



*Secwepemc
Nation*

UNITY DECLARATION 2012



Green Lake Background

The work on this agreement began in 2008. The key motivator to bringing our Secwepemc Nation together was a referral from the Cariboo Regional District (CRD), Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and Ministry of Community Development. These two government bodies were joining forces to prepare an Official Community Plan (OCP) for the Watch Lake/Green Lake/ 70 Mile House area.

Our communities were notified of this work by way of a standard referral letter and our technical staff from the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council office and the NSTq brought the matter to leadership at the respective organizations to seek direction.

The Green Lake area has been the traditional gathering place for our Secwepemc peoples since time immemorial. It has significant cultural and traditional importance to our people. There are multiple historical archeological sites in the area, including several burial sites of our ancestors. As leaders, our Chiefs felt that it was important to take a stand on this particular referral and decided to work together with all Secwepemc Bands to seek meaningful consultation on the works being proposed to ensure that our rights and title were protected.

To mark our commitment to work together to protect the area of Green Lake, a ceremony was held at one of the burial sites. In October, 2009 pipe carriers within the Nation came together with about 50 witnesses and conducted prayers, songs and drumming to solidify and mark the importance of the work that was being undertaken by our leaders.

We utilized the technical and support staff of NSTq and SNTC to organize and coordinate meetings, inviting all 17 Bands to these meetings. During these meetings, Chief Mike Archie agreed to attend the public hearings, as did Bonnie Leonard, the Director of Aboriginal Rights and Title for SNTC to present on the record our opposition to the OCP works without proper and meaningful consultation. The leaders and staff attended two public meetings, delivering the same message over and over. Letters were jointly draft and sent out to the Premier and Minister opposing the OCP works and challenging the process and calling for a reform of the legislation so that it will comply with the principles of law. These letters were brushed off by Government and the process to adopt the OCP continues to progress through the multi-layered government system.

Throughout the meetings and actions, there was a common understanding that we were working together as a Nation to protect something that was important to us and unity was the key to our success. We tried to be inclusive, sending out invites to our meetings to all 17 bands. During one of our meetings regarding the Green Lake OCP, the leadership decided that we should enter into a formal Protocol Agreement that would outline the principles under which we would all operate and conduct ourselves. There was fear voiced that it would be just another signing and everyone would thereafter forget about it. The technical staff were directed to include an implementation appendix to the Protocol so that the inaction could be prevented and the document would have more meaning through actions.

On April 27, 2012 a motion was passed during a Unity meeting to finalize the protocol agreement and to set a date for a signing ceremony. It was agreed that we should hold the ceremony at Green Lake. However, the once cooperative land owner where the ceremony was held several years before suddenly denied access to the land for the ceremony. The reasons were not clear but we could not obtain the consent and the ceremony location was changed to Kamloops, BC. On June 22, 2012 the Chiefs of the Secwepemc Nation met to formally sign the protocol agreement.





Front: Spiritual Leader
The late John Jules
Back: Travis Marr



My mom woke me up at 6:30am
I could hardly move a muscle that
how tired I was!

we went in a
church, looking building we had some
breakfast and then they passed out the micro-
phone to people who wanted to talk

They talked and
talked then it was lunch time finally!

We gathered in a circle
my mom asked if i wanted to play
the drum.

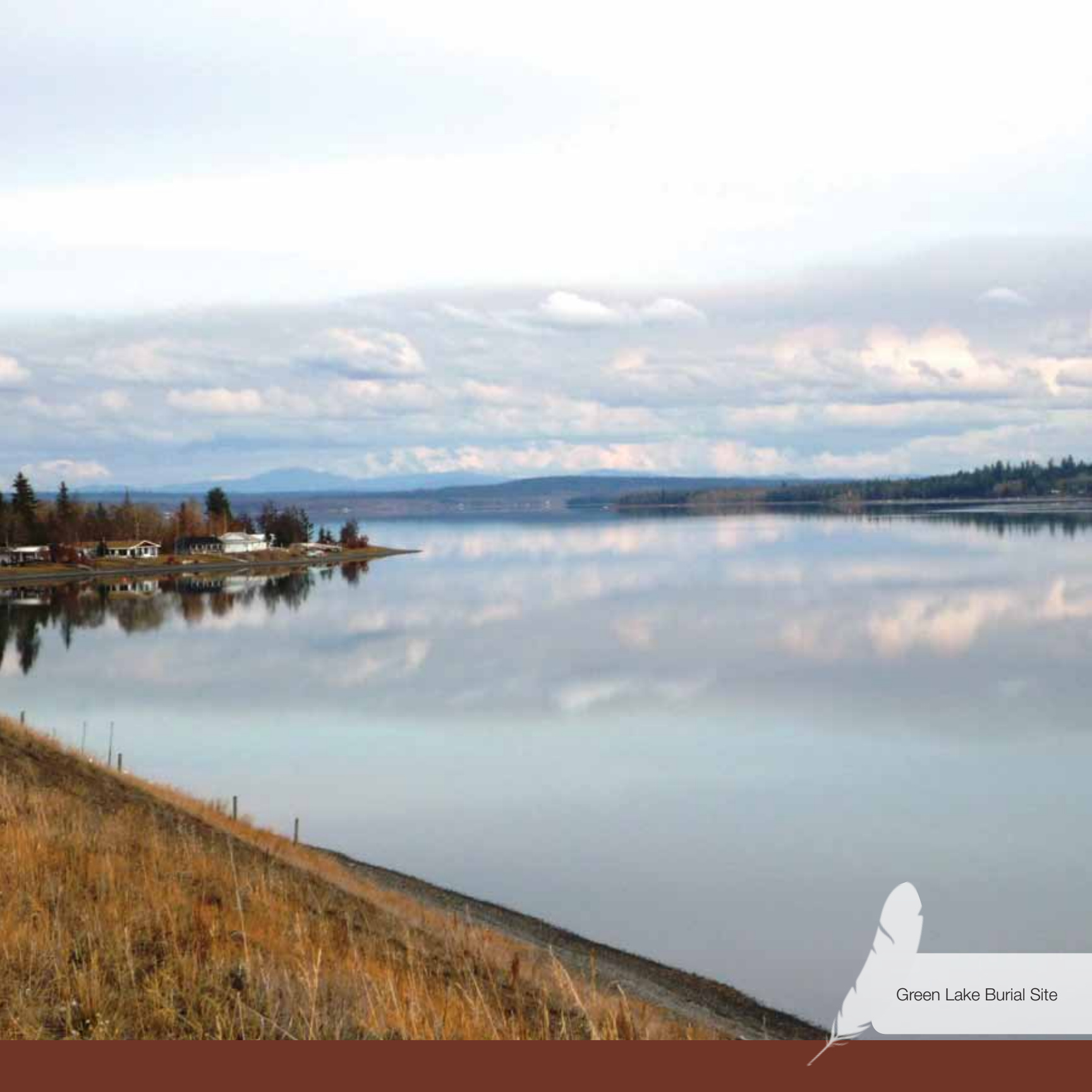
we did some drum songs called honor
song, pipe earlier songs.



