

Presentation to:
Northeast Roundtable

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Northeast Land Transfers

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Land Transfer Context

Selected from Crown lands

Treaty Land Entitlement

(Historic Treaty Settlement)

Canada, BC and First Nation

- TLE Settlement and Lands Agreements (Signed Feb. 2023)
- Making up for land owed over 100 years under Treaty 8 (*missed at the time of Treaty*)
- Land transfers to Canada and in fee simple
- First Nations
 - West Moberly & Halfway River
 - Blueberry River & Doig River
 - Sauteau First Nations

Site C Tripartite 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 (as private land);
 - First Nations may apply to have some lands added to existing reserve land.
- First Nations (*with signed agreements*)
 - Halfway River, McLeod Lake, Sauteau
 - Doig River, Prophet River, West Moberly

TLE Context - Background

- Fundamental change in the engagement and dialogue in the Northeast
 - Settles an outstanding claim with Canada and the Province
 - Tangibly demonstrates the Province's commitment to reconciliation
 - Provides substantive land to Treaty 8 First Nations for many reasons (e.g., economic, cultural, spiritual)
 - Is the first expansion of Treaty 8 reserves in decades

TLE Context - Background

TLE Shortfall Land

A historic land debt

- Owed since the treaty was signed
- Land will be transferred directly to Canada (*to create Indian Reserve*)

