



# Community Accord



This agreement originally made the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003  
Renewed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018

Between: **City of Powell River**

And: **Tla'amin Nation**

**Whereas:**

All residents of Powell River and Tla'amin trace their origin to societies of different cultural traditions, beliefs and values, and The residents of the City and the citizens of Tla'amin have created, or have had created on their behalf, distinct local governing institutions, and Powell River and Tla'amin deem recognition, understanding and reconciliation the foundation of their communities' common good. Paramount is the respect for and appreciation of each other's diverse backgrounds.

**Article 1 - Mutual Recognition**

- 1.1 Powell River recognizes Tla'amin people as the original inhabitants of this land, acknowledges Tla'amin's Traditional Territory, respects Tla'amin's sovereignty and jurisdiction, inherent right for self-government with the Hagus and Tla'amin Government as the governing authority.
- 1.2 Tla'amin recognizes, acknowledges and respects Powell River as a duly and properly constituted municipal government established under the provisions of Provincial Law and having all of the authority and responsibilities of a British Columbia municipality.

Tla'amin and Powell River each have distinct authorities and responsibilities towards their citizens and residents and acknowledge that the interests of all persons living in these communities are best served by working together in the spirit of cooperation.

**Article 2 - Principles of Cooperation**

- 2.1 The first principle of cooperation between Tla'amin and Powell River shall be the mutual respect and recognition.
- 2.2 The second principle of cooperation shall be the reciprocal consideration of common ground and common interests in all dealings between the communities.

**Article 3 - Maintenance of Relationship**

- 3.1 The communities agree that Tla'amin Legislature and Powell River City Council will meet regularly to promote and encourage open and constructive dialogue.
- 3.2 The parties will form working groups, from time to time, to explore and initiate activities designed to facilitate economic diversification, to protect cultural heritage resources, to promote community growth, to increase investment and to generate employment.

**Article 4 - Inclusion and Information of the Community at Large**

From time to time joint meetings of the two governments shall be open to the public to inform, receive community input and feedback.

**Article 5 - Dispute Resolution**

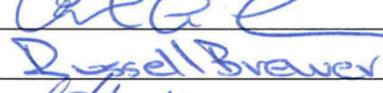
- 5.1 Both governments are committed to open, frank, honest and straight forward interaction with each other in order to communicate effectively and avoid conflict.
- 5.2 Where a dispute between Tla'amin and Powell River arises, either party may, at any time, call a special joint meeting to resolve the issue. Where the partners are unable to resolve a dispute, either party may request a dispute resolution workshop.

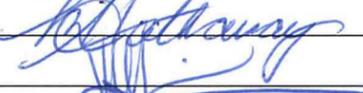
**Article 6 - Living Document**

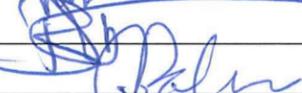
- 6.1 This document is intended to be a living document, subject to change from time to time, to reflect the relationship between the parties.
- 6.2 Any changes to this document must be mutually agreed to by the parties.

**Powell River Signatories**

 MAYOR

 Russell Brewer councillor

 COUNCILLOR

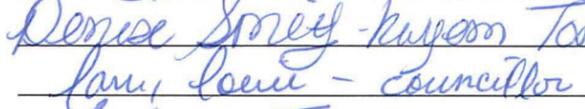
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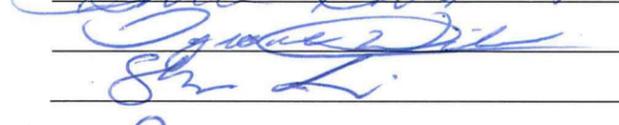
**Tla'amin Signatories**

 Denise Spieg - Kuyoon Tomols

 Amy Laine - councillor

 Lori W - councillor

 Marie Gray

 Bob Dockett

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