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Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H4

Conditional Ministerial Order Conferring Reserve Status

Pursuant to subsection 4(1) of the Addition of Lands to Reserves and Reserve Creation Act, SC 2018, c 27, s 675.

I, Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, at the request of the council of Halfway River First Nation, pursuant to subsection 4(1) of the *Addition of Lands to Reserves and Reserve Creation Act*, SC 2018, c 27, s 675, and in accordance with the Halfway River and West Moberly Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement between Halfway River First Nation, West Moberly First Nations, the Province of British Columbia and Canada and the Halfway River Lands Agreement between Halfway River First Nation, the Province of British Columbia and Canada, effective February 3, 2023, hereby set apart for the use and benefit of Halfway River First Nation as Tsaa Nuna, in the Province of British Columbia, the lands described in the attached Schedule, consisting of about 863 hectares (2,133 acres), more or less, effective on the day on which His Majesty the King in right of Canada accepts the transfer of the administration and control of the lands from His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Federal Real Property and Federal Immovables Regulations*, SOR 92/502.

Dated at Gatineau, Quebec this 3 day of February 2025.

Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs

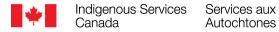


. Schedule

In the Province of British Columbia In Peace River District

All of Block A, District Lot 4513, as shown on Plan EPC2311 filed in the Crown Land Registry; a copy of said plan is recorded as Plan 112169 in the Canada Lands Surveys Records.

Lands described comprise about 863 hectares (2133 acres).



April 22, 2024

Sent via email to: prrd.fsi@prrd.bc.ca

Peace River Regional District 9505 100 St. FORT ST. JOHN BC V1J 4N4

Attention: Brad Sperling, Chair

Dear Mr. Sperling,

Re: **Proposed Reserve Creation- Halfway River First Nation** Treaty 8 Land Entitlement Shortfall Lands – Tsaa Nuna Land Selection

As you are aware, Halfway River First Nation ("Halfway River"), the Province of BC and Canada finalized the settlement of treaty land entitlement on February 3, 2023. The settlement resolves the Treaty 8 land entitlement claims of Halfway River.

Under the terms of the settlement, it is contemplated that Halfway River may apply to add provincial Crown land as reserve in accordance with, and subject to, fulfilment of the requirements of Canada's Additions to Reserves/Reserve Creation policy. These requirements include notification to local government. I acknowledge that by a letter dated July 12, 2023, the Peace River Regional District provided a letter of support to Halfway River regarding the land selection and transfer of the lands to reserve.

I am writing to inform you that Halfway River has, by way of a Band Council Resolution, submitted a request to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for Reserve Creation. Halfway River has requested that certain land(s), located in the Peace River Regional District be set apart as a reserve to be known as Tsaa Nuna (the "Proposed Reserve Creation") under the settlement. The lands for the Proposed Reserve Creation are surveyed provincial Crown lands described as:

In the Province of British Columbia In Peace River District

All of Block A, District Lot 4513, as shown on Plan EPC2311 filed in the Crown Land Registry; a copy of said plan is recorded as Plan 112169 in the Canada Lands Surveys Records.

Lands described comprise about **863** hectares (2133 acres).

(The "Proposed Reserve Land")



Enclosed for your information is a map showing the approximate location of the proposed reserve.

I am pleased to know that the Peace River Regional District supports Halfway River's intention to have their shortfall and additional lands become reserve lands. Should you have any questions or wish to receive further information, I would request that you reply prior to June 6, 2024. Please send your response to me by e-mail at Kuldip.Gill@sac-isc.gc.ca, or you may contact me by phone at 604-364-1883.

Sincerely,

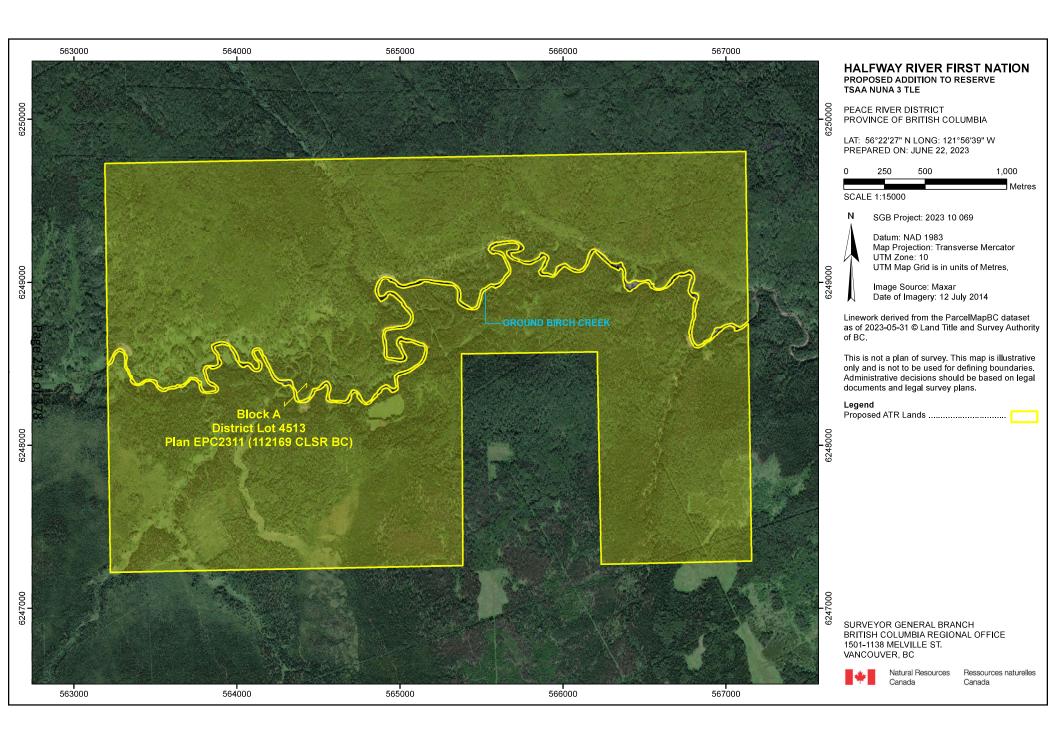


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Encl: Map showing the Lands

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July 12, 2023 File: 0400.70.12 Your File: 2550

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Dear Mr. Wallington

Re: Letter of Support – Halfway River First Nation's TLE Land Selection and Application to Transfer the Lands into a Federal Reserve

On behalf of the Regional Board, I would like to provide you with a letter of support regarding Halfway River First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement ("TLE") selection and the subsequent transfer of those lands into reserve lands.

The Regional Board passed the following resolution at its meeting on June 29, 2023:

"That the Regional Board provide a letter of support to Halfway River First Nation to have their Shortfall Lands and the Additional Lands transferred to federal reserves."

Yours truly,

Leonard Hiebert

Leonard Hiebert Chair

c. Chief Darlene Hunter and Council, Halfway River First Nation

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