



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
December 14, 2016
7:00 P.M.
HUDSON'S HOPE COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Council: Mayor Gwen Johansson
Councillor Dave Heiberg
Councillor Nicole Gilliss
Councillor Travous Quibell

Absent: Councillor Heather Middleton
Councillor Caroline Beam
Councillor Kelly Miller

Staff: CAO, Tom Matus
Special Events Coordinator, Emily Nusse
Corporate Officer, Tammy McKeown

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Mayor Gwen Johansson presiding.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS:**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

4. **DISCUSSIONS:**

D1 **Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation-
Community Engagement Session**

0400-20

Presented by Tara Forest and Dale Morgan (MARR) and Morgan Kennah (FLNRO)

- Presentation in regard to Saulteau First Nations New Relationship and Reconciliation Agreement(NRRA) and the Land Act S.17 PMT Reserve
- S.17 has been submitted to FrontCounterBC- request made to hear from residents of Hudson's Hope
- Four basic First Nations Agreements been worked on:
 - Government to Government (G2G)- ongoing
 - Site C Impact Benefits Agreement (IBA)- close to finalizing with other affected communities
 - Pipeline Benefit Agreements (PBA)- example: LNG
 - Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE)-Legacy from 1899, (miscounting of families, error found in 1907), will become Reserve land
- Discussed levels of engagement at each stage ranging from broad messaging and awareness building to specific information gathering and input from targeted groups
 - Planning-identify all stakeholders

- Negotiation-already completed for Saulteau First Nations-connecting with specifically identified groups that may be impacted to determine potential concerns
- Final Agreement-presentations to District of Hudson's Hope –notify about negotiation outcomes and convey how will be engaged in implementation
- Implementation-underway-current process for S.17. Consult as needed to implement agreement commitments.
- No land transfers are included as part of Saulteau First Nations NRRA
- NRRA acknowledges Peace Moberly Tract (PMT) as an area of specific historic and continuing cultural significance for practice of Saulteau First Nations traditional activities.
- West Moberly First Nations also has interest in PMT
- S.17 formalizes a management approach and provides recognition of the values of First Nations within Treaty 8
 - Proposed as part of the government to government package in NRRA
 - Known area of interest to Saulteau for many years
 - Identified during negotiations
 - Key area for hunting, trapping, fishing and cultural practices
- S.17 Land Act reserve is proposed to be indefinite and is to include a mandatory review at renewal. 10 year review period
- S.17 will not apply to:
 - Site C Energy Project
 - North Montney Mainline Project
 - Other projects where Saulteau and BC agree that a disposition is reasonable
- Consultation packages are to be sent out to tenure holders and will allow for 30 days for them to respond
- Timber Rights will transfer to First Nations
- Activities on S.17 lands may proceed that are consistent with the PMT s.17 purpose and/or fall within the existing tenure or private lands.
- Activities in OCP for Rural Resources and ALR may or may not be consistent. Rationale for how an application is consistent will need to be provided. This rationale may include the outcome of any engagement with Saulteau and any other First Nations on the activity.
- Ministry is to forward a copy of the PMT S.17 application to the District of Hudson's Hope.
- Referrals have been sent out to government agencies, including Municipalities, providing 30 days to provide comments
- Further meetings with the District of Hudson's Hope and/or community can be arranged if interest by tenure holders and interest groups

- District of Hudson's Hope requested consultation at same level as Saulteau First Nations going forward, not just information meetings.
- Ministry to inform District of Hudson's Hope on the amount of involvement District will have when review is being conducted in 10 years.

- Expand size of reserve based on number of people from 1899 to today – provincial government responsible for land, Federal gov't responsible for treaties
- SFN-NRRA: signed September 2015
Accomplish: building relationships, provides legal and economic certainty. Ties development.
- Commitment to making recommendation of establishing section 17 for PMT. Identifies oil and gas dispositions will be withdrawn, to build in future with province and FN. Woodlands licence to provide timber for the FN to manage. Twin sisters park expansion: processes coming including public engagement to see process through. Exploration for management measures, a wildlife working group.
- Section 7: PMT key component for reconciliation agreement – within PMT: high value and culture.
- Applies only to crown land
- Purpose: conserve and maintain natural heritages of FN. Includes nearly half of the southern area of District of Hudson's Hope.
- Land Act govern use of land owned by BC, section 17 is a conditional withdraw of crown land from BC
- Will not apply to site c, North Montney, other projects
- Subsurface rights still the province to 2022, Ministry of oil to work with FN, yet tbd. A collaborative process.
- Cameron Lake: existing tenures continue to exist, may expand up to 5%, no impacts to private lands.
- Developing opportunities.
- Gives FN an area to exercise their rights.
- Province collects royalties / FN gets share.
- Province maintains ownership of the land.
- Indefinite term, mandatory ten-year review, review at conclusion of NRRA, all statutory decisions.
- Does not affect municipal taxing authority.
- Treaty 8 = 17 million hectares
- MOU with West Moberly FN.
- PMT s. 17 consultation: 30-day comment period, sent to all tenure holders. Extend deadline from January 7th to?
- District of Hudson's Hope to be involved in subsurface rights, at the same level as SFN:
- Hunting regulations goes to FLNRO, hunting changes in PMT are a result of site c. not due to NRRA.

- TLA: Tripartite Land Agreement

5. **STAFF REPORTS:**
6. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES:**
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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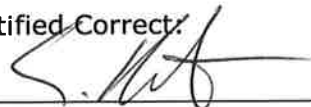
Beryl Prairie Playground

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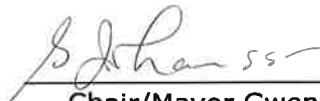
UBCM resolution- Alternate Director

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CAO/Tom Matus



Chair/Mayor Gwen Johansson