Left to Right: Elder Charlotte Manuel,
Warren Fortier, Elder Evelyn Carmille,
Dakota Grinder Youth



Left to Right: Elder Minnie Kenoras,
Chief Judy Wilson, Councillor Harry Paul,
Elder Evelyn Camille, Elder Charlotte Manuel



Green Lake Burial Site

The Green Lake Gathering...

By Reanna Leonard, Youth Council Rep

The Green Lake gathering was to recognize first nation remains found on the shore of Green Lake. There was a ceremony to honor our relative found and the others buried in the grave yard. The ceremony was attended by over 50 people. There were Chiefs from all over Secwepemcúl'ecw.

There were elders, youth, chiefs, spiritual people and people from many Secwepemc communities. John Jules from Tk'emlups te Secwepemc lead the ceremony and was assisted by Glen Deneault, Rod Tomma, Ken Dennis and Elder Les Peters. John also had a young helper, Elliott Auriat, a 10 year old Tk'emlups girl who missed a day of school to witness this event. The drummers had red ochre on their hands so that they were protected from the spirits while they played the Honor and Pipe Carrier Song. Tobacco was handed to everyone for an offering to the ancestor.

The ceremony was long and there were no chairs for the elders so some left early. I helped a 91 year old elder walk back to her car, she could sure walk fast for 91 her name was Rose. She was happy to see youth at the gathering. The elders commented that they were pleased to see Secwepemc practicing their traditions again.

I was told that Secwepemc need to protect our ancestors, lands and rights as Secwepemc peoples. The government pushes us down telling us we need to prove that this was our land. It will be difficult as they have destroyed so much evidence. They've destroyed village sites, fishing grounds, our language and culture. Our ancestor's remains are showing up all over the place, showing themselves, proving that first nation peoples were here long ago.

For years we have been relocated and put on reserves our culture and language suppressed. We were called savages and forced to live in the manner the whites preferred. Many things have changed but one thing that has not changed is the expectation that first nation people will get out of the way so that the Canadian government can move forward. It is time to stand up and say "No, we will not move our ancestors" It is up to us as Secwepemc people to say enough is enough these are our ancestors and this is our traditional territory.

Over all the Green Lake gathering was a pleasant experience for me and I learned a lot. It was nice to see Secwepemc people proud of their culture and heritage. I hope to go to more gatherings and witness more ceremonies so that I can remember and share the stories.



UNITY DECLARATION

AMONGST:

Splatsin, T'exelc, Sk'atsin, Xats'úll, Tk'emlups, Tsq'escen, Simpcw, St'swecem'c-Xgat'tem, Sexqeltqin, St'uxwtéws, Skeetchestn, Pelt'iq't, Skwlax, Ts'kw'aylaxw, Kenpesq't, Llenlney'ten and Esk'et. ("the Parties")

We have lived in our homelands the Secwepemcúlecw, for so long that the time of occupation extends beyond the reach of memory.

Our Secwepemc Nation originally consisted of thirty-two communities separate and independent of one another, but united by a common language, customs, ceremonies and traditions. Each community consisted of a village or a small cluster of villages with each community having several leaders, each with a different responsibility. Seventeen communities representing all Secwepemc people exist today within a 180,000 square kilometre traditional territory.

