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## COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE ADAMS LAKE INDIAN  
BAND MEMBERS THAT A COMMUNICATIONS  
AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON:

**DATE:** Friday, September 28, 2018

**AMENDED TIME:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Adams Lake Recreation & Conference  
Centre, 6349 Chief Jules Dr., Chase, BC

Purpose of the Communication Agreement: To i) establish and maintain a long term, cooperative government to government relationship and open communications across the Shuswap watershed portion of Secwepemcúlecw, ii) complement existing local protocols and iii) support the development of local agreements where none exist.

### AGENDA:

- Signing of Communications Agreement with the 10 signatories' representatives. see attached Communications Agreement document.
- Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

# Shuswap Local and Secwépemc Governments Communications Agreement

## Purpose of the Communications Agreement

To i) establish and maintain a long-term, cooperative government-to-government relationship and open communication across the Shuswap watershed portion of Secwépemc'ulecw<sup>1</sup>, ii) complement existing local protocols, and iii) support the development of local agreements where none exist<sup>2</sup>.

## Guiding Principles of Communication

1. A relationship is the foundation of communication.
2. Trust, mutual respect and recognition of each other as legitimate governments, and that this carries over beyond election cycles and political terms.
3. Openness, transparency and "no surprises" from neighbouring governments.

## Goals

1. Integrate local government and Secwépemc communities on areas of mutual interest through regular communication and working together on joint initiatives<sup>3</sup>.
2. Provide a collective voice to the governments of BC and Canada on common issues.
3. Raise awareness of Secwépemc'ulecw and Secwépemc traditions.
4. Deliver joint education opportunities<sup>4</sup> for elected officials, staff and residents, members and constituents.











## Therefore the signatories of this communications agreement will:

1. Communicate in many formats (e.g., letters, emails, phone calls), but recognize that in-person meetings are most desirable from a relationship-building perspective.
2. Meet with each other at least once per year in a formal setting of elected officials at a mutually beneficial time with respect to elections (e.g., joint council/board meetings, delegations to each other's meetings, annual community to community forum).
3. Meet and communicate with each other informally (e.g., coffee, share a meal, text)
4. Encourage and direct staff to communicate with staff in similar roles in neighbouring governments.
5. Collaborate to work together on initiatives of joint benefit to local and Secwepemc governments.
6. Develop a more detailed, formal agreement<sup>5</sup> in a smaller geographic area as needed, or where a consultation process needs to be established.
7. Raise awareness of this agreement and its content with their residents, members and constituents.

## Term, Amendments and Opt-out Clause

This agreement is intended to be long-term, and is proposed to have no term. It may be reviewed periodically at joint meetings (#2 above) and amended with the agreement of all parties as needed. If a signatory wants to opt-out of this agreement, it shall be discussed at a joint meeting (#2 above); an amendment to this agreement shall be proposed and discussed.

Signatories – signed \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Cst'elneq (Adams Lake Indian Band)</p> 	<p>Skwlax (Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band)</p> 	<p>Sk'atsin (Neskonlith Indian Band)</p> 	<p>Splatsin</p> 	<p>On Behalf of Elders</p>
<p>Columbia Shuswap Regional District</p> 	<p>Regional District of North Okanagan</p> 	<p>Village of Chase</p> 	<p>City of Salmon Arm</p> 	
<p>City of Enderby</p> 	<p>Village of Lumby</p> 			

<sup>1</sup> Territory of the Secwépemc people

<sup>2</sup> Protocols are known to exist between Chase and Neskonlith, Chase and Adams Lake Indian Band, Enderby and Splatsin, Lumby and Splatsin, and Sicamous and Splatsin.

<sup>3</sup> Topics to be discussed may include, but are not limited to: annual priorities; land use and development; environmental protection; water; infrastructure and cost-sharing approaches; emergency management and response; health, healing, local foods and wilderness camps; skills training and education.

<sup>4</sup> Joint education opportunities may include, but are not limited to: clarification of which order of government makes decisions on different topics; sharing and supporting information about Secwepemc history and traditions; and sharing information about how Secwepemc governments, regional districts and municipalities operate, generate revenue, make decisions, their jurisdiction and decision making authority

<sup>5</sup> Agreement could be a communications agreement, a memorandum of understanding, or a letter of intent