

Yale First Nation Agreement-in-Principle INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Building Relations with Local Governments

All parties agree that relations between the Yale First Nation and local governments will play a critical role in creating and sustaining a workable treaty. The Yale First Nation and local governments are committed to working cooperatively and collaboratively.

Yale First Nation may enter into agreements with local and regional governments on the coordination of land-use planning processes, including:

- The relationship that the Yale First Nation government will have with the Fraser Valley Regional District and the Corporation of the District of Hope on the delivery and payment of services;
- Provisions to coordinate activities between governments in common areas of interest;
- The participation of the Yale First Nation government and representation for residents on Yale First Nation treaty lands in the Fraser Valley Regional District; and
- Opportunities to coordinate official community plans for Yale First Nation treaty lands with local government land-use plans.

To address local interests in land-use planning and servicing, provincial negotiators worked closely with the Yale Ratepayers' Association, District of Hope and Fraser Valley Regional District. 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

How many local and regional governments are affected by the Yale First Nation treaty negotiations?

Yale First Nation's traditional territory falls within the Fraser Valley Regional District boundaries. None of the proposed land selection areas are within the boundaries of the District Municipality of Hope. The township of Yale is unincorporated.

Are local and regional governments involved in treaty negotiations with the Yale First Nation?

Yes. Provincial negotiators work closely with local and regional governments on a wide range of matters, including land-use planning and servicing. Regular meetings were held with local government representatives.

Provincial and federal negotiators will also continue to hold public meetings in Hope and Yale, providing information on the progress of treaty negotiations and responding to questions and concerns. Local residents may also take their concerns and comments to the local government representatives who participate at the treaty table.

Will the Yale First Nation pay for services they receive from local government?

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.



Will the Yale First Nation become a member of Fraser Valley Regional District?

Yale First Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District are looking at this through an intergovernmental treaty-related study. In January 2006 Yale First Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District signed a Memorandum of Understanding and a Protocol Agreement establishing a cooperative government-to-government relationship.

Will the Yale First Nation coordinate land-use planning with local governments?

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

What is the nature and scope of Yale First Nation Governance?

The Yale First Nation will have a democratically-elected government with law-making authorities in wildlife, education, child and family services, adoption and emergency preparedness. The treaty and other agreements will provide the Yale First Nation government with the authority to control its own affairs, provide services which meet the needs of its members and the communities as a whole, manage First Nation public institutions, and participate effectively in economic opportunities and regional governance processes.

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