DECLARATION

- We will never cede, sell or surrender our title and rights and will uphold our sacred responsibilities as Kukukwpi7 and Tk'wenip7le; and
- We recognize Secwepemctsin and historic kinship relations as Secwepemc and honour our continuing relationship to one another within Secwepemcul'ecw; and
- We recognize, under our common laws and customs, our collective and exclusive title, rights and interests throughout Secwepemcul'ecw; and
- We acknowledge our respective responsibilities to protect and exercise our inherent title and rights within those shared and exclusive areas; and
- We acknowledge when we have, throughout our history, and through traditional ceremony, jointly displayed our respect and confidence in one another by attaching our marks and signatures to accords, protocols and pacts of mutual and collective benefit to all of our people and communities and future generations;
- We reaffirm our mutual respect for each others' mandates to continue to advance the interests of the Secwepemc within Secwepemcul'ecw and to the world either by way of litigation or negotiation with the settler's government; and
- We reaffirm our belief that the title, rights and interests of the Secwepemc are strengthened by our meaningful, cooperative relationships.

INTENT

In the Spirit of this Mutual Respect and Cooperation, we declare our intent to enter into this Protocol:

- With a vision for greater prosperity, well-being and protection for all Secwepemc and Secwepemcul'ecw now and forever.
- In support of each other's' respective rights, obligations, responsibilities, mandates and areas of jurisdiction within Secwepemcul'ecw based on principles of trust and goodwill;
- Without prejudice, derogation, abrogation or infringement of our Aboriginal rights and title; and
- To strengthen, adapt, and assert Secwepemc title and rights for the benefit of the Secwepemc Nation.

PURPOSE

In recognition and acknowledgement of the fact that some Secwepemc communities are in treaty and other Secwepemc communities are not, and in order to solidify unity as a nation, we enter into this protocol agreement to:

- Provide a framework of interaction on issues within Secwepemcul'ecw;
- Strengthen our relationship in the exercise of our jurisdiction and to reconcile our respective needs in areas of common interest as represented in Appendix "A" attached to this agreement;
- Guide the process where we can identify mutual priorities and pursue accommodation of our respective interests;
- Guide shared decision-making with respect to areas of common interest within Secwepemcul'ecw; and
- Coordinate and resource political and technical support toward the implementation of the objectives of the above Declaration as represented in Appendix "B".

SCOPE

Our protocol agreement:

- Will apply to all areas of mutual interest and is not intended to alter our historic boundaries to one another.
- Confirms our commitment to:
 - Consult with each other with respect to any management or regulatory decisions that will affect the interests of the other.
 - Enrich the political, social, cultural, language, and spiritual well being of the Secwepemc.
 - Work cooperatively to protect mutual interests with respect to our people, lands, resources, harvesting and sustainable development.

OBLIGATIONS

- No party will create any obligation, express or implied, in the name of the other(s);
- Each will bear their respective costs in the fulfillment of mutual commitments;
- Each will use their respective offices for all communications in the fulfillment of mutual commitments under this agreement; and
- Each will commit the time, energy and resources to ensure the fulfillment of mutual commitments under this agreement as represented in Appendix 'B'.

DISPUTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOLUTION

Secwepemc Laws and Customs will guide the avoidance and resolution of any disputes between the parties as follows:

- Notice of potential dispute will be issued from one Party to the other;
- Information regarding the potential dispute will be exchanged;
- If exchange of information does not resolve potential dispute, initial meeting between the Parties will take place at a mutually beneficial time and location;
- Each will bring to the initial meeting all resources that will be required to clarify and resolve the potential dispute, including Elders, cultural, oral history, and written documentation;
- If resolution through these devices is not achievable, alternate methods, including a Nation based process of dispute resolution will be considered and mutually agreed upon; and
- Time and commitment to the resolution of such potential disputes is considered to be of essence to the spirit of this Protocol.
- Upon resolution of the dispute, the Parties will mark the occasion in ceremony.

AMENDMENT

Appendices A and B will be reviewed and updated by the Parties to ensure current common objectives and goals continue to be pursued collectively under the protocol agreement.

Any amendments to the Protocol will be by mutual consent and affirmed by the signatures of the Parties.

In Leadership and Political Unity,

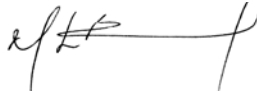


Kukpi7 Fred Robbins
ESKET

Kukpi7 Paul Sam
KENPEXQ'T



Kukpi7 Larry Fletcher
LLENLLENEY'TEN



Kukpi7 Mike LeBourdais
PELLT'IQ'T



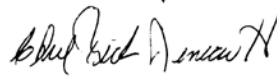
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NESKONLITH



Kukpi7 Nelson Leon
SEXQELTQIN




Kukpi7 Rita Matthew
SIMPCW



Kukpi7 Rick Deneault
SKEETCHESTN

Kukpi7 Felix Arnouse
SKWLAX



Kukpi7 Wayne Christian
SPLATSIN



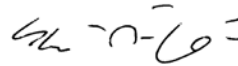
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STSWECEM'C-XGAT'TEM



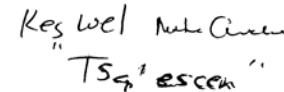
Kukpi7 Terry Porter
ST'UXWTEWS



Kukpi7 Ann C. Louie
T'EXELC



Kukpi7 Shane Gottfriedson
TK'EMLUPS



Kukpi7 Mike Archie
TSQ'ESCEN

Kukpi7 Robert Shiritah
TS'KW'AYLAXW



Kukpi7 Bev Sellars
XATS'ULL



Kukpi7 Dave Archie
STSWECEM'C - XGATTEM

WITNESSES

Elder *Mona Jules*

Elder Mona Jules

Youth *Britta Tomma*

Youth Brittany Tomma

Elder *Minnie Kenoras*

Elder Minnie Kenoras

Youth *Mel Charters*

Youth Mel Charters

Youth *Reanna Leonard*

Youth Reanna Leonard

Youth *Alison Eustache*

Youth Alison Eustache

Youth *Maria Wilson*

Youth Maria Wilson

Appendix A

COMMON INTERESTS

PRINCIPLES

Inherent rights and title

“This was their proposal, not ours, and we never accepted these reservations as settlement for anything, nor did we sign any papers or make any treaties about same.”¹

