



PRINCE GEORGE TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair: Terry Burgess, Director, Electoral Area 'G'
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Vice-Chair: Cynthia Piper, Councillor, Village of Valemount
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INFORMATION REPORT

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This report provides a summary of the February 3, 2011 PGTAC meeting for member local governments participating in the Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee.

Elections of PGTAC Chair and Vice-Chair:

Director Terry Burgess of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George was elected as the Chair of the PGTAC for 2011 and Councillor Cynthia Piper of the Village of Valemount was elected Vice-Chair.

Treaty Negotiation Team Appointments:

As provided by a Memorandum of Understanding between UBCM and the Province of BC, local government representatives are members and respected advisors on provincial negotiation teams throughout all stages of the treaty process.

In the PGTAC region, both the Yekooche First Nation near Fort St James and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation near Prince George are at Stage 5 Final Agreement negotiations. PGTAC members received an update on negotiations with the Yekooche First Nation from provincial negotiators in a closed session.

Councillor Debora Munoz of the City of Prince George was appointed the PGTAC representative to the Lheidli T'enneh negotiations.

Director Tom Greenaway of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako was appointed the PGTAC representative to the Yekooche negotiations.

Quick Fact, from PGTAC "Frequently Asked Questions"

Will the current public access to Crown Lands for a wide range of recreation activities such as hiking, canoeing, fishing, berry picking, cross country skiing, etc., continue on Treaty Settlement Lands?

Yekooche First Nation will allow reasonable public access on Yekooche First Nation Lands for temporary recreational and non-commercial purposes, including reasonable opportunities for the public to hunt and fish on Yekooche First Nation Lands, as well as access to roads and right-of-ways.

Note: Copies of the PGTAC Frequently Asked Questions are available by contacting Nancy Floris, Confidential Assistant at nfloris@rdffg.bc.ca or 250-960-4414.

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