



DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Council Chambers

October 10, 2023

(Note: The regular Council Meeting will follow the Committee of the Whole meeting that is being held at 6:00 pm)

First Nations Acknowledgement

The District of Hudson's Hope would like to respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is in the traditional unceded territory of the Treaty 8 First Nations.

1. Call to Order:

2. Adoption of Agenda:

3. Adoption of Minutes:

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4. Discussion Item:

- West Moberly Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) selections Page 4

5. Public Inquiries:

6. Adjournment:



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
District Office Council Chambers
September 11, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Travous Quibell
Councillor Debbie Beattie
Councillor James Cryderman
Councillor KK Charlesworth
Councillor Tashana Winnicky
Councillor Kelly Miller
Councillor Tina Jeffrey

Staff: Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Cvik
Corporate Officer, Andrea Martin
Director of Public Works, Robert Dauphinee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with Councillor Winnicky chairing.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 148 / 2023

M/S Councillors Miller / Beattie

THAT the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 149 / 2023

M/S Mayor Quibell / Councillor Cryderman

THAT the minutes of the August 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEM

BULLHEAD MOUNTAIN CURLING CLUB LEASE

The Club returned to present the financial documents that were requested by Mayor and Council at the August 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting. Devin Burkitt, President of the Curling Club, attended along with Barbara Frocklage. The current Lease Agreement with the District is expired and the Club would like to revisit how the financial payment in the lease is calculated and to review other items in the lease and areas of concern including:

- Ice Making
- Janitorial Services
- Facility Maintenance (carpets at the home and away)
- Lease costs

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- Liability Insurance
- Communication

Devin suggested rather than a flat rate lease agreement that the lease be based on a percentage of the curling season's membership fees and bar sales.

Several questions were addressed by Council:

- start-up and clean-up expectations of the club from the District, and
- if the club has had any internal discussions with regards to continuing to operate independently as they have in the past and initiating new sign-up initiatives.

Mayor and Council made a decision to continue discussions of the Bullhead Mountain Curling Club's concerns in the Regular Council Meeting September 11, 2023 under New Business.

7. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

Katherine Johnson spoke of how the decrease in the core population of Hudson's Hope has contributed to the decline in the Club's membership.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Winnicky declared the meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Certified Correct:

Tashana Winnicky, Councillor

Corporate Officer, Andrea Martin

Northeast Land Transfers

Presentation to: District of Hudson's Hope – Meeting of the Whole

By: Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

October 10, 2023

Land Transfer Context

Selected from Crown lands

Treaty Land Entitlement

(Historic Treaty Settlement)

Canada, BC and First Nation

- TLE Settlement and Lands Agreements (2023)
- Making up for land owed over 100 years under Treaty 8 (*missed at the time of Treaty*)
- Land transfers to Canada and in fee simple
- First Nations
 - West Moberly & Halfway River
 - Blueberry River & Doig River
 - Saulteau First Nation

Site C Tripartite Land Agreements

(Accommodation for project impacts)

BC Hydro, BC and First Nation

- Lands to *accommodate for adverse impacts of the Site C project* to Treaty 8 rights.
- Land transfers in fee simple (*as private land*);
 - First Nations may apply to have some lands added to existing reserve land.
- First Nations
 - Halfway River, McLeod Lake, Saulteau
 - Doig River, Prophet River, West Moberly

Context - Background



- TLE represents a fundamental change in the engagement and future dialogue in the Northeast this is accomplished in several ways:
 - Settles an outstanding specific claim
 - Tangibly demonstrates the Province's commitment to reconciliation
 - Provides substantive land to Treaty 8 First Nations for many reasons (e.g., economic, cultural, spiritual)
 - Is the first expansion of Treaty 8 reserves in decades

TLE Form of Transfers



TLE Shortfall Land

- A historic land debt
 - Owed since the treaty was signed
 - Land will be transferred directly to Canada
(to create Indian Reserve)