Collective title

“They found the people of each tribe supreme in their own territory, and having tribal boundaries known and recognized by all. The country of each tribe was just the same as a very large farm or ranch (belonging to all the people of the tribe) from which they gathered their food and clothing, etc., fish which they got in plenty for food, grass and vegetation...”²

Unity and Nationhood

“So long as what we consider justice is withheld from us, so long will dissatisfaction and unrest exist among us, and we will continue to struggle to better ourselves. For the accomplishment of this end we and other Indian tribes of this country are now uniting and we ask for the help of yourself and government in this fight for our rights.”³

Revenue and benefit sharing

“These people wish to be partners with us in our country. We must, therefore, be the same as brothers to them, and live as one family. We will share equally in everything half and half in land, water and timber, etc. What is ours will be theirs, and what is theirs will be ours. We will help each other be great and good.”⁴

Access to resources

“We have no grudge against the white race as a whole nor against the settlers, but we want to have an equal chance with them of making a living.”⁵

1 Sir Wilfred Laurier Memorial, 1910

2 ibid

3 ibid

4 ibid

5 Sir Wilfred Laurier Memorial, 1910

Transparency

Clear and open communications between the Parties.

Accountability

Answerable to each other as leaders and to the people of the nation.

Respect

To honour oneself and others through action.

TARGETED OBJECTIVES & GOALS

- Assertion of Secwepemc title and rights including protection and sustainable management of the natural resources.
- Assertion of Secwepemc social and human rights including sustainable management of human and social resources
- Assertion and acknowledgement of collective title while respecting Secwepemc custom
- Promote nationhood through political unity
- Develop a strategic approach to manage imminent increase in population through the exercise of inherent rights and customs
- Develop processes to identify and resolve internal and external conflicts.
- Develop a strategic, cooperative approach and engagement in the economy within Secwepemcúlecw
- Develop a method to create better understanding of the processes and impacts/benefits, such as treaty settlements and revenue sharing agreements.

Appendix B IMPLEMENTATION

Assert Secwepemc title and rights including protection and sustainable management of the Secwepemcúlecw.

ACTIONS:

- Develop our own Land Use Plans for Secwepemcúlecw based upon our historical traditions, laws and knowledge
Develop a Secwepemc cultural heritage protection and management plan for implementation
- Develop a Secwepemc approach to amend or challenge existing Land Use Plans to reconcile and/or accommodate Secwepemc interests
- Develop a strategy and implementation plan to support and heighten Secwepemc presence and use on Secwepemcúlecw
- Create management administrative and operations areas
- Develop Secwepemc land and resource management standards and practices
- Develop defence strategy and implementation plans against infringements (Government legislation)

- Promote a common Secwepemc Consultation and Accommodation Guideline
- Develop a plan to address how to organize ourselves. (Consider community, regional, nation. How and with whom do we align ourselves? What impacts on nation, on community, between communities, on Secwepemcúlecw?)
- Develop a strategic, cooperative approach and engagement in the economy within Secwepemcúlecw and including implementation plans
- Develop a central Secwepemcúlecw tenure and permitting system for all land and resource use subject to the Royal Proclamation of 1763 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Assert Secwepemc social and human rights including sustainable management of human and social resources

ACTIONS:

- Develop a strategic plan to promote Secwepemc Nation based approaches to Health, Education, Child & Family Wellbeing, Language, Spirituality, Traditions
- Develop a strategic approach to manage imminent increase in population through the exercise of inherent rights and customs

Promote Nationhood through political unity

ACTIONS:

- Develop Leadership terms of reference to guide schedules, agendas, tasks, roles, responsibilities
- Maximize leadership/political availability.
 - Standardize local council meeting dates
 - Develop/utilize portfolio/committee, task groups, task forces, etc coordination [inc TOR for...]
- Draft an Annual Secwepemc Nation Report for presentation to members of all 17 communities at the Shuswap Gathering.
 - Present one day prior to the start of the annual Shuswap Gathering
 - Include activities and emerging issues of all 17 bands
 - Coordinate drafting of report

Create better understanding of the treaty process and impacts/benefits of treaty settlement

ACTIONS:

- Community information sessions for all 17 communities
- Information packages
- Regular updates to leadership
- Develop communication strategy/processes between treaty and non-treaty bands

**Stscentwécws re Secwepemc
nSecwepemcúl'ecw**

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Stscentwécws re Secwepemc

Secwepemcúl'ecw

Spelemtsín, T'éxelc, Sk'emtsín, Xéts'úll, Tk'emlúps, Tsq'éscen,
Simpcw, Stswécemc –Xgét'tem', Cstaln, St'uxwtéws,
Skeetchestn, Pelltiq't, Skwlax, Tsk'wéylecw, Kenpésq't,
Llenlenéy'ten ell Esk'ést.

