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Letter of Understanding
Negotiation and Formalization of
Cultural Heritage Protocol Agreement
BETWEEN
City of Kamloops (COK)
AND
The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS)

WHEREAS

A. The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (hereinafter called TteS) hold Aboriginal rights and interests in respect of their traditional territory, and is committed to achieving economic, cultural and environmental sustainability, and self-determination;

B. The TteS have always occupied a place of great economic and cultural importance in our region, traversed by two major waterways, traditional Tk'emlúpsemc territory was the center of major traffic and trade routes.

C. The TteS is part of the traditional territory of the Secwépemc Nation;

D. COK acknowledges being situated on traditional Tk'emlúpsúl'ecw ell Stk'emlúpsemc territory and agrees to explore areas agreed to be of mutual benefit;

E. COK intends to work with TteS in a spirit of cooperation and partnership, with demonstrated respect and commitment to preserving and promoting Secwépemc values, including the protection of TteS cultural heritage resources;

F. COK and TteS understand the importance of building a mutually respectful relationship and agree to the following:

1. The Parties wish to use this LOU as a foundational building block which will form the basis of a future engagement plan and cultural heritage protocol agreement to meet their respective objectives (as set out in Recitals D and E above);

2. To facilitate and resource the participation of both Parties in (a) an Engagement Plan, and (b) the negotiation of the Cultural Heritage Protocol Agreement;

3. The Parties wish to enter into this Letter of Understanding to establish the scope, tasks, schedule and funding required to complete them in an informed, effective and efficient manner;

4. This Letter of Understanding can be amended with the agreement of both parties and may be terminated by either party on one year's written notice to the other.

5. In order to review and assess the achievements resulting from this Letter of Understanding, and to discuss the development of further cooperation, the parties shall meet as appropriate. The parties are confident that such friendly cooperation will promote harmonious relations and advance cultural understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Letter of Understanding this 26 th day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

Ken Christian
Mayor
City of Kamloops

Rosanne Casimir
Chief
Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

26 day of FEBRUARY, 2019

26 day of February, 2019

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