

# shíshálh Nation / British Columbia Foundation Agreement

Spring 2021 Update

## *Foundation Agreement*

This landmark reconciliation agreement between shíshálh Nation (shíshálh) and B.C., signed in October 2018, recognizes and respects Aboriginal title and rights, and supports self-determination and self-government. The provincial government and shíshálh are working together to protect the environment, as well as promote economic opportunity and growth for shíshálh and the entire Sunshine Coast region.

## *Recent Updates*

- Following a review under the B.C. Geographical Naming Policy, three place names within the shíshálh swiya / Sunshine Coast area have been changed effective 26 March 2021:
  - Wilson Creek (community) changed to **ts'ukw'um** (community)
  - Wilson Creek (creek) changed to **ts'ukw'um** (creek)
  - Saltery Bay (bay) changed to **skelhp** (bay)
- Recognizing Indigenous place names is a key part of B.C.'s broader reconciliation efforts and part of B.C.'s implementation of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. Article 13 specifically refers to place names.
- Learning Indigenous place names helps all British Columbians understand where they live and the deep history of the land. For more information and audio of place names in the shíshálh swiya go to: <https://shishalh.com/culture-language/sechelt-language/>
- The multi-stage process required for the transfer of District Lot (DL) 1592 is beginning:
  - B.C. and shíshálh have started the initial steps to resolve interests and land encumbrances on DL 1592.
  - Engagement with local governments and some stakeholders has begun.
  - The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has started engagement with shíshálh on the Bypass Corridor in support of the transfer of DL 1592.

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## *Recent Updates Continued*

- Since the release of the Pender Harbour Dock Management Plan, 148 replacement tenures out of a total of 294 have been issued and progress continues to be made.
- B.C. and shíshálh are bringing additional *Land Act* authorizations into Shared Decision-Making as outlined in the Foundation Agreement. *Land Act* authorizations for docks are currently being reviewed under the Shared Decision-Making umbrella, and the plan to include all other *Land Act* authorizations is in development. More information will be shared as the details become available.
- B.C. and shíshálh are also bringing Existing Use Groundwater Licensing into Shared Decision-Making. This will be the first shared decision-making under the *Water Sustainability Act* and a working group has been collaboratively developing processes under this new legislation.

## *Upcoming*

- B.C. and shíshálh have developed a website, public brochure and guidance materials to help communicate the Shared Decision-Making Review Process for moorages in the swiya. The communication materials and info for the new website will be distributed this summer.
- The shíshálh-B.C. Land Use Planning group will continue to carry out studies and collect background information this summer to help inform future land use planning discussions.
- An Engagement Summary Report, outlining what was heard during the initial engagement on the land use planning process, will be posted on the shíshálh-B.C. land use planning project website in June.

## *For more Information*

Foundation Agreement and implementation updates can be found at:

[www.gov.bc.ca/shishalhNationagreements](http://www.gov.bc.ca/shishalhNationagreements)

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