("Txwexwéyt")

Mut-kt nSecwepemcúl'ecw ntmicw-kt, ntsqumqúms re qelmucúl'ecw (British Columbia),
te m-sq'7est.s

Le tsímelles kell7úpekst ell seséle le ctsyém'tns re Secwepemc ell tse7mét.st.s te
tsyuqwyéqw (campfires), tskellkelléw's te k'wseltknéws re qelmúcw k'émeil nek'ú7 re
xwqwelténs, re ck'úl'tns, sw7ecs m-melk'wílcwes te sw7ecs. Pll-ctsyem'tn ell s7i7llcw
m-pll-ctsyemyém'tn re nek'úsem te Secwepemc, txwexwéyt pll-Tk'wenem7íple7tn, k
tnk'we7 m-tk'wenem7íplen's ri7 k nek'ú7 tek sw7ec.

Pyin úpekst ell tsútsllke7 te nekwnek'úsem tsyem ne 180,000 square kilometer te
tmicws re Secwepemc.

Stscentwécw

- Ta7penhén me7 skécmentem, e stu7kwemíntem, e stsut-kt “kwé7e” re syecwemínems-kucw, ell me7 xyemstém re sw7ec-kt nstk'wenem7íplem' ne Kukwpi7 ell te Tk'wem7íplem'; ell
- Tselxemstem te sk'wseltknéws-kt, tsellts'íle re ck'úl'tn-kt ell re xwqweltén-kt te m-sq'7est.s n7élye nSecwepemcúl'ecw.
- Tselxemstém te stsellts'íles re tk'wenem7íple-kt re sw7ecs ell, tselxemstém t'hé7en ne Secwepemcúl'ecw, k tmicw-kt; ell
- Tselxemstém e syecwemíntem, e stknémentem ell e stsxíltém re syecwemínem ntmicw-kt ts'ílem te ts'ílmes te m-sq'7est.s; ell
- Tselxemstém re sw7ecs le q'7es te qelmúcw te m-sq'7est.s, txwexwéyt-kt te m-w7ec-kt te m-xyemstwécwet, yerí7 wel ec re tsq'ey'stémes re skweskwést.st-kt nstscentwécw, te tsxíllstmes stém'i k sw7ec-kt kwemtús, e sle7s e sw7ecs re k'wséltkten-kt ell tek me7 stet'e7ék te se7wít wel me7 yews.
- Q'iyen'tém ell lexéy'entem cú7tsem k súcwentem, k stselxemstém ell xyemstém k sw7ecs re k'wseltknéws te Secwepemc nSecwepemcúl'ecw ell lexéy'ectem re qelmúcw n7élye ntmicw, e tk'wem7íplen'tmes ell héqen e tqwelmíntem nTk'wenem7íple7tns re semseme7úy; ell
- Q'iyen'tém ell lexéy'entem well newí7-kt re Secwepemc re stselxmem-kt e syecwemíntem re tmicw-kt, e sq'ixtwílcs n7élye nstscentwécw-kt nk'wseltknéws; ell

Me7 Xilltem

- Xyemstwécw-kt ell knucwentwécw-kt te le7, lexéy'entem t'hé7en e xilltmes re stscentwécw-kt ne7élye nSecwepemcúl'ecw;
- E sxyemstém re stscentwécws re Kupkúkwi7 méte Tk'wem7íplem' nSecwepemcúl'ecw te tsq'ey' te m-sq'7est.s nerí7 le m-stscentwécws;
- Nsxyemstwécw-kt te k'wseltknéws me7 tselxemstém ell me7 xyemstém k stém'i k sw7ec-kt tek t'ekstém, k ctswentém ell yehé7en ell swéti7 k tmicws nSecwepemcúl'ecw;
- Ta7 me7 skúpentem, e sgeypmíntem, e stsúntem "qwetséts-ce tl7élye", xwexwéyt re stem ne7élye ntmicws-kucw ri7 re sútens-kucw; ell
- E stscentém tek le7, e sutenmíntem, ell t'ekstém re syecwemínem ntmicw-kt e stsetsét.s e sw7ec-kt nSecwepemcúl'ecw.

Kénem wel Xilltem

Tselxemstém ell súcwentem re s7i7llcw te Secwepemcúl'ecw élkstmens re Treaty ell s7i7llcw te Secwepemcúl'ecw tâ7a, ell e qwenmíntmes e snek'úsem-kt tek Secwepemc, me7 tscentwécwmentem e stscentém stém'i e sw7ec-kt m-tqwelmíntmes k sw7ec-kt nSecwepemcúl'ecw;

- Me7 yegwúp re sw7ec-kt m-7élkstmentmes re syucwemínem ntmicw-kt ell me7 tscentwécwmentem yehé7en k ts'ucwlemstém tek sw7ec-kt. Te tsq'ey' ne Appendix "A" ell te tsllaq nstscentwécw-kt;
- Me7 xexewílc k sw7ec-kt m-yews e s7élkstmentem xwexwéyt k tsúntem e s7élkstmentem, ell me7 texúxw k sw7ecs re qelmúcw nsxwexwéyt.s re stem k tsuns e s7élkstmens, ts'ílem te m-7emétem ne Appendix "A" te tsllaq nerí7

- Yucwemíntem re sw7ec-kt nehé7en k stslax k xetaqsmíntem ell ckélentem xwexwéyt k qwenmíntem e syecwemíntem;
- Yucwemíntem re sw7ec-kt te tscentwécwmentem nSecwepemcúl'ecw; ell
- Melk'wentém ell me7 élkstmentem re Tkwek'wem7íple sw7ecs ell me7 knucwéksentem wel me7 t'ekstém k sw7ec xwexwéyt te tsq'ey' ne Appendix "B"

Te Ts'ílmes Re Stscentwécw-kt

- Me7 tsxíllstem xwexwéyt re sw7ec-kt we7 stémes k ctswentém ell ta7 k sqwenmíntem e n7ek's k tsq'éy'es re qelmucúl'ecw
- me7 ts'ílem te ts'ílmes le tsímelles le w7écwes le q'7es te qelmúcw.

