

## **RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Ratification**

By initialling the Final Agreement, the chief negotiators for Canada, British Columbia and Tla'amin Nation (Sliammon First Nation) recommend the agreement to their respective principals for ratification.

Tla'amin members will vote on the Final Agreement according to a formal ratification process. If the Tla'amin community ratifies the Final Agreement, British Columbia will then proceed with its ratification process. A Minister from the provincial Cabinet must recommend the agreement for approval, and settlement legislation will then be introduced into the Legislative Assembly, where it will be debated.

If British Columbia ratifies the Final Agreement, Canada will proceed with its ratification process. A federal Cabinet Minister must recommend the Final Agreement and once the Final Agreement is signed by all parties, settlement legislation will be introduced in Parliament for debate. Once enacted through legislation, the Final Agreement will become a treaty and will be brought into effect on a date agreed to by the parties.

### **Implementation**

During the process of negotiating the Final Agreement, the parties also negotiated an implementation plan. The implementation plan identifies each party's obligations and responsibilities in implementing the treaty. Some parts of the treaty will be implemented on the day the Final Agreement comes into effect or shortly thereafter. Some parts, such as taxation provisions, will be implemented according to a predetermined schedule over a number of years. Other parts of the Final Agreement may not be implemented until a later date to be determined by the parties.

An implementation committee comprised of a representative from Canada, British Columbia and Tla'amin Nation will be established on the effective date of the treaty. This committee will oversee and monitor the implementation of the treaty.