



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
District Office Council Chambers
October 10, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Councillor Tashana Winnicky (with notice)

Staff: Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Cvik
Chief Administrative Officer, Crystal Brown
Corporate Officer, Andrea Martin
Director of Protective Services, Fred Burrows

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 166 / 2023

M/S Councillors Quibell / Cryderman

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. 167 / 2023

M/S Mayor Beattie / Cryderman

THAT the minutes of the September 11, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATION

WEST MOBERLY TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT (TLE) SELECTIONS

Dale Morgan
Regional Executive Director, North
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Negotiations and Regional Operations Division

Alanna Schroeder
Regional Director, Northeast
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Negotiations and Regional Operations Division

Tara Forest
Senior Resource Coordination Officer
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Negotiations and Regional Operations Division

The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation panel provided an update on the status of Northeast Land Transfers in the District of Hudson's Hope, including Treaty Land Entitlement, and Site C Tripartite Land Agreement, and the Land Transfer Process.

Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) lands are based on historic Treaty settlement between Canada, BC, and First Nations. The purpose is to make up for land owned over 100 years ago under Treaty 8. The First Nations Communities involved in this process include: West Moberly First Nations, Halfway River First Nation, Blueberry River First Nations, Doig River First Nation, and Sauteau First Nations.

Site C Tripartite Land Agreement are based on accommodation for project impacts between BC Hydro, BC, and First Nations Communities. Land is transferred in fee simple. First Nations may apply to have some lands added to existing reserve land. First Nation Communities involved in this process include West Moberly First Nations, Halfway River First Nation, Doig River First Nation, and Sauteau First Nations, Prophet River First Nation, and McLeod Lake Indian Band.

There are two forms of TLE land transfers:

- TLE Shortfall Land – a historic land debt that was wed since the treaty was signed. Land will be transferred directly to Canada to become reserve land.
- TLE Additional Land – land transferred for reconciliation. Land will be purchases by the First Nations. Land will then either stay as fee simple or be transfer to Canada to become reserve land. (ATR – Addition to Reserve)

There are several stages of the transfer process each requiring time and engagement from all parties involved. The level and extent of engagement varies across the parcels.

There are multiple ways that community can engage on land selections, including mail and email, govTogetherBC website and Fact Sheets, community meeting and presentations, Northeast Roundtable, and Open Houses.

7. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Charlesworth declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed By

Councillor Charlesworth

Original Signed By

Corporate Officer, Andrea Martin