

**Protocol Agreement
Between the North Central Municipal Association
And the Northwest Tribal Treaty Nations**

Whereas:

The economic and social well being of northern British Columbia is of mutual concern to the North Central Municipal Association (NCMA) and the Northwest Tribal Treaty Nations (NWTT);

And whereas issues such as economic development, healthcare and education are crucial to the health of Municipalities, Regional Districts, and First Nation's Communities;

Therefore:

The organizations commit to a communications protocol that will ensure that the NCMA and NWTT are aware of the work being done by each Association;

Further, the NCMA and NWTT will develop joint lobby initiatives where it is deemed appropriate.

Implementation:

The NCMA and NWTT Executive's will meet twice yearly, in the spring and the fall to ensure that each Association is aware of the work of the other, and to identify issues of mutual concern.

The NCMA and NWTT will collaborate on education initiatives such as panel sessions and workshops, for each other or for outside interests where appropriate;

The NCMA and NWTT Boards will consider joint lobby initiatives on issues of mutual concern. These could include joint letter writing campaigns, lobby trips or other proposals if seen as fitting by both parties.

Review of the Protocol:

The parties shall review this protocol within one year of its adoption.

Administration of the Protocol:

The lead contacts for administering this protocol are the:

Executive Coordinator of the North Central Municipal Association

Executive Director of the Northwest Tribal Treaty Nations

Commitment:

IN WITNESS OF AN AGREEMENT to adhere to the terms established in this Protocol, the parties have executed this protocol at Prince George, British Columbia, May 2, 2003.

Duly signed by the President of the North Central Municipal Association and the Co-Chairs of the Northwest Tribal Treaty Nations.