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INFORMATION REPORT

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This report provides a summary of recent developments in treaty making in the Northern Interior, including the September 14, 2007 PGTAC meeting. This report is produced for member local governments participating in the Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee.

Appointments:

Councillor Byron Goerz was appointed the PGTAC representative to the Yekooche negotiations, and Director Sonny Beck was appointed Alternate representative.

Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreement:

The Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreement failed to receive the required approval of band members in a ratification vote conducted in March 2007.

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation/City of Prince George Comprehensive Master Agreement:

The Comprehensive Master Agreement (CMA) was developed by the First Nation and the municipality in order to set out the principles, procedures and guidelines to implement the Local Government Relations Chapter of the Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreement. The CMA prescribes the details of the relationships including harmonized legislation, land use planning and development, tax harmonization, service agreements, access, consultation and dispute resolution.

The CMA is linked with and would come into effect with the implementation of the Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreement. The City and the First Nation broke new ground with this negotiation, as it is the first comprehensive agreement of this nature and may provide a template for future agreements between local government and First Nations. PGTAC members reviewed the CMA and provided comments on its applicability in other situations.

Regional District Presentation:

PGTAC Chair Shelley Zenzen confirmed plans to attend a forthcoming meeting of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to provide a report on PGTAC's role in treaty making, past and future.

Donation to Auxiliary to Stuart Lake Hospital:

PGTAC members were pleased to approve a \$100 donation to the Auxiliary to Stuart Lake Hospital, in memory of Orville Koette, a former PGTAC representative and long time participant in treaty making in the Northern Interior.

Quick Fact, from PGTAC "Frequently Asked Questions"

What environmental controls and regulations will apply to resource extraction or harvesting activities on Treaty Settlement Lands?

Province-wide standards of resource management and environmental protection will continue to apply to Treaty Settlement Land.

Note: Copies of the PGTAC Frequently Asked Questions for both the Lheidli T'enneh and Yekooche agreements are available by contacting Nancy Floris, Confidential Assistant at nfloris@rdffg.bc.ca or 250-960-4414.

Next meeting: The next scheduled PGTAC meeting will be Friday, November 23, 2007 in Prince George.