



File No.: TH-6500-20
Relationship Building with
Lyackson First Nation

DATE OF MEETING: February 27, 2018
TO: Thetis Island Local Trust Committee
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Northern Team
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SUBJECT: Relationship Building with Lyackson First Nation

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee approve the draft Project Charter for “Relationship Building with Lyackson First Nation” dated February 13, 2018.
2. That the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to apply to the Union of BC Municipalities for funding to hold a Community to Community (C2C) Forum in 2018/19.

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to introduce the draft Project Charter as a practical approach to addressing the many issues brought up at the November 5, 2017 meeting between Lyackson Chief and Council and Thetis local trustees.

BACKGROUND

On December 12, 2017, at their regular business meeting, the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) passed the following resolutions (draft):

TH-2017-054

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee amend the Top Priorities List to change #3 Description to say “Relationship building with Lyackson First Nation” and add the bulleted items in the Staff Report of December 12, 2017, to the Activity list.

CARRIED

TH-2017-055

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to develop a Project Charter for “Relationship Building with Lyackson First Nation” that includes an exploration and analysis of the topics raised at the November 5, 2017 meeting and other potential opportunities for engagement in keeping with Trust Council Policy 6.1.1 First Nation Engagement Principles.

CARRIED

For more background on the November 5, 2017 meeting, please see the staff report presented at the December 12, 2017 LTC meeting.

ANALYSIS

Policy

Relevant policy: [Trust Council Policy 6.1.1 First Nation Engagement Principles](#)

Issues and Opportunities

During the November 5, 2017 Community to Community (C2C) meeting, Lyackson Council members expressed a strong desire for a boat trip with representatives from the Islands Trust and Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) to review in-person the extent of building contraventions on Valdes Island shoreline properties. It was noted that this trip should take place in good weather as the journey from Vancouver Island to Valdes Island can be rough in the winter months. The boat trip could be scheduled for as early as April 2018.

During February and March, staff could communicate with the CVRD and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) regarding issues brought up by Lyackson leadership (see Staff Report, December 12, 2017). Conclusions from a South Pender Island LTC project (in cooperation with the South Pender Historical Society and Tsawout First Nation) involving educational signage for reserve lands could also be shared with Lyackson First Nation during this time.

Coordinating a second C2C meeting with Lyackson for June 2018 would be a good opportunity to review progress to date and top priority activities to advance. This would provide an opportunity for staff and trustees to reflect on the pace of broader societal changes that may be happening with regard to expectations for reconciliation activities between First Nations and local government authorities.

Rationale for Recommendation

Staff are recommending that the Thetis Island LTC endorse the draft Project Charter, attached, and request that staff apply for funding from the Union of BC Municipalities to support a C2C Forum during the 2018/19 fiscal year. The Project Charter is a practical approach to address the many issues discussed on November 5, 2017 without overwhelming staff capacity and provides opportunities for Lyackson leadership and staff to offer feedback on activities to the LTC and staff.

ALTERNATIVES

The LTC may consider the following alternatives to the staff recommendation.

1. Request further information

The LTC may request further information prior to approving a Project Charter. Staff advise that this may delay action on items discussed at the November 5, 2017 C2C Forum with Lyackson First Nation. If selecting this alternative, the LTC should describe the specific information needed and the rationale for this request. Recommended wording is as follows:

That the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to report on [insert requested information].

2. Approval of Project Charter with changes

The LTC may decide to make changes to the Project Charter. A corresponding resolution could be worded as follows:

That the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to make the following changes to the Project Charter: [insert requested change(s)].

If the LTC chooses to make changes, staff recommends approving the Project Charter as amended.

3. Receive for information.

The LTC may receive the report for information.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will begin communications with the CVRD and FLNRORD, which may necessitate letters from the LTC. Also, staff will begin coordinating a boat trip to Valdes Island.

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Concurrence:	Ann Kjerulf, MCIP, RPP Regional Planning Manager		February 20, 2018

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Project Charter, dated February 27, 2018

Thetis Relationship Building with Lyackson First Nation - Charter v1

Thetis Island LTC

Date:18-02-27

Purpose For Thetis Island Local Trust Committee to develop a mutually respectful long term relationship with Lyackson First Nation that honours their connections to the lands and water of the Thetis Local Trust Area.

Background In December 2016 Islands Trust Council adopted the First Nations Engagement Principles Policy. Trustees and staff met with Lyackson Chief, Council and key staff on November 5, 2017. Many potentially shared interest were brought to light and positive ideas were discussed about how to develop a mutually respectful relationship between parties. The Project Charter outlines activities, including those that were discussed at that meeting, that will deepen the meaningfulness of the relationship with Lyackson First Nations who have asserted rights and title in the Thetis Local Trust area.

Objectives

- Increased understanding and respect for Indigenous connections to the islands.
- Seeking meaningful ways to acknowledge Lyackson's connections to Valdes Island and the LTA more generally.
- Advance topics raised at November 5, 2017 meeting between Lyackson First Nation and Thetis LTC.

In Scope

- Encouraging community associations and events to include and honour Indigenous participation.
- Work with Lyackson FN & CVRD to address bylaw contraventions.
- Investigate wrongful log salvaging on Valdes Island.
- Work with Lyackson FN to improve bylaw referral process.
- Develop a shared narrative of place.
- Explore co-governance/co-management opportunities.

Out of Scope

- Follow-through of activities from community associations and events.
- Compliance of other government agencies to requests by Lyackson First Nation.
- Activities outside of the legislative constraints of the Thetis Local Trust Committee (e.g. funding for referrals without the Province's approval).

Workplan Overview

Deliverable/Milestone	Date
Communicate with CVRD and Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations	February 2018
Letter to Lyackson with suggested signage wording for reserve lands for review	March 2018
Coordination of in-person visit to Valdez Island with CVRD, IT and Lyackson leaders	April 2018
Map of Hul'quimi'num place names, with pronunciation guides, for OCP inclusion	May 2018
Second C2C meeting with Lyackson Council to review progress and next activities	June 2018

Project Team		Budget Budget Sources: Thetis & Islands Trust FN Budgets		
Fiona MacRaid	Project Manager	Fiscal	Item	Cost
Thetis Planner	Planning support	2018/19	Boat day trip to Valdez Island	\$1000.00
		2018/19	Second C2C meeting	\$800.00
		Total 2018/19		\$1800.00

RPM Approval:
Ann Kjerulf
Date: February 16, 2018

LTC Endorsement:
Resolution #:
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