

In-SHUCK-ch First Nation Agreement-in-Principle INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Building Relations with Local Governments

Intergovernmental relations play a critical role between First Nations and local governments in creating and sustaining a workable treaty. Effective local relationships will support efforts to resolve local issues and communities can work together for the benefit of the region. The First Nation and local governments are taking a cooperative approach to working together on matters of common interest.

Whether in a remote community or urban area, the importance of building positive, working relationships with local governments is critical to the ongoing success of a treaty.

In-SHUCK-ch Nation may enter into agreements with local governments on the coordination of land-use planning processes, including:

- The relationship that the First Nation government will have with the Fraser Valley and Squamish-Lillooet Regional Districts on the delivery and payment of services
- Provisions to coordinate activities between governments in common areas of interest
- The participation of the First Nation government, and representation for residents on In-SHUCK-ch Nation treaty lands, in the Fraser Valley and Squamish-Lillooet Regional Districts
- Opportunities to coordinate land-use planning on treaty lands with local government land-use plans

To address local interests in land-use planning and servicing, provincial negotiators worked closely with the Fraser Valley and Squamish-Lillooet Regional Districts. Regular meetings were held during AIP negotiations and will continue during Final Agreement negotiations. A local government representative participates as a member of the provincial negotiating team.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Are local governments involved in treaty negotiations with the In-SHUCK-ch Nation?

Answer: Yes. Provincial treaty negotiators work closely with local governments on a wide range of matters, including servicing arrangements. Regular meetings are held with local government representatives.

Provincial and federal negotiators will also continue to hold public meetings in the Fraser Valley, Squamish-Lillooet region and In-SHUCK-ch Nation communities, providing information on the progress of treaty negotiations and responding to questions and concerns. Local residents may take concerns and comments to the local government representative who participates at the treaty table.

Question: Will the In-SHUCK-ch Nation pay for services they receive from local government?

Answer: The AIP acknowledges that access to services is vital for any self-governing community. It is a priority for the First Nation to have access to water, fire protection and police protection on reasonable terms. Discussions on options for payment of services will lead to servicing arrangements in the Final Agreement.

Question: Will the In-SHUCK-ch Nation become a member of Fraser Valley and Squamish-Lillooet Regional Districts?

Answer: In-SHUCK-ch Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District signed a Memorandum of Understanding and a Protocol Agreement in 2005 establishing a government-to-government relationship. In-SHUCK-ch Nation will continue to build relationships with local governments to address issues of common interest.

Question: Will the In-SHUCK-ch Nation coordinate land-use planning with local governments?

Answer: The Parties have acknowledged the interest of local governments in ensuring consistent and compatible planning and land-use management decisions.



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Question: What is the nature and scope of the In-SHUCK-ch Nation governance authorities?

Answer: The First Nation will have a democratically-elected government with law-making authorities in wildlife, education, child and family service, adoption and emergency preparedness. The treaty and other agreements will provide the In-SHUCK-ch Nation government with the authority to:

- manage its own affairs
- manage First Nation public institutions
- provide services which meet the needs of its members and the communities as a whole
- participate effectively in economic opportunities and regional governance processes

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