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Shuswap Local and Secwépemc Governments Communications ~~Protocol~~ Agreement

Purpose of the Communications ~~Protocol~~ Agreement

To i) establish and maintain a long-term, cooperative government-to-government relationship and open communication across the Shuswap watershed portion of Secwépemc'ulecw¹, ii) complement existing local protocols, and iii) support the development of local ~~protocol~~ agreements where none exist².

see map →

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. Recognition of Secwépemc title and rights³.~~
4. 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 initiatives⁴.
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 opportunities⁵ for elected officials, staff and residents, members and constituents.











Therefore the signatories of this communications ~~protocol~~ 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 agreement⁶ in a smaller geographic area as needed, or where a consultation process needs to be established.
7. Raise awareness of this ~~protocol~~ agreement and its content with their residents, members and constituents.

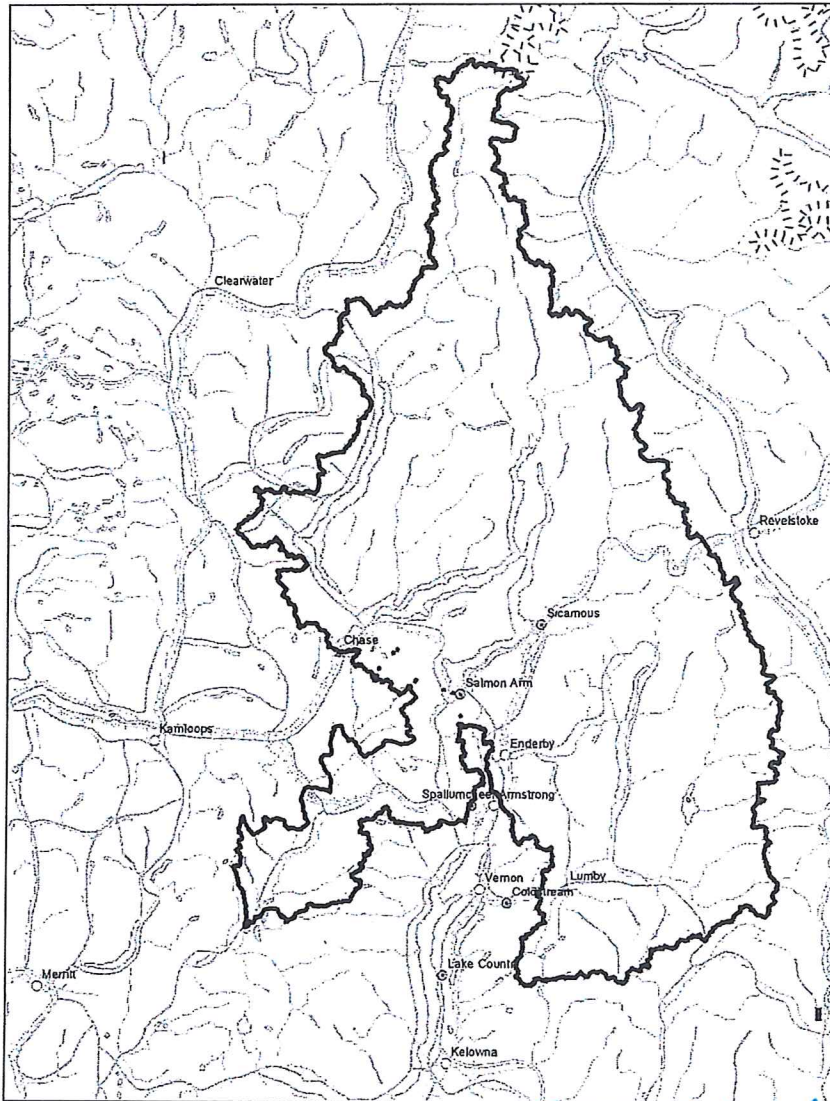
Term, Amendments and Opt-out Clause

This ~~protocol~~ 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 ~~protocol~~ agreement, it shall be discussed at a joint meeting (#2 above); an amendment to this ~~protocol~~ 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 of Secwépemc'ulecw</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> 			

Signing of this Agreement was postponed as requested by ALIB Elders with questions and concerns. Amendments were made see the changes, edits and deletions words are crossed through.



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