

Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Communication

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Whereas the Parties:

1. Recognize and respect that the Lheidli T'enneh, the City of Prince George, and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George governments each have unique responsibilities, authorities, and jurisdictions;
2. Contribute to the development of sustainable and inclusive communities that meet the unique economic, cultural, social, and environmental needs of all parties;
3. Acknowledge the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh and the importance of respect for the land, people, and history of the territory and;
4. Affirm the necessity of mutual respect and collaborative relationships to promote environmental sustainability, and advance the region economically, socially, and culturally.

Guided by Core Values including:

- Trust
- Mutual Respect
- Open Listening
- Cooperation
- Understanding

Now Therefore the Parties agree to:

1. Invest in the building of intergovernmental relationships at all levels (elected officials, administration, citizens);
2. Establish regular, transparent, and constructive communication and dialogue on matters of mutual interest;
3. Collaborate on decision-making and establish cooperative action plans to further shared initiatives;
4. Develop service agreements that are mutually beneficial;
5. Cultivate cross-cultural awareness to promote an understanding of local cultures and values, economies, and communities;
6. Maintain and further develop cooperative relationships based on trust, mutual respect, understanding, and communication;
7. Provide capacity building opportunities;
8. Build understanding of governing structures, capacities, traditions, roles, responsibilities, and current projects;
9. Define roles and responsibilities to meet legal obligations for consultation and;
10. Encourage and promote effective methods of dispute resolution.