Q'iyen'tém ell c7ú7tsen-kt cú7tsem

- Me7 txwexwéyt-kt e tqwelmíntmes yehé7en k tsyecwemíntem e yews, e sta7s wes e tscentwécwes k nek'úsem tek qelmúcw tsukw ell me7 ts'ucwlémes k p'úsmens k s7i7llcw tek nek'usem.
- P'7ecw me7 s7élkstmentem re stk'wem7íplem', re scplul'k'w nk'wseltknéws, re xwqweltén-kt ell re squqwentsín, e sle7s e sptinesmentsút.s. xwexwéyt re Secwepemc.
- Me7 elkstwécwmentem e syecwemíntem we7 stémes k sw7ec-kt nqelmúcw, tmicw, k sten ntmicw, re snik'sel'p' ell k me7 sten ntmicw wel me7 q'7es.

Te ts'íimes re stscentwécw

- Ta7 k nek'úsem tek qelmúcw me7 snek'westsút.s e stscentwécwmens k stem, e stsut.s ell e sqwenmíns e sxílems, e tã7us e sw7ecs k k'wseltknéwst.s;
- Xwexwéyt k nek'úsem me7 éyens xwexwéyt re stscentwécws nek stem tek sw7ecs;
- Xwexwéyt k nek'úsem me7 w7ec nek office-st.s well newí7s, tli7 wes me7 stqwelmíns.ses k sw7ecs nek stscentwécws; ell
- Xwexwéyt k nek'úsem me7 élkstmens k s7elkst.s well newí7s ell me7 ts7eyst.s k t7él'kstens e st'ekstés k tqwelmíns nstscentwécws ts'ílem te tsq'éy'es ne7éne ne Appendix "B"

Ta7 wes me7 tsents'níqwtes, me7 tqwlútmens k tekts'níqwsens wel me7 texúxw

Tli7 te stk'wenem7íplem's re Secwepemc me7 texúxwes k sqw7el e sta7s wes e tsents'níqwtes k k'wseltknéws, me7 ts'ílem te tsq'éy'es ne7éne:

- E ta7 e sle7s k p'úsmens k yehén tek nek'úsem tek qelmúcw me7 lexéy'ect.s yehén k tsuns e sqwlentés;
- Me7 tqwelmíns stém'i k ts'ucwlemstés;
- E ta7 e sxílt.s e stscentwécws nek sqw7el, me7 tscentwécwmens penhé7en ell t'hé7en cú7tsem me7 qw7éles;

- T'qwews tek nek'úsem me7 tskwens xwexwyt k stem k tsuns e stqwelmíns ell e tsúnses e stexúxws k stscntwécws, me7 tskwens: k stet'ex7ém, le stscntwécws tek tsq'ey'stés le q'7es te qelmúcw ell nek tsq'ey'es k westés;
- E ta7 e sxilt.s e stscntwécws we7 t'hénes e xílmes, me7 t'ekstés k t'ícwel tek sw7ec, yeri7 ell re Secwepemc re tk'wenem7iple7tns m-tqwelmínses tek xexé7 k sw7ecs, yeri7 héqen ell e yews k xwexwístés txwexwéytes; ell
- We7 t'hénes e ts'ílmes k sq'7est.s k sqw7el nstscntwécws, e tã7us k stsuns k stsetsét.s k yehén tek nek'úsem, yeri7 wel le7 re stsq'ey's re Stscntwécw.
- E tqwelmíns wel e texúxw k sqw7els re qelmúcw, me7 ts'ey' penhé7en k texúxwes k sw7ec, txwexwéyt re qelmúcw me7 cplúl'k'wes.

E Nék'entmes

Me7 ts'exél'etcwens re Appendices A ell B re qelmúcw, me7 tscntwécwmens tek me7 nék'ens e tã7us k stsuns k stsetsét.s re stscntwécws e stselxemstés k snek'ú7s k p'úsmens nstscntwécws, ell tlrí7 me7 t'ekstés tek sw7ecs e sxwexwéyt.s e tsellts'íllus k sptínesems.

E tsut e snékens re Stscntwécw me7 txwexwéyt tek me7 tqwelmíntmes wel me7 texúxw nsxwexwéyt.s te Secwepemc te kupkúkpi7 te m-q'iyen'tés re skwest.s nstscntwécws.

Appendix A

Sw7ecs xwexwéyt re qelmúcw

Te ts'ílmes re sp7ínesems re qelmúcw

Te m-sq'7est.s m-stk'wenem7íplen'tem xwexwéyt re stem ntmicw-kt

"Well newí7s tsukw m-tscentwécw, ta7 k syecs well newí7s-kucw, ell ta7 kucw k skwéntem-kucw le sg'iyéms e stsut.s kucw "ye7éne ri7 re stscentwécw-kt" ell ta7penhén-kucw k sqiyen'tém-kucw k skwest.s nek stsq'ey' k skécmentem-kucw k stem." 1

Stqwelmíntít

"Wikt.s re senkúkwpi7 te qelmúcw t'lu7 te tmicws, ell xwexwéyt tselxemstéses yehén k tmicws well newí7s. Re tmicws ts'ílem te yec k cwk'wen'llqtns, k ck'mém'lest.s (txwexwéyt te nek'úsem ri7 re tmicws), tli7 m-metcúmes te stsíllen ell stemstítem't, t'ucw we7 stémes."