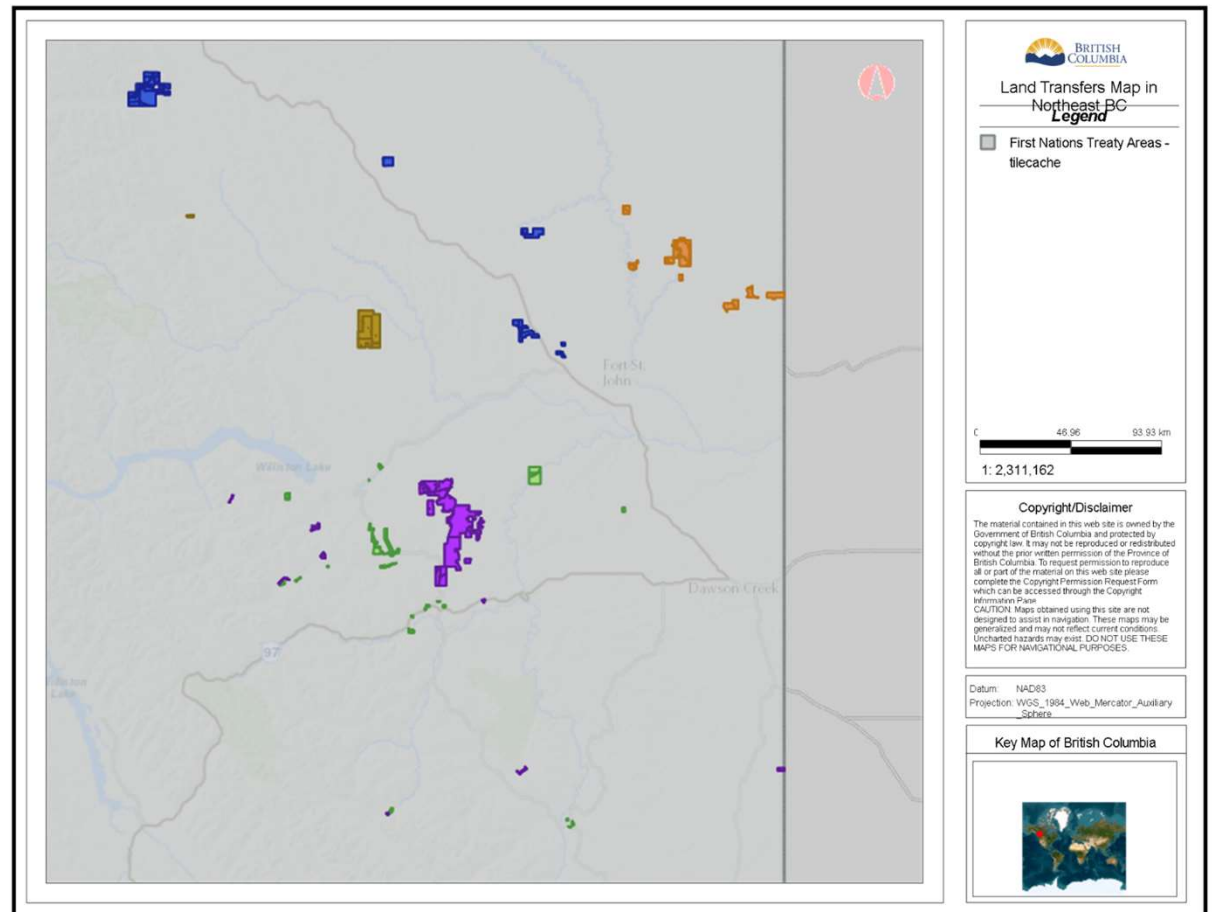
TLE Additional Land

For reconciliation

- Land will be purchased by the First Nations
- 2 Categories of Additional Lands:
- Fee Simple
 - Transfer to Canada as Indian Reserve (*ATR*)

*ATR = Addition to Reserve (Federal process to add land as Indian Reserve)

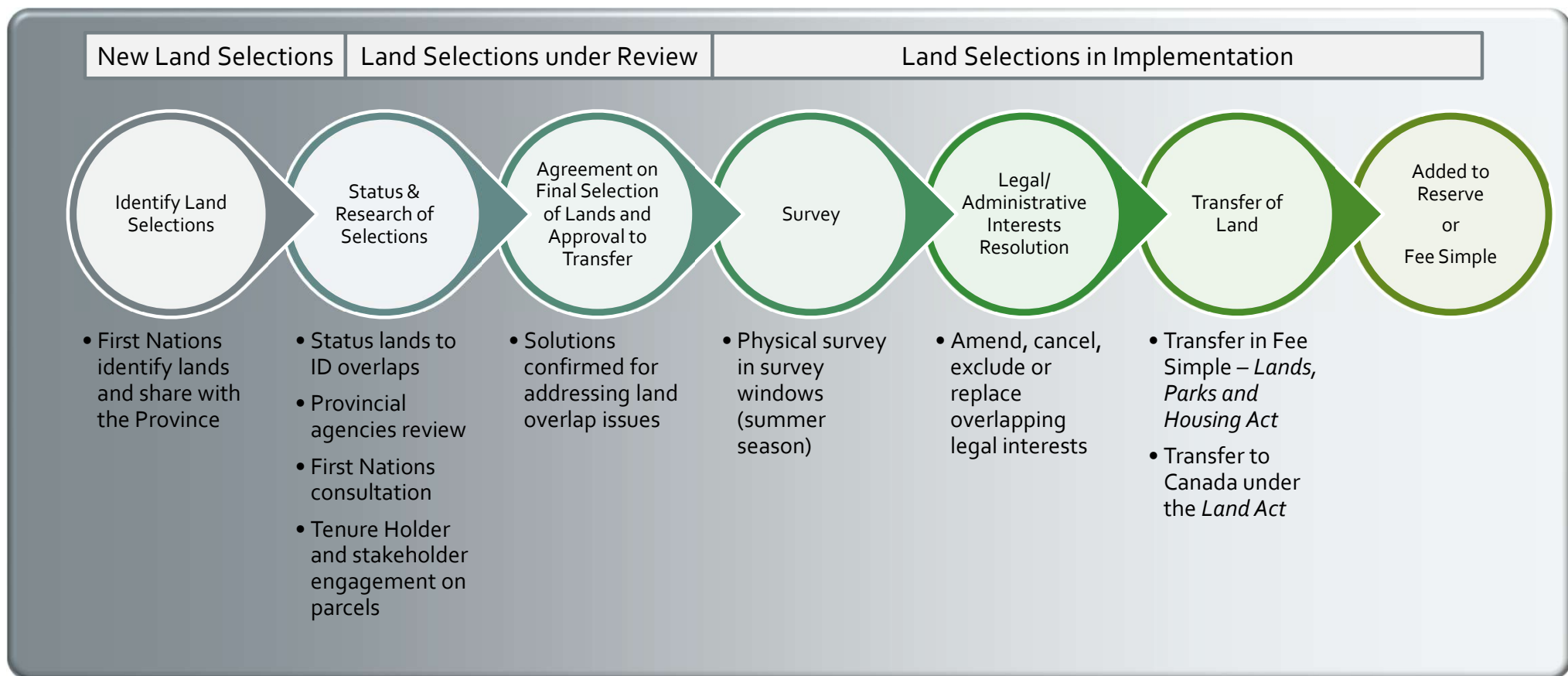
TLE Land Transfers Overview



Engagement to Date

- Engaged and presented parcels from 2017 – 2021
- Consistent updates at Northeast Roundtable meetings and update to PRRD in July 2023
- Opportunities to share comments, concerns, potential impacts
 - In writing (comment forms, email, letters)
 - Local government
 - Northeast Roundtable
 - Focused meetings with interest groups
 - Open Houses
- Shared the What We Heard Report as part of closing engagement on parcels
- Shared stakeholder comments with decision makers

