



Memorandum of Agreement on Sister Communities Relationship



This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT on SISTER COMMUNITIES RELATIONSHIPS is executed by and between:

City of New Westminster, British Columbia, CANADA, as represented in this act by Jonathan X Coté, City Mayor and

Tsilhqot'in Nation, represented by:
Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government,
Yunešit'in Government,
Tl'etinqox Government,
ʔEsdilagh First Nation,
Tšidelde! First Nation,
Tl'esqox (Toosey Indian Band), and
the Tsilhqot'in National Government



WHEREAS, there exists a mutual desire for closer relations between the parties for mutual benefit;

AND WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties to help and co-operate in advancing the cause of reconciliation and understanding;

And WHEREAS, the Tsilhqot'in War Chief ʔAhan was wrongfully arrested, tried and executed in 1865 in the aftermath of the Chilcotin War, and the site of his burial in New Westminster is of special cultural, spiritual and historical significance to the Tsilhqot'in Nation;

AND WHEREAS, the establishment of sister communities relationships will result in the advancement of the cause of goodwill and friendship;

AND WHEREAS, this relationship will bring into fruition the immense benefits of people-to-people activities by way of friendly exchanges in diverse governmental, educational, scientific, business, and commercial endeavours;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, the Leadership of both parties hereunto affix their signatures and with this Memorandum of Understanding, which is written in the Tsilhqot'in language and English, with 2 copies each, and with both having equal effect forthwith, firmly bind their respective communities as SISTER COMMUNITIES, with the inherent commitment to work together and support each other for the enrichment of both communities and our respectful relationship to each other.



Mayor Jonathan X. Coté
City of New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada

Nits'il?in (Chief) Joe Alphonse
Tl'etinqox Government, TNG Tribal Chair

Nits'il?in Jimmy Lulua
Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government,
TNG Interim Vice-Chair

WITNESSES

Jacque Killawee, City Clerk
City of New Westminster

Jenny Philbrick, Executive Director
Tsilhqot'in National Government

Nits'il?in Roy Stump
ʔEsdilagh First Nation

Nits'il?in Francis Lacey
Tl'esqox (Toosey Indian Band)

Signed this day

Nits'il?in Lennon Solomon
Yunešit'in Government

Nits'il?in Otis Guichon
Tšidelde! First Nation



T̓silhqút'ín Dení Bélh New Westminister Déstl'és Ch'ed ʔElhélh Níjégwétát'alh



Néndén gubeghuzí bíd gágwetalilh:

New Westminister nágúwelhnagh Jonathan X Cote ʔéyen British Columbia, bélh Canada gúbah beghuzí bíd gágwetalilh Hínk'an



T̓silhqút'ín ʔÉlhélh Déní, gubah gágwetalilh ʔéyen: Xení Gwet'in First Nations Government, Yunešit'in Government, Tl'etinqox Government, ʔEsdilagh First Nation, T̓sideldel First Nation, Tl'esqox (Toosey Indian Band), and the T̓silhqot'in National Government



Néndúwh gágúnt'ih tah gwaneš, guzun jíd ʔélhélh ʔáteghút'ánx gweqa guzun jíd ʔélhélh ʔánaghút'in gúžít'in;

Néndúwh gágúnt'ih tah gwaneš, lha ʔegun jíd ʔélhts'én tégwedezaghít'álh ʔéyed gúʔén jíd ʔélhélh gúzun nagughútsilh gúžít'in;

Néndúwh gágúnt'ih tah gwaneš, Nits'ilʔin ʔAhan ʔeyen bedení bélh Midugh jughinlht'i gwáneš ts'inlhchúd, ch'áts'édulax níjéguwéniʔan hínk'an náts'aghinlhbál, ʔeyed lha ʔegun hílih háts'inlág, hínk'an nénján New Westminister gúts'aghinlhtin. T̓silhqút'ín ʔelhélh déní jedlin ʔAhan gúts'aghinlhtin ʔéyed ʔinlhés gunchágh jíd jégwedílhí;

Néndúwh gágúnt'ih tah gwaneš, ʔelhélh néndúwh gágúlyágh ʔeguh gúʔén jíd ʔélhts'én gúzun nagwetadláh;

Néndúwh gágúnt'ih tah gwaneš, ʔelhts'én gánít'ih gwáneš nénján gúʔén guzun jíd ʔélhts'én tégwedaghít'álh, gán néndid ʔélhélh gwáyaltig ʔéyed gwets'enz guzun jíd déni taghádlih.

ʔEgú, néndid destl'és Midugh ch'ih hínk'an T̓silhqút'ín ch'ih jidágwédinlah, nánqih ʔélhghelhchih, ʔanílht'id nénkedanh béghád ʔágúnt'ih, ʔeyi xúgweldinh gweghád déni ʔaghandés nájédílháh ʔéyen gubeghuzí jijedúʔálh. ʔÉyi beghád yádí ʔelhljilʔin guzun jíd ʔélhélh ʔánájétat'in ʔegun jégwentalht'í.



Mayor Jonathan X. Cote
City of New Westminister, British Columbia, Canada

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City of New Westminister
Date signed:

Jenny Philbrick, Executive Director
T̓silhqot'in National Government
Date signed:

Signed this day

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