

Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement and Site C Lands Agreements

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Ministry/Agency	Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Description	The Province of BC is settling an outstanding claim for reserve land with five Treaty 8 First Nations. This project involves the transfer of lands to Treaty 8 First Nations.
Project Phases and Schedule	<p>Land selection identification (<i>complete</i>)</p> <p>Status and Research of Selections (<i>in progress</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agency reviews - Stakeholder, tenure holder and public engagement - TLE Settlement and Lands Agreement negotiations (set out the land transfer process) <p>Agreement on Final Selection Lands and Approval to Transfer (<i>pending</i>)</p> <p>Survey (<i>pending</i>)</p> <p>Legal/Administrative Interests Resolution (<i>pending</i>)</p> <p>Transfer of Land to Federal Reserve or Fee Simple (<i>pending</i>)</p>
Project Information Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GovTogether: https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/land-transfers-in-northeast-british-columbia/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Links to maps and other information about TLE land transfers ○ Opportunity to provide feedback

PROJECT UPDATE DETAILS

Update Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Province continues to work on the Settlement and Lands Agreements • Settlement and Lands Agreement update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Negotiations between BC, First Nations and Canada (<i>ongoing</i>) • Halfway TLE and Site C Land Agreement Selections Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agency review process (<i>complete</i>) ○ First Nations consultation (<i>ongoing</i>) ○ Stakeholder Engagement (<i>wrapping up</i>) • West Moberly Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agency review process (<i>underway</i>) ○ First Nations consultation (<i>ongoing</i>) ○ Stakeholder engagement (<i>ongoing</i>) • Blueberry Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agency review process (<i>initiated</i>) ○ First Nations consultation (<i>ongoing</i>) ○ Stakeholder Engagement Charlie Lake and Red Creek parcels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open Houses March 11th and 12th at Charlie Lake Hall (<i>completed</i>) ▪ Open House output materials to be posted to govTogether (<i>in progress</i>) ▪ Site visits (<i>pending resolution of physical distancing requirements</i>) ▪ Engagement with local government (<i>underway</i>) ▪ Engagement (<i>following up</i>) with stakeholder focused groups (<i>pending</i>)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research to provide more detailed information about development requirements/ environmental protections on Federal Reserve (<i>underway</i>) ○ Stakeholder Engagement Pink Mountain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuing to work closely with Rec Sites and Trails from FLNRO and Blueberry River First Nations to identify a workable route (<i>ongoing</i>) ▪ Stakeholder engagement has included meetings with recreation clubs; further engagement planned once a feasible route is identified (<i>ongoing</i>) • Doig Site C Land Agreement Selections Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Land identification/selection (<i>pending</i>) • Doig TLE Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agency review process (<i>underway</i>) ○ First Nations consultation (<i>complete</i>) ○ Stakeholder Engagement (<i>Open Houses complete; tenure holder engagement in-progress</i>) • Saulteau TLE and Site C Land Agreement Selections Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agency review process (<i>in progress</i>) ○ First Nations consultation (<i>in progress</i>) ○ Stakeholder engagement (<i>in progress</i>) ○ Saulteau’s parcels have been presented and comments are welcome
Key Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Roundtable meeting
Meeting Reference Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

STATUS REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS (only outstanding actions listed here)

Date Assigned	Item for Follow Up / Action	Assigned To	Status Update
January 22, 2020	Provide number of non-native traplines affected by Saulteau FN TLE lands	Dale	
January 22, 2020	Confirm Roundtable engagement dates and details for TLE	Tara	Completed
	Define access types, how they are defined in various legislation, and approach in negotiations.	Tara	In progress
	Confirm how current taxation regime will be impacted by TLE and ATR. Assess tax implications for local governments (e.g. taxable infrastructure removed from tax base when transferred to Federal Reserve)	Tara	In progress
	Develop a Fact Sheet and Q&A in response to questions raised at open house meetings	Tara	Complete
	Ask ADM/Minister to confirm how much money the Federal government has provided to the Province to support the TLE land transfer process.	Dale	Open
	Confirm how the TLE money transferred from Canada to BC will be used/allocated.	Dale	Open

