

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*)

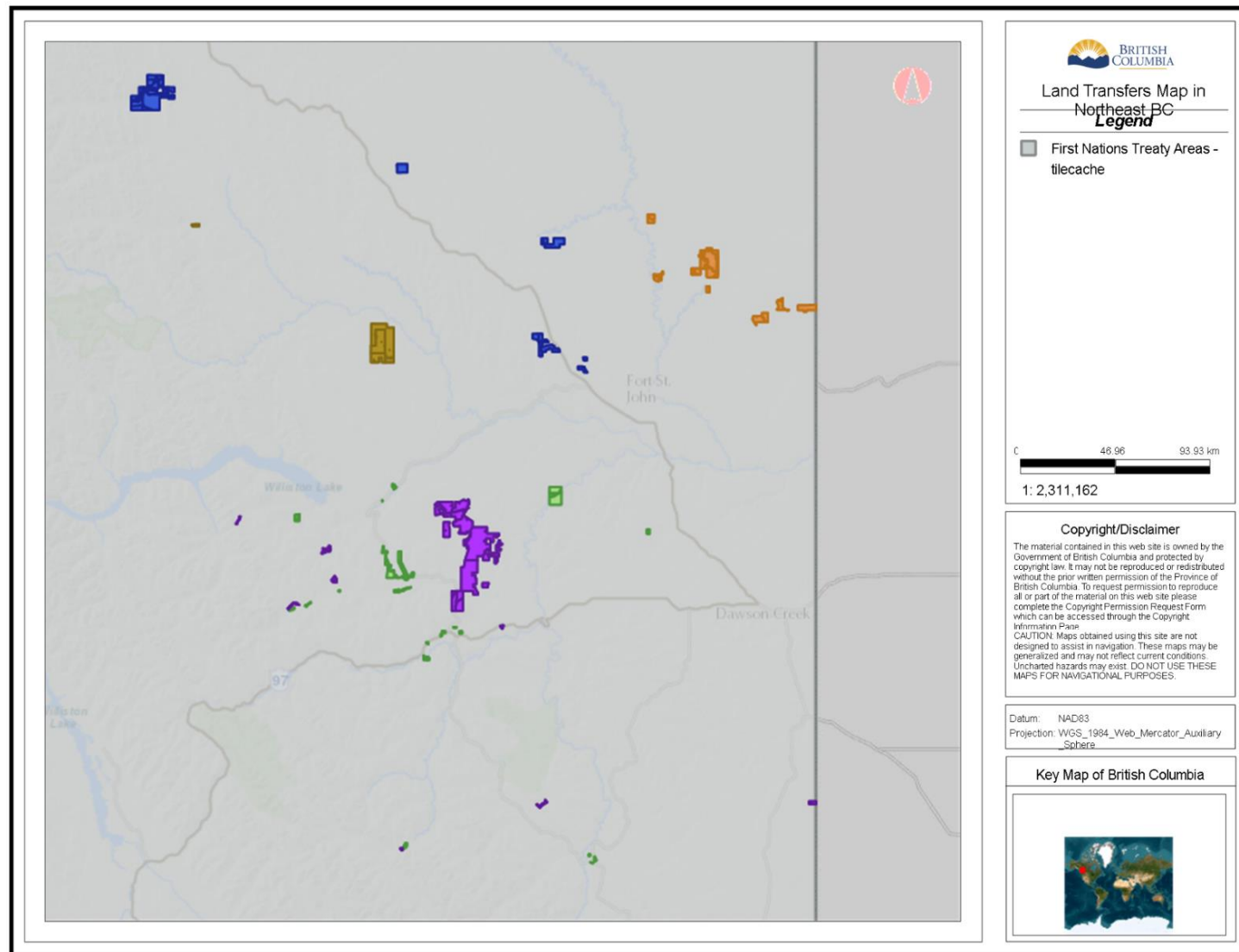
TLE Additional Land

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

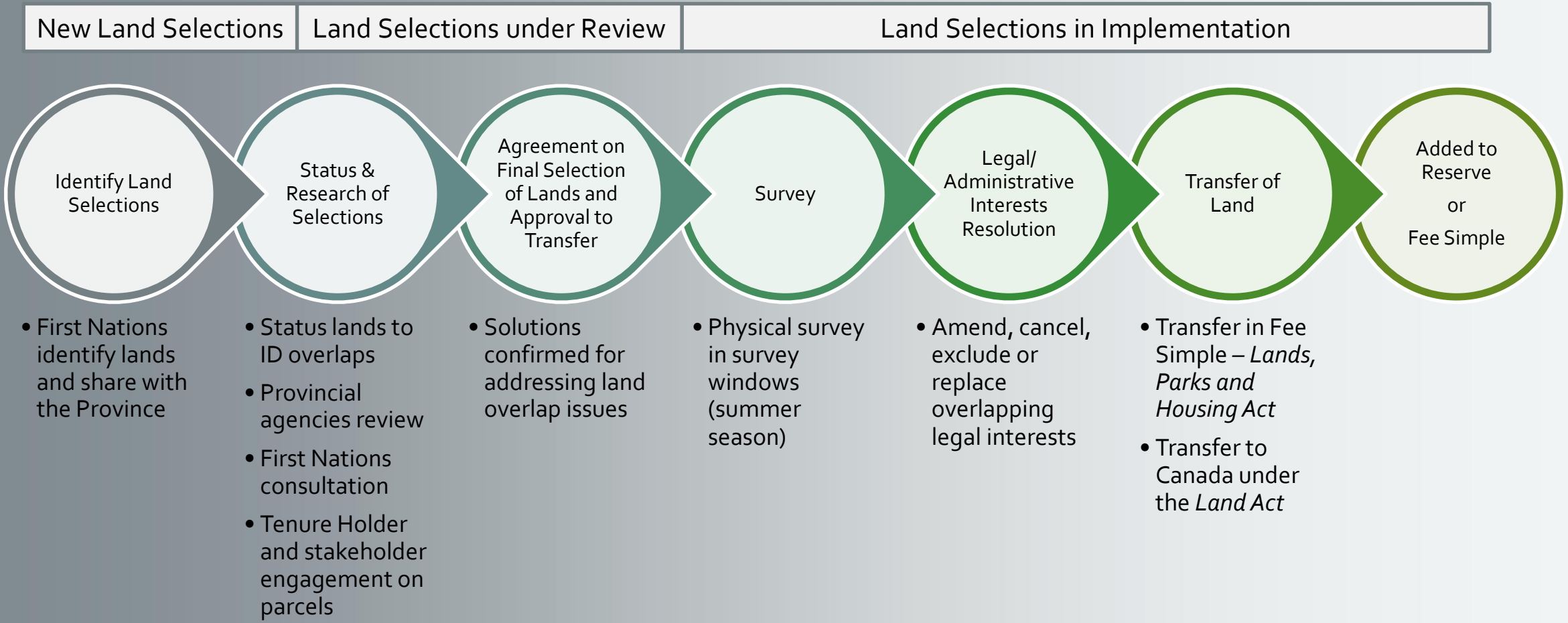


Engagement to Date

- 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
- ★ • NEW: Initiating engagement on the first package of Outstanding Lands (2025)



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.

Transfer Priorities – Transferred/anticipate transfer in 2025

Blueberry River

- Charlie Lake 1 & 2 TLE (Shortfall) – *In Progress*

Doig River

- KTP 1 (Shortfall) – *In Progress*

- KTP 2, 3, and Broomfield (Shortfall) – *In Progress*

- MyGosh West TLE (Shortfall) – *In Progress*

- MyGosh East TLE (Fee Simple Additional) – *In Progress*

- Doig South TLE (Fee Simple Additional) – *In Progress*

- Doig East-South TLE (Fee Simple Additional) – *In Progress*

Transfer Priorities – Transferred/anticipate transfer in 2025

Halfway River

- Tsa'a Nuna 3 TLE (Shortfall) – *In Progress*
- Tsa'a Nuna 3 TLA (fee simple) – *In Progress*

West Moberly

- Summit Lake 1 TLE (Fee Simple Additional) – *Transferred*
- Summit Lake 5 TLE (Fee Simple Additional) – *Transferred*
- Moberly Lake South Shore TLE (ATR Additional) – *In Progress*
- Moberly lake North Shore TLE (ATR Additional) – *In Progress*
