

Revised Minutes

Comments and Question from Roundtable Participant Betty Abbs, representative for the Summit Lake Community:

“A request was submitted to the Roundtable from the community of Summit Lake for a Section 17 postponement of the Parcels identified at Summit Lake by members of the WM and Saulteau. Postponement was requested in order *to obtain from the respective NE first nations agreement that any parcels on this particular watershed purchased, would remain in Fee Simple title should they be transferred from the Province.* This is in keeping with a similar agreement that was negotiated by Provincial negotiator Roger Graham with the MLIB and individual MLIB members who requested two Fee Simple parcels on the SL watershed, during their Treaty 8 Adhesion process. The purpose then, as it is now, was simply to ensure a continuum of the 50+ years of stewardship undertaken at the local level to protect the lakeshore and surrounding lands through management under a single regulatory framework and OCP developed and overseen at the community and local government level.

The request for a postponement also respects the fact that *with the exception of the parcels identified on the Summit Lake watershed, all parcels identified and requested by the WM and Saulteau FN communities, as Additions to Reserve and Fee Simple purchase are located within their ancestral lands as descendants of the Dunne-za first peoples and will be governed from their centres of governance at Moberly Lake, East and West.* It is significant to note that upon Reserve status and the added expectation of *self-governing status*, significant riverfront and lakeshore within the Northeast will come under the stewardship and governance of the respective first nations communities at Moberly Lake.

The Summit Lake community asks only that the province, through this current TLE process respect that the appropriate level of oversight for the SL watershed is at the local community/governance level under assurance that all lands transferred to a FN community will remain in Fee Simple title. The postponement for the SL parcels is requested since it was confirmed to the community and Director Morgan, by **Chief Roland Willson, WMFN, at a meeting attended at the request of the community, that the intended purpose in identifying parcels at SL**

was solely for the pursuit of eventual Federal Reserve title status over the Summit Lake parcels. The rationale was that with Reserve title would come federal dollars. “

Also copied to these Minutes is a further letter submitted to the Roundtable June 5. The letter is addressed to provincial MIRR Minister Murray Rankin and sent also to MOE Minister George Heyman, and federal MCIR Minister Marc Miller, requesting their attention also to the need for first nation community assurance of retention of Fee Simple title for any parcel identified within the Summit Lake watershed.