



PRINCE GEORGE TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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INFORMATION REPORT

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This report provides a summary of the August 19, 2009 PGTAC meeting for member local governments participating in the Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee.

Negotiations Update:

Provincial negotiators provided PGTAC with an update on Yekooche negotiations in closed session at this meeting.

Community to Community Forum Proposed:

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and the City of Prince George are planning a Community to Community Forum to be held with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation this fall. The Regional District and the City are currently identifying suitable dates for this event and more information will be provided as plans develop.

PGTAC Budgets:

PGTAC has been funded in part with contributions from both the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. In past years each agency has contributed \$15,000 annually to the PGTAC operating budget. 2008 was an exception when TAC activity declined for a number of reasons and no funding was requested from the Regional Districts.

The PGTAC workload is now ramping up with renewed activity on the Yekooche negotiations and potentially renewed activity on the Lheidli T'enneh agreement. Therefore PGTAC will send funding requests to the RDFFG and RDBN for the current year.

Quick Fact, from PGTAC "Frequently Asked Questions"

Will any treaty settlement set a precedent for treaty negotiations with other First Nations?

No. Each treaty will be an outcome of the negotiation of specific interests the parties bring to the table. For example, the land component in any treaty offer depends on factors specific to the First Nation and the negotiations, such as location, demographics, availability of Crown land and proximity to land claims by other First Nations. However, there will be many interests that are common to all tables, and, as a result, similar approaches and solutions may be used.

Note: Copies of the PGTAC Frequently Asked Questions are available by contacting Nancy Floris, Confidential Assistant (HR) at nfloris@rdffg.bc.ca or 250.960.4414.