- Hudson's Hope South TLE (~School) (ATR Additional) – *In Progress*

Current Implementation Priorities

(survey instructions provided)

Blueberry River First Nations

- Dancing Grounds TLE (Shortfall)
- Red Creek 2a TLE (ATR Additional)

Doig River First Nation

- Doig East North TLE (Fee Simple)
- Doig West TLE (Fee Simple)
- Big Camp TLE (Fee Simple)

Halfway River First Nation

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

West Moberly First Nations

- Hudson's Hope South (formerly School) ATR (TLE Additional)
- Moberly Lake North Shore TLE (ATR Additional)
- Moberly Lake Golf Course TLE (Fee Simple Additional)
- Stewart Lake North (ATR Additional)
- Summit Lake 4 (Fee Simple Additional)

Engagement Next Steps

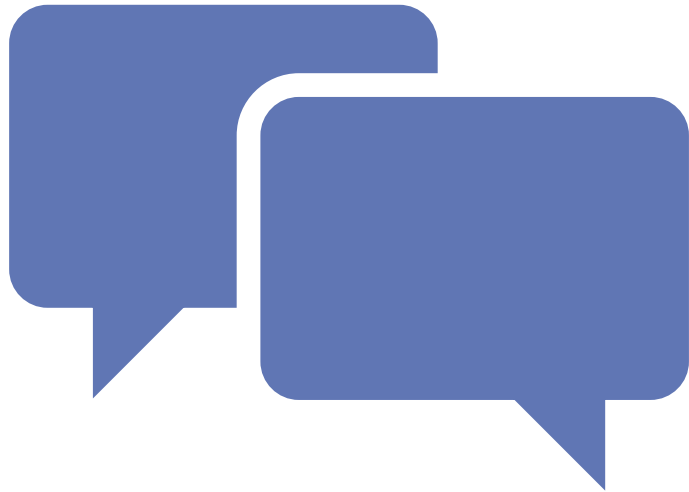
Blueberry River First Nations (upcoming)

- Halfway River Trail (engagement is coming)

West Moberly TLE Outstanding Lands

- Outstanding Lands Package 1 – intent: next NERT meeting (16 parcels total):
 - 3 Parcel additions (additions to existing parcels)
 - 13 Outstanding Lands package 1 (new parcels)
- New Outstanding Lands (future engagement once parcels are identified)

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

NE Land Transfers govTogether:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/engagement/land-transfers-in-northeast-bc/>



Thoughts?