fiscal Year, consider whether the statement of community priorities identified in subsection (a) should be revised based

on the updated Revenue Sharing Contribution for subsequent BC Fiscal Years agreed to under section 3.5.

- 8.2. Annual Report.** Within 90 days of the end of each BC Fiscal Year, Splatsin will prepare an annual report, substantially in the form set out in Appendix F, identifying all expenditures made from the Payment Account since the date of the last such report or in the case of the first such report, since the Effective Date of this Agreement, and confirming that, aside from reasonable administrative expenses, all such expenditures were made in furtherance of the purposes and objectives referred to in section 2.1.
- 8.3. Publication.** The statement of community priorities and annual report referred to in sections 8.1 and 8.2 will be published by Splatsin in a manner that can reasonably be expected to bring the information to the attention of its communities and the public within 90 days of the end of each BC Fiscal Year.
- 8.4. Audit.** British Columbia may, at its sole discretion and at the sole expense of Splatsin, require an audit of the expenditures made from the Payment Account to determine that all such expenditures were made in furtherance of the purposes and objectives referred to in section 2.1.
- 8.5. Delivery of Report.** The annual report referred to in section 8.2 will be provided to British Columbia within 120 days of the end of each BC Fiscal Year.
- 8.6. Continuing Obligations.** Notwithstanding the termination or expiry of this Agreement, the provisions of this Article 8 will continue to apply for 120 days after First Nation receives the final Revenue Sharing Contribution from British Columbia.

## **ARTICLE 9 - SECURITY DEPOSITS**

- 9.1 Silviculture Deposit.** In consideration of Splatsin entering into this Agreement, British Columbia may choose not to require a silviculture deposit pertaining to a licence entered into as a result of a direct award tenure agreement entered into between Splatsin, or a legal entity controlled by the Splatsin, and British Columbia.

## **ARTICLE 10 – SET OFF**

- 10.1 Set off.** In addition to any other right under this Agreement, British Columbia may set off against any payment that Splatsin is entitled to receive under this Agreement, any unfulfilled financial obligations of Splatsin to British Columbia arising from a licence entered into as a result of a direct award tenure agreement between Splatsin, or a legal entity controlled by the Splatsin, and British Columbia.



**10.2 Notice.** British Columbia will notify Splatsin of the amount of the unfulfilled financial obligation before it exercises its right of set off under section 10.1.

## **ARTICLE 11 - ASSISTANCE**

**11.1 Non-interference.** Splatsin agrees it will not support or participate in any acts that frustrate, delay, stop or otherwise physically impede or interfere with provincially authorized forest activities.

**11.2 Cooperation and Support.** First Nation will promptly and fully cooperate with and provide its support to British Columbia in seeking to resolve any action that might be taken by a member of First Nation that is inconsistent with this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 12 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**12.1 Dispute Resolution Process.** If a dispute arises between British Columbia and Splatsin regarding the interpretation of a provision of this Agreement:

- (a) duly appointed representatives of the Parties will meet as soon as is practicable to attempt to resolve the dispute;
- (b) if the Parties' representatives are unable to resolve the dispute, the issue will be referred to more senior representatives of British Columbia and Splatsin; and
- (c) if the dispute cannot be resolved by the Parties directly under subsections (a) or (b), the Parties may agree to other appropriate approaches to assist in reaching resolution of the issue.

## **ARTICLE 13 - SUSPENSION and TERMINATION**

**13.1 Suspension of Revenue Sharing Contributions.** In addition to any other right under this Agreement, British Columbia may suspend further Revenue Sharing Contributions under this Agreement where Splatsin:

- (a) is in material breach of its obligations under Articles 6, 8 or 11 or Appendix B of this Agreement; or
- (b) has outstanding unfulfilled financial obligations to British Columbia arising from a licence issued further to an agreement between Splatsin and British Columbia.

**13.2 Notice of Suspension.** Where Revenue Sharing Contributions are suspended under section 13.1, British Columbia will provide notice to Splatsin of the reason

for the suspension, including the specific material breach or the outstanding unfulfilled financial obligation on which it relies and the Parties will meet to attempt to resolve the issue giving rise to the suspension.

**13.3 Termination following suspension.** If the issue giving rise to the suspension of Revenue Sharing Contributions is not resolved within 60 days after notice is provided under section 13.2, British Columbia may terminate the Agreement at any time by written notice.

**13.4 Proceedings inconsistent with acknowledgments.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, British Columbia may suspend Revenue Sharing Contributions and may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice where Splatsin challenges or supports a challenge to an Administrative and/or Operational Decision, an Operational Plan or activities carried out pursuant to those decisions or plans, by way of legal proceedings or otherwise, on the basis that:

- (a) contrary to section 7.2, a Revenue Sharing Contribution provided for under this Agreement does not constitute an accommodation for adverse impacts of such decisions, plans or activities on Splatsin's Aboriginal Interests; or
- (b) contrary to section 7.3, by British Columbia or a Licensee following the consultation process described in Appendix B, British Columbia has not adequately consulted with Splatsin regarding the potential adverse impacts of such decisions, plans or activities on Splatsin's Aboriginal Interests.

**13.5 Termination by Either Party.** This Agreement may be terminated by either Party on ninety (90) days written notice or on a date mutually agreed on by the Parties.

**13.6 Meet to attempt to resolve issue.** If a Party gives written notice under section 13.5, the Parties will, prior to the end of the notice period, meet and attempt to resolve any issue that may have given rise to the termination notice.

**13.7 Effect of Termination.** Where this Agreement is terminated under this Article 13, the Revenue Sharing Contribution for the BC Fiscal Year in which termination becomes effective will be prorated to the termination date.

