



INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

October 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Cariboo Regional District Board Room

Suite D - 180 Third Avenue North

Williams Lake, B.C.

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

(The meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m.)

1.1 Adoption of Agenda

That the agenda items be adopted as presented.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Indigenous Relations Committee - August 15, 2024

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That the minutes of the Indigenous Relations Committee meeting held August 15, 2024, be adopted.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 BC/Coastal First Nations Accord for Co-Governance, Environmental Stewardship, Economic Renewal and Local Community Well-Being in the Pacific North Coast

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4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 UNDRIP & BC DRIPA

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4.2 UBCM 2024 / Provincial C2C 2024

4.3 2025 Indigenous Relations Budget

5. ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting of the Indigenous Relations Committee be adjourned at TIME, October 17, 2024.

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 15, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Cariboo Regional District Board Room

Suite D - 180 Third Avenue North

Williams Lake, B.C.

PRESENT : Chair T. Pare, Director J. Massier, Director E. de Vries

STAFF : Murray Daly, L. Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer, S. Masun,
Manager of Intergovernmental Relations

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Adoption of Agenda

IRC.2024-1

Moved Director de Vries

Seconded Director Massier

That the agenda items be adopted as presented.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IRC.2024-2

Moved Director de Vries

Seconded Chair Pare

That the minutes of the First Nations Relations Committee meeting, held June 11, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.2 FCM - UNDRIP-Guide-for-Municipalities

IRC.2024-3

Moved Director Massier

Seconded Director de Vries

That staff continue to research possible legal and Provincial information in regards to UNDRIP, DRIPA and Indigenous rights and title, to be brought forward to a future meeting of the Indigenous Relations Committee, after the October 2024 Provincial Election.

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

IRC.2024-4

Moved Director Massier

Seconded Director de Vries

That the meeting of the Indigenous Relations Committee be adjourned at 3:00 p.m., August 15, 2024.

Carried

Chair

Manager of Corporate Services

From: [Murray Daly](#)
To: [Stephanie Masun](#)
Subject: FW: BC/Coastal First Nations Accord for Co-Governance, Environmental Stewardship, Economic Renewal and Local Community Well-Being in the Pacific North Coast
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Good afternoon,

As local government representatives in or closely neighbouring the North Coast region, I am reaching out to let you know for awareness that today the provincial government and Coastal First Nations (CFN) entered into a new bilateral agreement, the Accord for Co-Governance, Environmental Stewardship, Economic Renewal and Local Community Well-Being in the Pacific North Coast (the CFN-BC Regional Accord).

CFN signatory Nations to the Accord include Wuikinuxv, Heiltsuk, Kitasoo -Xai'xais, Nuxalk, Gitga'at, Metlakatla, Old Massett, Skidegate, and Council of the Haida Nation. The Accord consolidates and builds on the previous CFN-BC 2009 Reconciliation Protocol and 2020 Memorandum of Understanding between BC and CFN.

The new agreement outlines how the Coastal First Nations and Province will work together in partnership to increase the quality of life throughout the area. This includes resource-based economic activity such as aquaculture like shellfish and harvesting ventures, clean energy, and opportunities in the coastal forestry sector. It also reinforces CFN conservation efforts in the Great Bear Rainforest. In addition, the Accord further promotes CFN-led steps to improve communications and enhance digital services and technology, benefiting the entire North Pacific Coast.

In 2009, B.C. and Coastal First Nations Member Nations entered into the [BC/CFN Reconciliation Protocol](#), which focused on collaborative approaches to land and resource management and economic activities, as a foundation for broader reconciliation over time. The Reconciliation Protocol was amended and renewed several times – most recently in 2016.

In 2020, CFN and B.C. signed a [memorandum of understanding](#) (MOU) to work together on a longer-term vision building on the successes of the Reconciliation Protocol to pursue a conservation-based regional economy through a diverse set of initiatives to promote financial self-reliance.

The new Accord is the culmination of the work set out under the 2020 MOU and will replace the MOU and BC/CFN Reconciliation Protocol with one agreement. The Accord largely continues the good work contained in the 2009 Protocol and the 2020 MOU. It:

- renews and updates the collaborative decision-making framework for land and resource decisions that forms the basis of the 2009 Protocol;
- renews and updates the primary fiscal arrangements in the 2009 Protocol, including the Great Bear Rainforest carbon offsets sharing framework;
- establishes a new set of initiatives to support coastal communities to take advantage of opportunities in clean energy;
- establishes a process for the 2020 MOU commitment to explore potential joint or consent-based decision-making, and identifies aquatic plant harvesting authorizations as the area of interest to explore for a potential future agreement through this process;
- establishes a new set of initiatives to support coastal communities to respond and adapt to climate impacts.
- builds on successful revenue-sharing initiatives under the 2009 Protocol and its extending agreements with new initiatives focused on revitalizing Indigenous and market economies.

More information on the Accord can be found in the news release at

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/31485> and you may also wish to review the Accord itself at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/DF8B755FE2834B1F8565F61468FD2E8A>. In particular, the schedules provide more detail on the sector-specific initiatives to be explored and planned under the Accord. Please feel free to forward this email to others in your municipality or regional district who may be interested.

If your municipality or regional district is interested in learning more, we would be pleased to arrange a meeting with representatives from the Province to discuss the agreement, at a time that is convenient for your team. We would also be happy to present at a council/board meeting if that would be more appropriate. Please reach out if that is of interest and I can help set it up.

Warmly,
Sarah.

Sarah Plank

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I acknowledge with respect the territories of First Nations throughout B.C. and the rights, interests, priorities and concerns of all Indigenous peoples and their distinct cultures, histories, rights, laws, and governments.

Date: 09/10/2024

To Chair and Directors, Indigenous Relations Committee

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Stephanie Masun, Manager of Intergovernmental Relations

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Short Summary:

UNDRIP & BC DRIPA

Background:

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) & *British Columbia Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)*

UNDRIP

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007. UNDRIP is a framework for progressing and protecting the rights of Indigenous peoples internationally and guides the development of national policies and practices.

UNDRIP outlines Indigenous peoples' rights related to self-determination, land, identity, and resources. The UN Declaration highlights the importance of Indigenous peoples' participation in decision-making processes that affect them and affirms the rights to establishing and maintaining distinct cultural, economic, social, political, and legal institutions.

Canada adopted UNDRIP in 2016.

DRIPA

BC formally adopted UNDRIP's standards by passing the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)* in November of 2019.

DRIPA is BC's framework for reconciliation and aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action which outline commitments to respecting the human rights of Indigenous peoples through collaboration and consultation.

This legislation mandates the province to align laws with UNDRIP and to consult with Indigenous Peoples to develop and implement an action plan to achieve the legislation's aims.

B.C.'s Declaration Act Action Plan

BC's 2022-2027 Declaration Act Action Plan is a five-year commitment which includes 89 actions to end anti-Indigenous racism and to advance Indigenous peoples' self-determination, rights, and title.

Additional Information

[Fact sheet – United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#)

[BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#)

[BC Declaration Act Action Plan](#)

[Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)

Attachments:

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