



LETTER OF INTENT

Dated for reference September 24, 2015

BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
(“British Columbia”)

AND

THE TSILHQOT’IN NATION as represented by:

Xeni Gwet’in First Nations Government,
Yunesit’in Government,
Tl’etinqox Government,
?Esdilagh First Nation,
Tsi Deldel First Nation,
Toosey Indian Band, and
The Tsilhqot’in National Government (“TNG”)

(the “Tsilhqot’in Parties”)

(Collectively, the “Parties”)

WHEREAS:

- A. The Parties signed a Letter of Understanding on September 10, 2014, committing to strengthen their government-to-government relationship and to undertake negotiations in good faith towards a lasting reconciliation between the Tsilhqot’in people and the Province of British Columbia.
- B. The Parties have engaged in those negotiations and have reached agreement in principle on the framework that would guide their future reconciliation negotiations, but see the need to first address two outstanding matters: Further Community Engagement and Economic Opportunities.
- C. The purpose of this Letter of Intent is to outline the Parties’ understanding of the next steps and how they will approach the two outstanding matters, to support an informed



decision on the reconciliation framework agreement by the Tsilhqot'in Parties and British Columbia.

FURTHER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. The Parties acknowledge that it is important to ensure that the members of the Tsilhqot'in Communities understand and support:
 - a. the elements of the reconciliation framework agreement and moving forward with British Columbia to commence the negotiations contemplated in the reconciliation framework agreement; and
 - b. the benefits that will accrue to the Tsilhqot'in Communities, as set out in the reconciliation framework agreement, and as a result of the reconciliation negotiations.
2. Over the next 90 days, following the signing of this Letter of Intent, the Tsilhqot'in Parties will continue to undertake engagement activities in the Tsilhqot'in Communities for this purpose.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

3. The Parties have a common interest in improving Tsilhqot'in participation in the economy and building a sustainable economic base for the Tsilhqot'in Nation, in order to support healthy communities and create jobs and opportunities for Tsilhqot'in Community members.
4. At the same time, the Parties recognize the importance of taking immediate, concrete steps in this direction to demonstrate the results that can be achieved by working together and to start to build the trust, confidence and commitment required to support the success of the framework agreement.
5. British Columbia agrees to provide \$100,000 annually for two years to support an economic development director position and/or capacity for the Tsilhqot'in Nation to carry out economic development. British Columbia will provide the first annual payment to the TNG within 14 days of the signing of this Letter of Intent.
6. Within 14 days following the signing of this Letter of Intent, the Parties agree to convene a joint working group comprised of representatives from the Tsilhqot'in Nation and senior staff from relevant provincial ministries. The role of the joint working group is to examine options to restart the River West Forest Products Mill and related economic initiatives at



the River West Mill site and, secondarily, other economic initiatives as time and resources permit.

7. The Parties agree that the joint working group will make recommendations on economic opportunities to the Leadership Table, comprised of the Chiefs from the Tsilhqot'in Nation and the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and other relevant Ministers. The recommendations will be supported by economic analysis demonstrating the medium and long-term viability of any opportunity.
8. The Leadership Table will make all reasonable efforts to reach a decision based on the recommendations of the joint working group by or before December 18, 2015, including a decision on the extent of the Province's commitment to take actionable steps to support viable economic opportunities identified by the joint working group.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

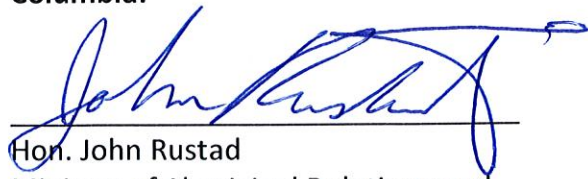
9. Following the 90 day period, the Tsilhqot'in Parties will review the outcomes of the Community Engagement and the review of Economic Opportunities, and make a final decision about concluding the reconciliation framework agreement and commencing further reconciliation negotiations.
10. The Parties agree to begin work promptly upon signing of this Letter of Intent to jointly identify interim measures for moose recovery that will be immediately implemented.
11. The Parties agree that funding will be required for the joint working group to complete its analysis and for the Tsilhqot'in Parties to implement this Letter of Intent. British Columbia agrees to provide \$75,000 to the Tsilhqot'in National Government within 14 days of the signing of this Letter of Intent for these purposes.
12. This Letter of Intent may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile by the Parties.

**On Behalf of the Tsilhqot'in Nation and the
Tsilhqot'in Parties:**



Nits'il?in (Chief) Joe Alphonse
Tribal Chairman
Tsilhqot'in National Government
Tl'etinqox Government Office

**On Behalf of the Province of British
Columbia:**



Hon. John Rustad
Minister of Aboriginal Relations and
Reconciliation



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Nits'il?in Roger William
Vice Chairman
Tsilhqot'in National Government
Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government

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Nits'il?in Francis Laceese
Toosey Indian Band

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Nits'il?in Percy Guichon
Tsi Deldel First Nation

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?Esdilagh First Nation

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Nits'il?in Russell Myers Ross
Yunesit'in First Nations Government