

Record of Revision to Meeting Minutes

Northeast Roundtable Meeting #6 held June 26, 2019

Requested By:	Betty Abbs, Representative of Summit Lake
Revision to:	Item #3 - West Moberly First Nations TLE Update
Requested Revision:	<p>“A representative of the community of Summit Lake presented a petition to the Province requesting withdrawal of the parcels identified at Summit Lake. The parcels identified for the purpose of providing Additional Reserve Lands for the WMFN do not reflect historical fact.</p> <p>1) Summit Lake is far removed from the traditional territories of the Danne-Za first peoples. Family-based connections to Summit Lake are not specific to any one of the northern First Nations. Summit Lake was historically unique as it provided a significant link in the freighting by river of Hudson Bay goods to the northern Forts. The small settlement was also very unique in the history of British Columbia as the children of those who came to set up and operate the freight business and local sawmills, together with the children of those who came to work for these businesses, including some with spouses from one of the northern first peoples, were schooled together, their families working and sharing life together until 1965 when the river freight business and schooling ended at Summit Lake with a road put through from the lake to Dawson Creek. All connections to the lake, for non-indigenous and mixed indigenous families alike were `family-based` rather than historically important ties for any of the province`s northern first peoples as a Nation.</p> <p>2) The Summit Lake watershed has been managed over the years by the community of residents and property owners. The introduction of regional districts in 1967 enabled a consistent and fair regulatory framework to evolve for rural communities. This included Lakeshore guidelines, a common and fair Development Permitting System and an Official Community Plan for the lakeshore and surrounding lands at Summit Lake. The community believes oversight and management needs of this unique watershed are best served under single government authority at the local level with support of Northern Health and MOE.</p> <p>The northern Crown land parcels with extensive river and lake waterfront that have been identified by the WM for their proximity to their centre of governance on Moberly Lake and their importance within their traditional lands of the Danne-Za first peoples, reflect appropriate future Additions to Reserve for the WMFN. The parcels identified at Summit Lake do not.”</p> <p>Summit Lake Petition attached at the request of Roundtable participants*.</p> <p>*Disclaimer: The following petition is being provided to the Roundtable as requested by membership. The Province of BC does not agree with the full suite of information presented in the petition; however, the Province does consider the petition an indication that further engagement is needed with the Summit Lake Community members.</p>