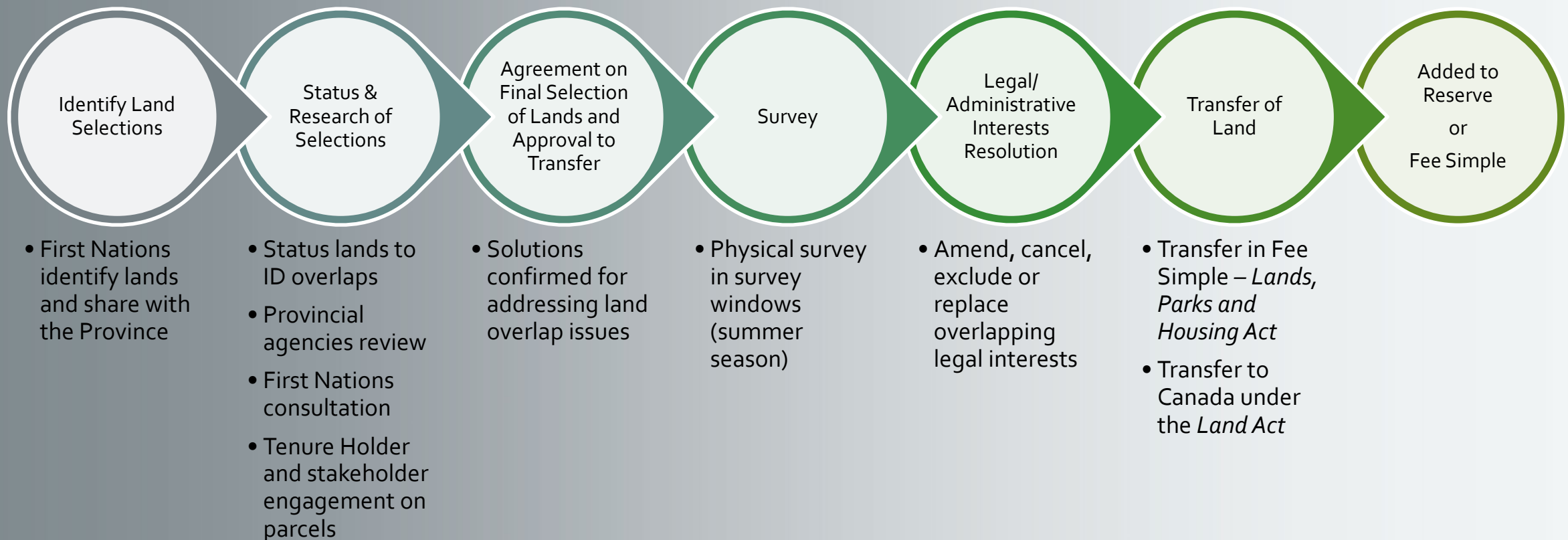
TLE Additional Land

- For reconciliation
 - Land will be purchased by the First Nations
 - 2 Categories of Additional Lands:
 - Fee Simple
 - Transfer to Canada as Indian Reserve (ATR)

