

HISHUK NISH TSAWAAK
Protocol Agreement between the
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations
and the
District of Tofino

This **AGREEMENT** dated for reference the 12th day of December, 2007

BETWEEN: TLA-O-QUI-AHT FIRST NATIONS
1119 Pacific Rim Highway
Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0

AND:

DISTRICT OF TOFINO
121 Third Street
Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0

(the Parties)

WHEREAS:

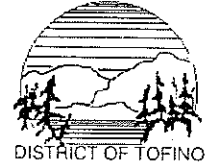
The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations (Tla-o-qui-aht), as the original inhabitants, have occupied these lands since time immemorial.

The District of Tofino (Tofino) acknowledges Tla-o-qui-aht's traditional territory, respects the First Nations' unresolved aboriginal interests and title to their traditional territory, inherent right of self-government and the legitimacy of the Hawiuh (Hereditary Chiefs) and their Muu-ischm (people) and the Chief and Council as the governing authority for the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations and its membership.

The District of Tofino is a municipal government established in accordance with legislation of the Province of British Columbia and represents the interests of the residents of Tofino.

PRINCIPLES:

- Tofino and Tla-o-qui-aht agree to uphold the Nuuchahnulth Principles of Hishuk ish tsawaak (everything is one and all is interconnected) and lisaak (respect with caring).
- Tla-o-qui-aht and Tofino each have distinct authorities and responsibilities towards their members and residents and acknowledge that the interests of all persons living in the two communities are best served by working together in the spirit of cooperation.
- Tofino and the Tla-o-qui-aht share a common interest developing their communities in a sustainable manner – economically, socially and physically.



THEREFORE:

- The communities agree that the Tofino Mayor and Council and Tla-o-qui-aht Chief and Council will meet quarterly to promote open and constructive dialogue and from time to time, joint meetings of the two governments shall be open to the public to inform and receive community input and feedback.
- Tofino and Tla-o-qui-aht will work together to undertake comprehensive and sustainable land use planning, community and infrastructure development (including development of a sustainable water supply).
- Tofino supports the efforts of Tla-o-qui-aht to acquire lands for the benefit of their community.

IN WITNESS OF the Parties have hereunto affixed their signatures as of the day and year first written above.

Tla-o-qui-aht Signatories

[Signature]
 For *[Signature]* Moses Martin, Chief Councillor

Ruben Amos, Councillor

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 Levi Martin, Councillor

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 Simon Tom, Councillor

Marie Frank-Atleo, Councillor

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 Thomas Curley (SR), Councillor

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 Debbie David, Councillor

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 Saya Masso, Councillor

John Williams (SR), Councillor

District of Tofino Signatories

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 John Fraser, Mayor

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 Allen Anderson, Councillor

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 Peter Ayers, Councillor

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 Kendal Kelly, Councillor

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 Owen Strudwick, Councillor

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 Michael Tiltzky, Councillor