Land Transfer Process



Land Transfers Status

First Nation	Signed Agreement	Process Stage
BRFN	TLE	Implementation
DRFN	TLE	Implementation
	Site C TLA	Land selections to be identified
HRFN	TLE Site C TLA	Implementation
WMFN	TLE	Implementation Land selections to be identified (remaining unselected portion of quantum) Transferred: (1 Parcel - Summit Lake 5 fee simple parcel)
	Site C TLA	Land selections to be identified
SFN	TLE Site C TLA	Finalizing provincial parcel review and stakeholder engagement
PRFN	Site C TLA	Land selection discussions underway
MLIB	Site C TLA	Land selection discussions underway

Note: the lengthy land transfer process means that parcels are sequenced and will transfer at different times.

Current Implementation Priorities

(parcels surveyed or survey instructions issued this season)

Blueberry River

- Charlie Lake 1 & 2 TLE (Shortfall)
- Dancing Grounds TLE (Shortfall)

Doig River

- KTP 1 TLE (Shortfall)
- KTP 2, 3, Broomfield TLE (Shortfall)
- Mygosh West TLE (Shortfall)
- Doig South, Mygosh East, Doig East South TLE (Fee Simple Additional)

Halfway River

- Tsaa Nuna 3 TLE (Shortfall)
- Tsaa Nuna 3 TLA (fee simple)

West Moberly

- Summit Lake 1 TLE (Fee Simple Additional)
- Moberly Lake South Shore TLE (ATR Additional)
- Moberly Lake North Shore TLE (ATR Additional)
- Hudson's Hope South (formerly School) ATR (TLE Additional)
- Moberly Lake Golf Course TLE (Fee Simple Additional)

Transfer Priorities – Anticipate transfer in 2024

Blueberry River

- Charlie Lake 1 & 2 TLE (Shortfall)
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Halfway River

- Tsaa Nuna 3 TLE (Shortfall)
 - Tsaa Nuna 3 TLA (fee simple)
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West Moberly

- Summit Lake 1 TLE (Fee Simple Additional)
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Future Engagement (Pending)

Blueberry River First Nations

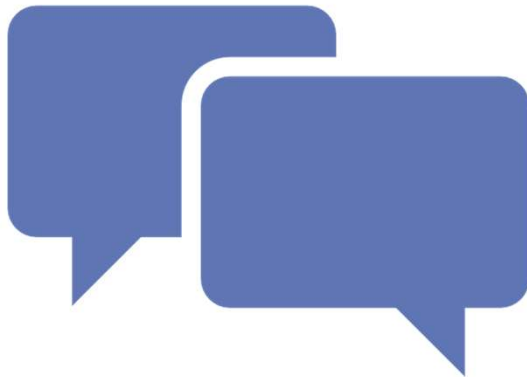
- Halfway River Trail (engagement is coming)

West Moberly TLE Outstanding Lands

- Parcel additions (additions to existing parcels)
- New parcels (pending internal review)

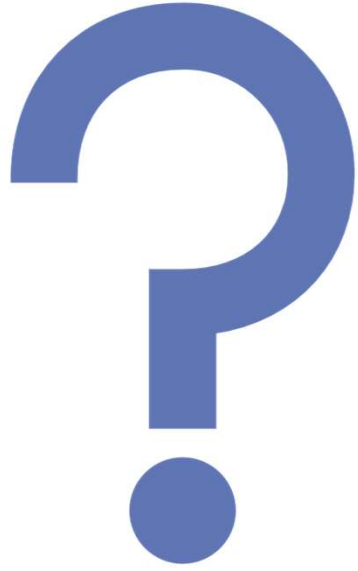
Ongoing updates to parcels in implementation

Future Engagement



We are committed to ongoing engagement which includes to listen, capture, and consider comments and concerns:

- Engage
- Document
- Address
- Share Outcomes



Questions?