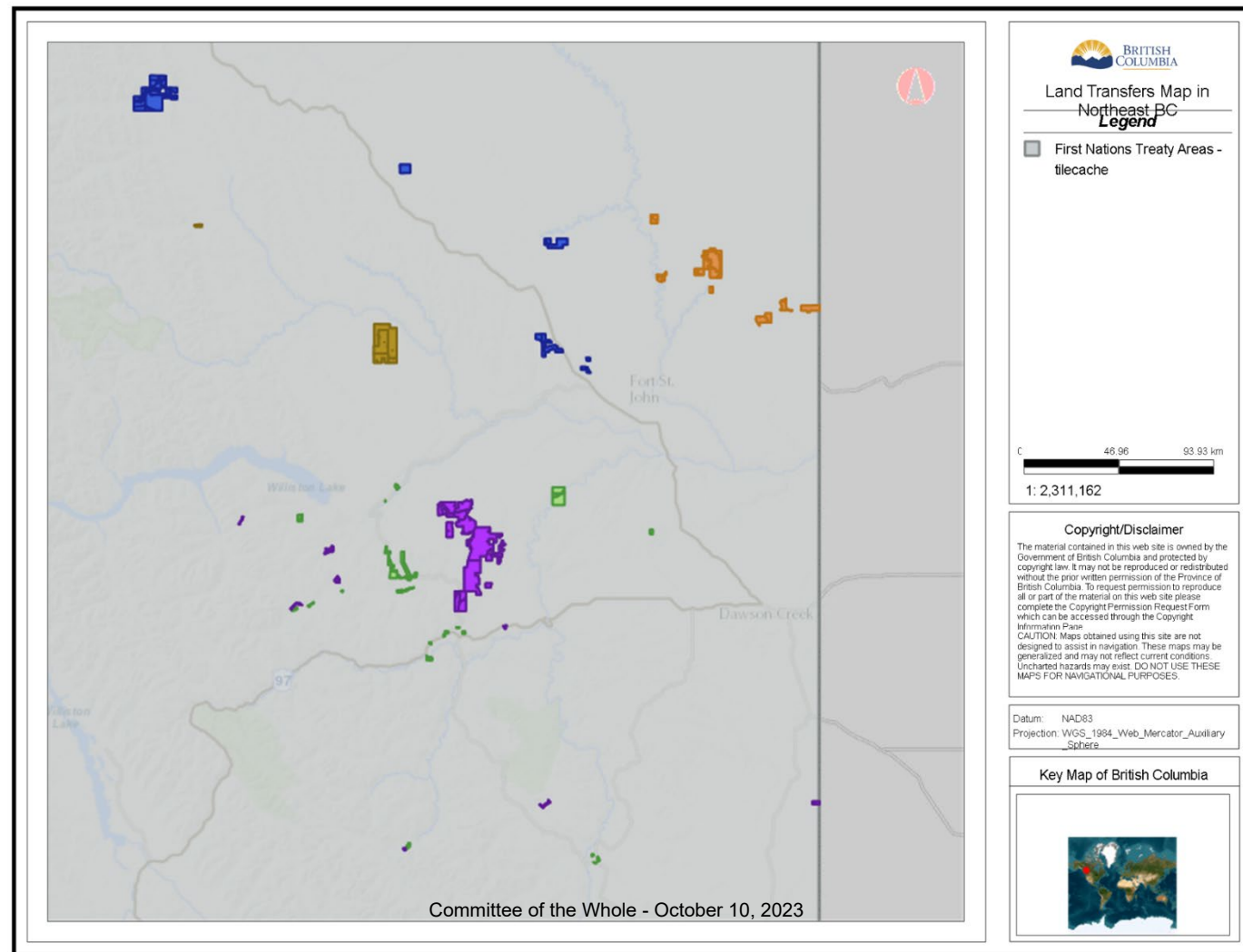
*ATR = Addition to Reserve (Federal process to add land as Indian Reserve)