## **ARTICLE 14 - TERM**

**14.1 Term.** The term of this Agreement commences on the Effective Date, and unless it is extended under section 14.2 or terminated under Article 13, will end on April 9, 2016, to align with the Secwepemc Reconciliation Framework Agreement.

- 14.2 Extension of the Term.** At least two months prior to the third anniversary of the Effective Date, the Parties will evaluate the effectiveness of this Agreement and decide whether to extend the Term.
- 14.3 Terms of the Extension.** Where the Parties agree to extend the Term they will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on the terms of the extension.
- 14.4 Evaluation.** Either Party may, on an annual basis, request the participation of the other Party to review the effectiveness of this Agreement and to consider potential amendments to it.

## **ARTICLE 15 – REPRESENTATIONS and WARRANTIES**

- 15.1 Legal power, capacity and authority.** The Splatsin represents and warrants to the Province, with the intent and understanding that they will be relied on by the Province in entering into this Agreement, that it enters into this Agreement for, and on behalf of itself and its members and that as represented by its Chief and Council, it has the legal power, capacity and authority to enter into and to carry out its obligations under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 16 - NOTICE and DELIVERY**

- 16.1 Delivery of Notices.** Any notice, document, statement or report contemplated under this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed validly given to and received by a Party, if delivered personally, on the date of delivery, or, if delivered by mail, email or facsimile copier, when received by the Parties at the addresses as follows:

if to British Columbia:

Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation  
P.O. Box 9100 STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria B.C. V8W 9B1  
Telephone: (250) 356-1394  
Fax: (250) 387-6594

and if to the Splatsin:

Chief Wayne Christian & Council  
Splatsin  
PO Box 460

Enderby, BC, VOE 1VO  
Telephone: 250-838-6496  
Fax: 250-838-2131

**16.2 Change of Address.** Either Party may, from time to time, give notice to the other Party of a change of address or facsimile number and after the giving of such notice, the address or facsimile number specified in the notice will, for purposes of section 16.1, supersede any previous address or facsimile number for the Party giving such notice.

## **ARTICLE 17 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**17.1 Governing law.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of British Columbia.

**17.2 Not a Treaty.** This Agreement does not:

- (a) constitute a treaty or a lands claims agreement within the meaning of sections 25 or 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* (Canada); or
- (b) affirm, recognize, abrogate or derogate from any Splat'sin's Aboriginal Interests.

**17.3 No Admissions.** Nothing in this Agreement will be construed as:

- (a) an admission of the validity of, or any fact or liability in relation to, any claims relating to alleged past or future infringements of Splat'sin's Aboriginal Interests;
- (b) an admission or acknowledgement of any obligation to provide any financial, economic or other compensation, including those in this Agreement, as part of British Columbia's obligation to consult and, as appropriate, accommodate; or
- (c) in any way limiting the position the Parties may take in any proceedings or in any discussions or negotiations between the Parties, except as expressly contemplated in this Agreement.

**17.4 No Fettering.** Nothing in this Agreement is to be construed as interfering with, or fettering in any manner, the exercise by British Columbia or its agencies of any statutory, prerogative, executive or legislative power or duty.

**17.5 No Implied Waiver.** Any waiver of any term or breach of this Agreement is effective only if it is in writing and signed by the waiving Party and is not a waiver of any other term or breach.

- 17.6 Assignment.** Splatsin must not assign, either directly or indirectly, this Agreement or any right of First Nation under this Agreement without the prior written consent of British Columbia.
- 17.7 Emergencies.** Nothing in this Agreement affects the ability of either Party to respond to any emergency circumstances.
- 17.8 Acknowledgment.** The Parties acknowledge and enter into this Agreement on the basis that Splatsin has Aboriginal Interests within the Area of Aboriginal Interest but that the specific nature, scope or geographic extent of those Aboriginal Interests have yet to be determined. The Parties intend that broader processes that may be engaged in to bring about reconciliation may lead to a common understanding of the nature, scope and geographic extent of Splatsin Aboriginal Interests.
- 17.9 Third Parties.** This Agreement is not intended to limit any obligation of forest or range licensees or other third parties to Splatsin.
- 17.10 Other Economic Opportunities and Benefits.** This Agreement does not preclude Splatsin from accessing forestry economic opportunities and benefits, which may be available to it, other than those expressly set out in this Agreement.
- 17.11 Validity of Agreement.** If any provision of this Agreement or the application of it to any person or circumstance is invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of it to any person or circumstance will not be affected or impaired and will be valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.
- 17.12 Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and any amendment to it constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.
- 17.13 Further Acts and Assurances.** Each Party must perform the acts, execute and deliver the writings, and give the assurances as may be reasonably necessary to give full effect to this Agreement.
- 17.14 Execution in Counterpart.** This Agreement may be entered into by a separate copy of this Agreement being executed by each Party and that executed copy being delivered to the other Party by a method provided for in Article 16 or any other method agreed to by the Parties.
- 17.15 Amendment in Writing.** No amendment to this Agreement is effective unless it is agreed to in writing and signed by the Parties.

Signed on behalf of:

**Splatsin**

Chief Wayne Christian



Councillor

Don H. Brown

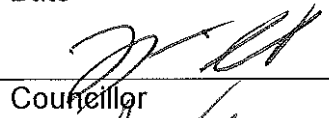
Councillor

Theresa Williams

Witness of Splatsin signatures

April 14, 2015

Date



Councillor



Councillor

Signed on behalf of:

**Government of British Columbia**

John Rustad

Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

July 13, 2015

Date



Witness of Minister signature