Cw7it re swewll, tli7 m-cw7it m-skwnems e s7íllens, cw7it re st'ye7 ell tsreprép t'ri7 stem." 2

Melk'wílc re k'wselktnéws

"E tá7us e stslé7stls ntk'wem7íple7s re qelmúcw, ta7penhén me7 sle7s-kucw k p'úsmens, ell me7 t'7ek t'ucw e stk'wyúsemtem kucw xwexwéyt re stem. E tsúntmes e swí7stem k stscentwécw-kt, txwexwéyt-kucw méte s7i7llcw te qelmúcwew7úw'i n7élye ntmicw, melk'wílc-kucw e séwentlems ell te tk'wenem7íplem'p e stscentwécwmentem xwexwéyt re stem n7élye ntmicw te tsyecwemístem-kucw." 3

Me7 c7i7elcmentwécwmentem xwexwéyt re stem tek élkstmentem t7éne te tmicw

"Well ye7éne te qelmúcw qwenén e patne7áwst.s n7élye ntmics-kucw. Yeri7 wel me7 ts'ílem t'ucw tek me7 eqw7úq'wi-kt, ell me7 tsyem tek me7 ts'ílem tek k'wséltkten, me7 sellts'ílle k swestém xwexéyt, ntmicw, nséwllkwe ell ntsreprép ell t'ri7 stem.

Re sùtens-kucw yerí7 ell me7 sùtenmíns, ell k sùtens well newí7s yerí7 ell me7 sùtenmíntem, me7 knucwentwécw-kucw me7 lé7es.” 4

1. Sir Wilfred Laurier Memorial, 1910

2. ibid

3. ibid

4. ibid

Kwnem tlíéne te syecwemíntem-kt ntmicw

“‘Ta7 k staxmíntem re semséme7 ell re semseme7úy te tsigrép, k’émell qwenmíntem-kucw e stsellts’íles xwexwéyt re sw7ecs-kucw, e sw7ecs wes e k’úl’scenmes-kucw ell.” 5

Stslax

Me7 stslax stém’i k tqwelmíns re qelmúcw m-qw7éles nstscenwécws.

Me7 tsq’ey’ xwexwéyt re stem te sw7ec

Me7 tselxéy’est.s xwexwéyt k sw7ecs re Tkwem7íplem’s re qelmúcw.

Xyemstwécw

Ta7 me7 scik’ts k sw7ecs ell me7 weswísens k k’wellqel’múcw.s.

T’7ENE RE TSUNTMES E SXILLTEM

- Me7 t’ekstém e syecwemíntem re tmicw nSecwepemcúl’ecw ell xwexwéyt tek tskúlt me7 tsyecwemíntem ell.
- Me7 t’ekstém e syecwemíntem re Secwepemc, me7 tsq’ey’ ell e syecs well newí7-kt e yecwemíntmes tek sw7ecs re qelmúcw e sle7s e smut.s
- Me7 t’ekstém e syecwemíntem re Secwepemc te sw7ecs ell me7 tsxyemstém re ck’úl’tn-kt.

- Me7 ts7élkstemstem e snek'úsem-kt m-w7écwet nstscentwécws re Tk'wem7íplem'
- Re m-yews e scwetwílcs re qelmúcw me7 ptínesmentem t'hé7en e xílltmes, me7 xílem-kt wes te xelxílnes le q'7es te qelmúcw.
- Me7 ptínesmentem t'hé7en e xílnet ell t'hé7en e xílltmes e stexúxws k sw7ec nek k'wséltktn-kt ell nek k'wséltktnéws-kt.

Sir Wilfred Laurier Memorial 1910

- Me7 ptínesmentem t'hé7en e xílnet e s7elkstwécwmentem ell e yews e s7élkstmentem re s7elkst nSecwepemcú'ecw.
- Me7 ptínesmentem t'hé7en e xílnet e sxpqnwén'tem t'hé7en e tsxíllstmes ell e t'hé7es e xíln-et/e knúcw-et, ts'ílem t'ucw te stscentwécw nek snectém tek sqlew' nTreaty ell k sk'úl'scnem t'7éne te tmicw.

Appendix B

Me7 Xílltem

Me7 élkstmentem re s7elkst-kt nsyecwemínem nSecwepemcúl'ecw ell Me7 yecwemíntem re stem ntmicw e stens nerí7 wel me7 yews.