Land Transfer Process

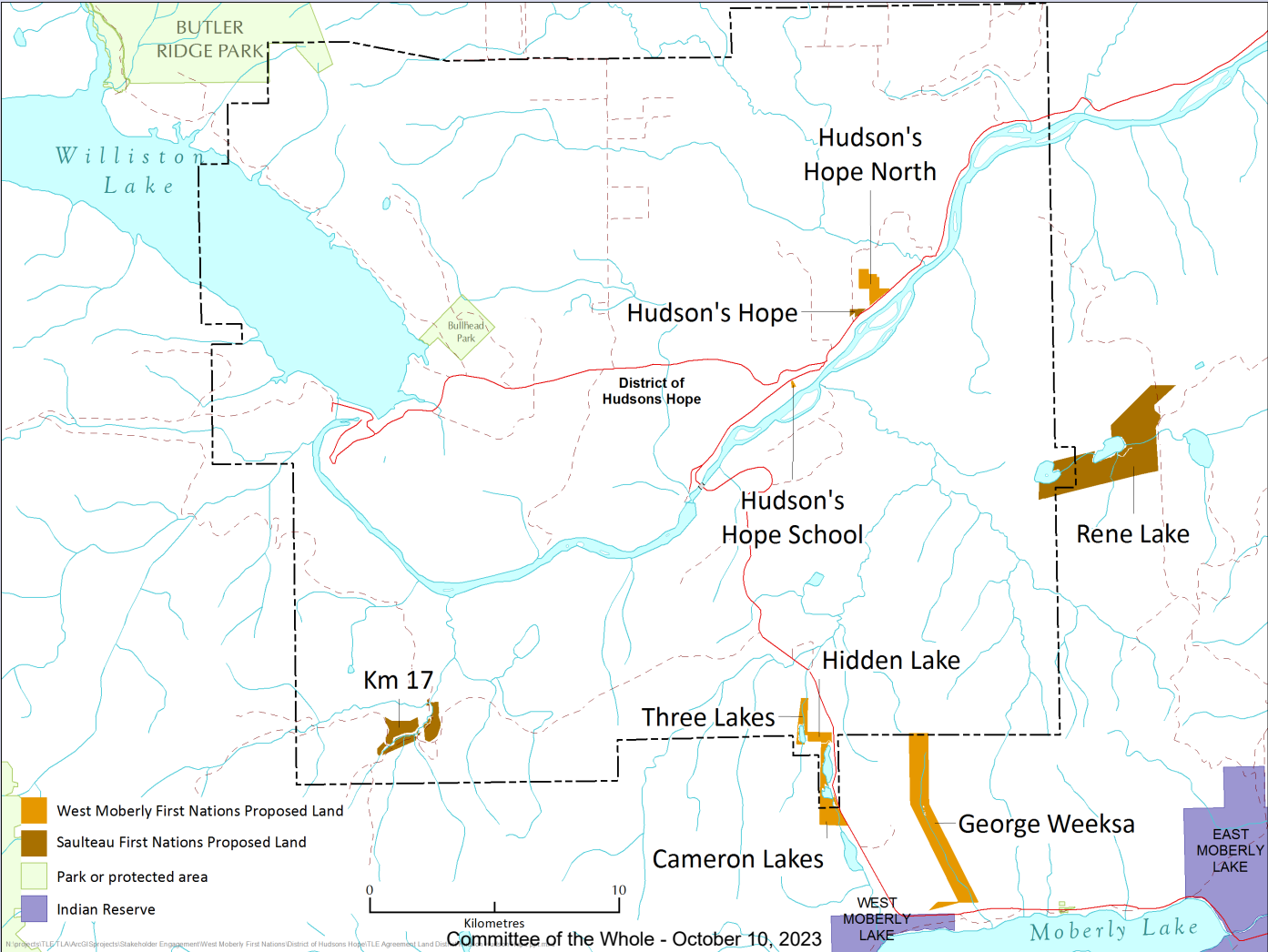
The stages of transfer vary for each parcel



NE Land Transfers Map



Land Selections & HH



Status of Land Transfers



- Report: What We Heard from Stakeholders
- Level and extent of engagement varies across the parcels
- Status of land transfers regarding:
 - Parcel stage (e.g., identify, review, implement)
 - Tenure holder engagement
 - Stakeholder (public and interest groups)

Communication & Engagement Methods



Correspondence

Mail and E-mail

- Individual and stakeholders shared comments with government by mail or by e-mail.

Accessible Information

govTogether Website and Fact Sheets

- The provincial govTogether webpage: a public location for information, maps and feedback about northeast land transfers.
- The provincial team reviewed stakeholders' questions and produced a NE Land Transfer Fact Sheet and Q&A Sheet to help understand the land transfer process.

Focused Groups

Meetings and Presentations

- Regular updates to local government: City of Fort St. John, District of Chetwynd, District of Hudson's Hope, District of Tumbler Ridge, RD Fraser Fort George, and PRRD.
- Provincial and interest group meetings to exchange information and explore specific interests, providing opportunities for concerns to be documented, heard and understood.

Northeast Roundtable

Information Sharing and Stakeholder Feedback

- Established from the Urban Systems recommendation that incorporated stakeholder design for a better engagement process.
- MIRR regularly provides updates and opportunities for feedback on land selections from NE Roundtable members (local government, industry and community groups).

Open Houses

Community Consultation / Engagement Sessions

- The Province has held several open houses to share information and receive public feedback about proposed parcels
- Open houses included opportunities for local communities to provide feedback about parcels nearest to where they live.



Active Engagement

Commitment to engage

- Opportunity to comment on active engagement
- Record comments
- Consider your interests
- Report on decisions (e.g., What We Heard from Stakeholders Report)

How to provide feedback

- Written: letters or parcel comment forms (provided)
- E-mail: MIRR.Northeast@gov.bc.ca
- govTogether website:
<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/engagement/land-transfers-in-northeast-bc/>

The TLE Stakeholder Engagement process was developed together with stakeholder and local government representatives



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Questions?