

# Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between the

*City of Williams Lake*

And the

*Williams Lake Indian Band*

**Whereas** the City of Williams Lake and the Williams Lake Indian Band have a common interest in cooperative intergovernmental relationships: and

**Whereas** the City of Williams Lake and the Williams Lake Indian Band also believe that cooperative working relationships between local governments and First Nations are built;

**Therefore** this Memorandum of Understanding represents a commitment by the City of Williams Lake and the Williams Lake Indian Band to promote cooperative relationship building.

Both Parties agree on the following:

## **Principles:**

The City of Williams Lake and the Williams Lake Indian Band will recognize the following principles in dealing with one another:

- **Mutual respect for each Party's mandates and policies and that this Memorandum of Understanding does not fetter the individual mandates and policies of the parties;**
- **Mutual respect for respective areas of jurisdiction as defined in the Local Government Act and Indian Act;**
- **That the Williams Lake Indian Band has occupied the Williams Lake Valley for thousands of years;**
- Cooperation in the exchange, development and distribution of information that is relevant to the establishment and consolidation of the relationship between the parties;
- Collaborative actions in the development and implementation of projects of mutual interest; and

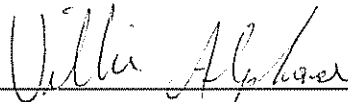
- Acknowledgment that good relations between neighbours are required for all citizens to benefit.

**General Objectives:**

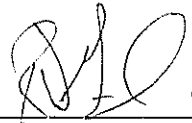
The Williams Lake Indian Band and the City of Williams Lake have the following mutual objectives:

- Promote understanding of functions, responsibilities and interests of both parties, both locally and in a province-wide context, including participation in each other's events whenever possible;
- Provide opportunities for relationship building between the parties, such as through annual Community to Community Forums, which allow dialogue between community leaders on areas of common interest. This includes economic development, natural resource management, efficient and affordable service delivery, and cooperative land use planning whenever possible; and
- Encourage and promote effective methods of dispute resolution between the parties.

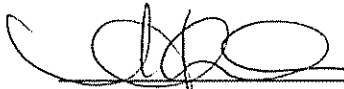
Signed this 18th day of November, 2004



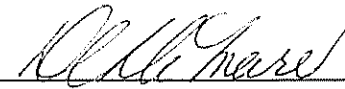
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City of Williams Lake



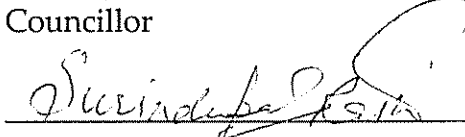
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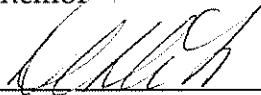
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