

Introduction

The Tla'amin Final Agreement was negotiated by the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia and Tla'amin Nation. The Final Agreement provides Tla'amin Nation with certain rights and benefits regarding land and resources, and self-government over its lands, resources and its members. It provides certainty with respect to ownership and management of lands and resources and the exercise of federal, provincial and Tla'amin Nation governmental powers and authorities.

TLA'AMIN NATION

Tla'amin Nation is one of the tribes of the northern Coast Salish. Their traditional territory covers approximately 317,000 hectares in the Sunshine Coast region. When the marine portion of Tla'amin's traditional territory is included, the total area increases to approximately 609,000 hectares.

Tla'amin Nation has very close relationships with the Klahoose and Homalco First Nations. Historically, the three First Nations were one entity and consequently share a common ancestry. Tla'amin Nation has positive relationships with

its neighbours, the Regional District of Powell River and the City of Powell River, and has signed several protocol agreements with them.

Tla'amin Nation's main community is a few kilometres north of Powell River and home to nearly 60 percent of Tla'amin Citizens. Current membership is approximately 1,100 people.

Tla'amin Nation entered the British Columbia treaty process in 1994. An Agreement-in-Principle was signed by the parties in 2003. In October, 2009 Tla'amin members ratified the Tla'amin Constitution. The

Constitution will guide Tla'amin Nation government in exercising its treaty authorities and responsibilities in a manner that respects Tla'amin culture and heritage.

Developed during many months of open dialogue among Tla'amin Citizens, the Constitution binds the Tla'amin Government to be an open, democratic and accountable government, and to respect the rights and equality of all Tla'amin Citizens.

The parties initialled the Final Agreement and associated side agreements on October

21, 2011. Tla'amin Citizens approved the Final Agreement through a community vote on July 10, 2012.

On March 14, 2013, the *Tla'amin Final Agreement Act*, British Columbia's legislation ratifying the Final Agreement, received Royal Assent. On June 19, 2014, the *Tla'amin Final Agreement Act*, Canada's legislation ratifying the Final Agreement, received Royal Assent.

The Tla'amin Final Agreement came into effect on April 5, 2016.

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