



Canim Lake Band

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Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors
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Attention: Margo Wagner, Cariboo Regional District Chair and
Canim Lake Municipal Director

VIA EMAIL mwagner@cariboord.ca

Re: Canim Lake Band requesting the support of the Cariboo Regional District

The purpose of this letter is to kindly request the support of the Cariboo Regional District (the "CRD") by way of a Board motion to have certain provincial crown lands described as:

All of Block A of District Lot 4204 as shown on Plan EPC1218 filed in the Crown Lands Registry in Victoria B.C. A copy of the said plan is recorded in the Canada Lands Surveys Records in Ottawa under number 105316

to be added to the Canim Lake Band's reserve lands following the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (the "Province") and the Canim Lake Band on February 19, 2018.

Background:

For the last 20 years, the Canim Lake Band has been in various stages of negotiation with the Province to address provincial roads in trespass on Canim Lake Indian Reserve No. 1.

On February 19, 2018, the Canim Lake Band Chief and Council signed a Memorandum of Agreement (the "MOA") with the Province to address the outstanding issue of Canim Lake South Road and Tsq'escen Road through Canim Lake I.R. No. 1.

The conclusion of the MOA represents a great success and step forward in those long standing negotiations. The MOA is supported by Canim Lake membership and will ultimately improve the safety of the sections of the highway being transferred while providing benefits to the Canim Lake Band which exceed the value of the lands being transferred.

Additions to Reserve:

As part of the benefits the Band will receive under the agreement, the Band will receive 6.92 hectares of provincial crown lands to be added to reserve under Indigenous and Northern Affairs (“INAC”) addition to reserve (“ATR”) process. An ATR is a proposal for the granting of reserve status to lands that are currently otherwise held. INAC has developed a comprehensive ATR process in order to assist both the First Nations and INAC in completing the necessary steps to add land to reserve.

Location of ATR:

The ATR lands the Band has selected are situated approximately 2 km north of Canim Lake Indian Reserve No. 2 and 3 km south of Canim Lake Indian Reserve No. 3 and can be legally described as:

In the Province of British Columbia

In Lillooet District

All of Block A of District Lot 4204 as shown on Plan EPC1218 filed in the Crown Lands Registry in Victoria B.C. A copy of the said plan is recorded in the Canada Lands Surveys Records in Ottawa under number 105316
Containing about 6.92 hectares (17.1 acres);

Part of INAC’s ATR process requires the Band to inform local governments of the proposed ATR. In this case, the ATR are situated within the CRD boundaries.

In 2016, Canim Lake Band presented an overview of the negotiations and the ATR proposal in a Sharing Information Session with local government, including CRD. I have attached a copy of that presentation. At that time, and over the course of negotiations, Canim Lake has been grateful for the overwhelmingly positive support and feedback from CRD on Canim Lake Band’s efforts to obtain the ATR lands.

Letter of Support:

On March 1, 2018, we met with Canada to discuss the next steps in order to proceed with the ATR process. At this time, Canada indicated that a “no-concerns letter” from CRD indicating that CRD is supportive of, and has no concerns respecting the ATR process would go a long way in expediting the process and ultimately realizing the addition of Crown lands to the Band’s reserve. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the CRD demonstrate their support for this endeavor through the issuance of a “no-concerns letter.”

A “no-concerns letter” is typically evidenced by a motion of the Regional District Board that the CRD has no concerns with the proposed ATR.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. I would be happy to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PT', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pamela Theodore,
Lands Coordinator at Canim Lake Band