Me7 Xílltem:

- Me7 tscentwécwmentem t'hé7en e xílltmes e syecwemíntem re tmicw nSecwepemcúl'ecw tek me7 xílltem wes te stsyecwemínst.ses re tmicw le q'7es te qelmúcw, te stk'wenem7íplem' ell te stselxmém-kt.
- Me7 tscentwécwmentem re Secwepemc k syecwemínems ntmicw ell t'hé7en e xílltmes e syecwemíntem re sw7ec-kt éytsell me7 tsq'éyes.
- Me7 tscentwécwmentem re Secwepemc te sw7ecs ntmicw k tsq'ey' tek stk'wem7íplen'tls: "T'7éne me7 ts'ílmes ntmicw-emp", me7 tscentém te qwenmíntmes e sts'ílems.
- Me7 tscentwécwmentem t'hé7en e xílltmes e st'ekstém k swestém re Secwepemcúl'ecw ell e stsmet's k Secwepemc nstscntwécw.
- Me7 tscentém xwexwéyt k s7elkst-kt nek syecwemínem ell t'hé7en e xílltmes k s7elkst nerí7 xwexwéyt.
- Me7 tscentwécwmentem k stk'wenem7íplen'tem k sw7ec-kt ntmicw te syecwemínem ell t'hé7en wes me7 xíllmet wes re ts7élkstemstmes.
- Me7 tscentwécwmentem t'hé7en e xíllmet e sta7s wes e tskwéctlses te tmicw-kt ne stk'wenem7íple7s re (Semséme7 te Tk'wem7íplem').

- Re Secwepemc me7 tscentwécw e stslaxs k sw7ecs e sullímcmses k s7elkst.s e tsúnses e stsq'ey's xwexwéyt re stem te sw7ec ntmicw.
- Me7 tscentwécw-kt e sptínesmentem e sle7s e sw7ec-kt kwemtús. (Me7 ptínesmentem ne k tsyémet, xwexwéyt k k'wselktnéws, t'hé7en me7 xílmet ell swéti7 me7 k'wselktnmíntem? Me7 kénem-kt tli7 txwexwéytet, ne tsyémet, ne k k'wselktnéws-kt ell null newí7-kt nSecwepemcúl'ecw)?
- Me7 tscentwécwmentem t'hé7en e xíllmes m-7élkstmentmes re Secwepemcúl'ecw ell tkenhé7en k tsúntmes e sxílltem k sw7ec-kt .
- Me7 tscentwécwmentem k ctsetétle7st.s re Secwepemcúl'ecw te tmicw-kt ell Swéti7 nerí7 me7 tsq'ey' e sw7ecs nsxwexwiwílecwems ntmicw e s7élkstmens k stem, me7 ts'ílem te tsq'ey'es ne Royal Proclamation-s ne 1763 ell re cplúl'k'wmentem (United Nations Declaration) nstk'wenem7íplen'tem txwexwéyt re qelmucwe7úw'i.

Me7 tsq'ey e syecwemíntem swéti7 k Secwepemc ell xwexwéyt nerí7 k w7ec tek yecwemíns k Secwepemc.

Me7 Xílltem

- Me7 tscentwécwmentem e st'ekstém k syecwemíntem xwexwéyt re Secwepemc: T'hé7en e xíllmes e sknúcwentem m-k7épes re qelmúcw; e ctswentéses k sptínesems, stsmémelt ell k k'wséltktens e scwelcwélt.s; re xwqwéltén; sqoqwentsín, ell re ck'úl'ten-kt.
- Me7 tscentwécwmentem k sw7ec-kt ell t'hé7en e xílmet m-cwetwílcwet ts'ílem wes t e xílmes le q'7es te qelmúcw.

Me7 cplul'k'w re Tk'wem7íple7-kt te kupkúkwi7 e stqwíltmens e snek'wúsems xwexwéyt re Secwepemc.

Me7 Xílltem

- Me7 tscentwécwmentem e stsellts'ílles k sw7ecs, ne k tsq'éy'es k sw7ecs, swéti7 me7 élkstmens k stem, k élkstmens tek s7elkst kwemtús.
- Me7 p'7ecw e s7elkst.s re Tk'wem7íplem' ell re kupkúkwpí7, me7 p'7ecw e sw7ecs.
 - Me7 tsq'éy' penhé7en e qw7éles
 - Xwexwéyt me7 tsq'éy' stém'i e élkstmens k Tk'wem7íplem' t'ri7 stém'i, me7 tscentwécw [inc. TOR ne...]
- Me7 ptínesmens tek me7 lexléxéy'ens k sw7ecs re Tkuk'wem7íplem' nspulkw's re Secwepemc nsxwexwéyt.s te snek'welltyénecwem. Me7 lexy'ect.s xwexwiyúsem re Secwepemc stém'i k ts7élkstemst.s, ell stém'i cú7tsem k tsuns e s7élkstmens me7 lexy'ens ell.
 - Nek'ú7 te sitq't me7 plulk'wes, nerí7 me7 lexy'emes re kupkúkwpí7.
 - Me7 lexy'ens k ts7élkstemst.s ell stém'i cú7tsem k ptínesmentem tek s7elkst.
 - Me7 plúk'wens k tsuns e Reports.

Me7 lexy'ens t'hé7en k ts'ílmes k sw7ec nTreaty ell t'ri7 me7 kénem/e knúcwtes e t'ekstéses k Treaty, yerí7 me7 sléxéy'ems.

Me7 Xílltem

- Me7 qw7el re Secwepemc ntsyémes nek úpekst ell tsútsllke7 te qelmucúl'ecw
- Me7 tsq'éy' xwexwéyt
- Kwemtús me7 stsq'éy's swéti7 k Tk'wem7íplem'
- Me7 tscentwécwmentem t'hé7en e xílmes e stqwelmíns re Treaty ell e tâ7us nerí7 k Treaty nSecwepemcúl'ecw.



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