

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MARCH 1, 2021

Between: **Saulteau First Nations, ("SFN")**

And: **Peace River Regional District (PRRD)**

WHEREAS:

- A. SFN is a First Nations people and government located in north east British Columbia. Collectively, SFN possesses Treaty 8 rights within the geographic area covered by Treaty 8 and Aboriginal rights throughout SFN's traditional territories that are recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
- B. PRRD is BC largest Regional District, encompassing four rural electoral areas B, C, D, E and seven municipalities, providing a wide range of services to the citizens within their local government area.
- C. The Parties collectively wish to develop an agreement laying out how the two organizations will work together on common issues.
- D. The Parties agree that the purpose and intent of this Agreement is to facilitate a flexible, clear, and reasonable process for communication and each Party shall participate fully and in good faith, in that process.
- E. The Parties agree that in order to proceed there is a need for mutual cooperation, trust and respect.

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- F. The Parties acknowledge a responsibility to communicate openly and fairly to formalize any mutually beneficial agreements that addresses the issues and concerns of both Parties that may flow from this MOU.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The Parties commit to convene a minimum of one (1) Chief to Senior Representative Meetings per calendar year to support the relationship between the Parties or on a frequency as agreed by the Parties. The purpose of these meetings is to:
 1. Facilitate understanding between the Parties of each others roles, responsibilities and obligations regarding current issues, activities, considerations, and concerns;
 2. Develop an understanding between the Parties regarding potential impacts that may result from each others' activities;
 3. Provide a forum for the open and transparent discussion of local issues, initiatives and concerns
 4. Provide a forum to advance and/or support each Parties interests and initiatives
2. The Parties agree that it is essential to exchange information and build an understanding of each Party's needs and interests. Areas of common interest to be discussed may include but not limited to:
 - a. Environmental and cultural interests
 - b. commercial development and opportunities;
 - c. shared services
 - d. zoning
 - e. regional economic development
 - f. municipal service agreements
3. PRRD acknowledge and agree that certain confidential information regarding the history, traditions, customs, and business interests and activities of SFN that may not be publicly

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known, is the property of the SFN. PRRD shall respect the confidentiality of such information and not disclose such confidential information to anyone without the prior written consent of the SFN.

4. SFN acknowledges that information shared by PRRD that is not publicly known, is the property of PRRD. SFN agrees to keep such information confidential and not disclose such confidential information to anyone without the prior written consent of the PRRD.
5. The Parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be interpreted in a manner that extinguishes, abrogates or diminishes the rights of any Party, including the Aboriginal rights and title of the SFN which are protected under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
6. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective from the date of execution and shall cease to be in effect for a period 3 years, unless the Parties agree to extend the term.
7. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Agreement upon 15 days' written notice to the other Party, if it reasonably believes that the other Party is not acting in good faith.
8. During and after the term of this MOU, each Party and their representatives will:

Continue to treat each other with respect, honour, friendship, and goodwill;
Keep confidential any negotiations that take place under this MOU; and
Not make any negative or disparaging statements about the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have agreed to this Memorandum of Understanding on the dates noted below:

On behalf of the **Saulteau First Nations** by its authorized signatory(ies):

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Print Name: Justin Napoleon

Print Name: Juritha Owens

Print Name: _____

Date: December 15, 2020

On behalf of **Peace River Regional District** by its authorized signatory(ies):

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: December 15, 2020

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