



June 6th, 2023

Central Cariboo Regional District
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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: BC Parks Place Name Change for Cardiff Mountain Ecological Reserve to include associated T̓s̓ilhqot̓'in toponyms

BC Parks would like to notify the Central Cariboo Regional District of the intent to rename Cardiff Mountain Ecological reserve to **T̓s̓i ʔE̓z̓ish Ecological Reserve (Cardiff Mountain)** . [pronounced Tsy-ezoish]

Cardiff Mountain ER is located wholly within the Declared Aboriginal Title lands area. It was established to protect an outstanding geological formation (columnar tertiary basalt lava) of volcanic origin, and associated plant communities. Cardiff Mtn was adopted as the place name May 6, 1924. The BC Geographical names office recognized the Tshilqotin name of **T̓s̓i ʔE̓z̓ish** recently in 2018. T̓s̓i ʔE̓z̓ish is the T̓s̓ilhqot̓'in name for this mountain meaning 'scattered rocks' in reference to the scree slopes that surround this butte.

The Park & Ecological reserve renaming is an important step in building the relationship and advancing reconciliation with Xeni Gwet̓'in First Nation. The next steps regarding changing the name will require an amendment to Protected Areas of British Columbia Act. To meet Xeni Gwet̓'in's request to have the place name initiated the next possible opportunity requires the legislative amendment to be ready for the fall 2023 legislative session.

Please forward this information package to any other regional district staff that should be included in this notification. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Sincerely,

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Appendix 1 – Map of Cardiff Mountain Ecological Reserve

