

Northeast Land Transfers

What We Heard from Stakeholders Report

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Presented on the traditional territories of the Treaty 8 First Nations

November 24, 2021 (to the Northeast Roundtable)

Purpose

- Reflect on what we have heard and how the Province has addressed concerns
- Share the What We Heard from Stakeholders Report
 - sets context
 - provides an engagement record
 - identifies common themes
- Summarize parcel-by-parcel feedback since 2016, including how feedback was considered

The Province wishes to acknowledge the commitment, dedication, time and effort from the many local community groups and individual stakeholders who took the time to complete the surveys and attend meetings.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and feedback as they related to proposed land transfers.

Land Transfer Context

Treaty Land Entitlement

(Historic Treaty Settlement) Canada, BC and First Nation

- TLE Settlement and Lands Agreement
- Making up for land owed over 100 years under Treaty 8
- Land transfers to Canada and in fee simple
- Blueberry, Doig, Halfway, West Moberly, Saulteau

Site C Land Agreements

(Accommodation for project impacts) BC Hydro, BC and First Nation

- Lands to accommodate for adverse impacts of the Site C project to Treaty 8 rights.
- Land transfers in fee simple; First Nations may apply to have some lands added to existing reserve land.
- Doig, Halfway, McLeod, Prophet, Saulteau

Communication & Engagement Methods

Correspondence

Mail and E-mail

· Individual and stakeholders shared comments with government by mail or by e-mail.

Accessible Information

govTogether Website and Fact Sheets

• The provincial govTogether webpage for Land Transfers in northeast British Columbia provides a public location for information and feedback.

• The provincial team reviewed stakeholders questions and produced a NE Land Transfer Fact Sheet and Q&A Sheet to help understand the land transfer process.

Focused Groups

Meetings and Presentations

• MIRR provided regular TLE updates to local government: Peace River Regional District, City of Fort St. John, District of Chetwynd, District of Hudson's Hope, and District of Tumbler Ridge. • The provincial team and specific interest groups met to exchange information and explore specific interests, providing opportunities for concerns to be documented, heard and understood.

Northeast Roundtable

Information Sharing and Stakeholder Feedback

The Province established the Northeast Stakeholder Roundtable (NE Roundtable) from the Urban Systems recommendation that incorporated stakeholder design for a better engagement process.
MIRR has provided regular presentations, updates and opportunities for specific TLE parcel review and feedback from NE Roundtable members (local government, industry and community groups).

Open Houses

Community Consultation / Engagement Sessions

The Province has held several open houses to share information and receive public feedback about proposed parcels
Open houses included opportunities for local communities to provide feedback about parcels nearest to where they live.

Engagement Record



Where are we today?



Common Themes



West Moberly First Nations



Summit Lake Parcels

December 2018



October 2021





• TLE Parcel Overview

Parcel Access

Milligan Creek Road (Petersen's C.)

Petersen's Crossing and P. C. Top



Parcel Access

Various roads



Doig East/ Northwest/ West Parcel Access

- Ed Nick Road
- Doig Road



Parcel Access

 Provincial interest to ensure access via the northeast corner road allowance

Doig South



Parcel Access

McTavish Trail (Mygosh West)

Mygosh West and East



KTP 2, 3, Broomfield

Parcel Access

Lagarde Road



KTP 1

Parcel Access

Forestry roads (KTP 1)



Blueberry River First Nations



• TLE Parcel Overview

Charlie Lake



- Watershed quality & access
- Public access to the lake continues
- Environmental regulations and standards (federal government

Red Creek

January 2018



November 2021



Pink Mountain



 There will be further engagement with stakeholders as we move forward with identifying a trail location for the Halfway River Trail at Pink Mountain



- Significant public input on parcel selection has been received and considered, engagement is ongoing for Halfway River trail at Pink Mountain.
- Next steps:
 - Agreement initialling
 - First Nations ratification process
 - Lands agreement implementation (with further engagement)



What are your thoughts?

Find all information on govTogether:

https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/land-transfers-in-northeast-british-columbia/