

# K'ómoks Treaty Negotiations

Update for Hornby Local Trust Committee  
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“Reconciliation is not for wimps.”

- Grand Chief Stewart Phillip

“Our future, and the well-being of all our children rests with the kind of relationships we build today.”

- Chief Dr. Robert Joseph

# Reconciliation

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Build a new relationship with Indigenous peoples:

- awareness of the past
- mutual respect
- renewed fiscal relationship
- commitment to action
- ᕈᕈᕈᕈᕈ; Hayuthela la xens: Moving Forward Together

➤ Requires participation from everyone!

# Reconciliation in B.C.

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- Bill C-15, *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*
- *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples' Act*
  - Align laws with UNDRIP
  - Shared decision-making agreements
- Negotiate long-term agreements
  - Indigenous self-determination
  - Economic independence
- Partner on shared initiatives to improve quality of life

# Treaties in B.C.

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Most comprehensive form of reconciliation

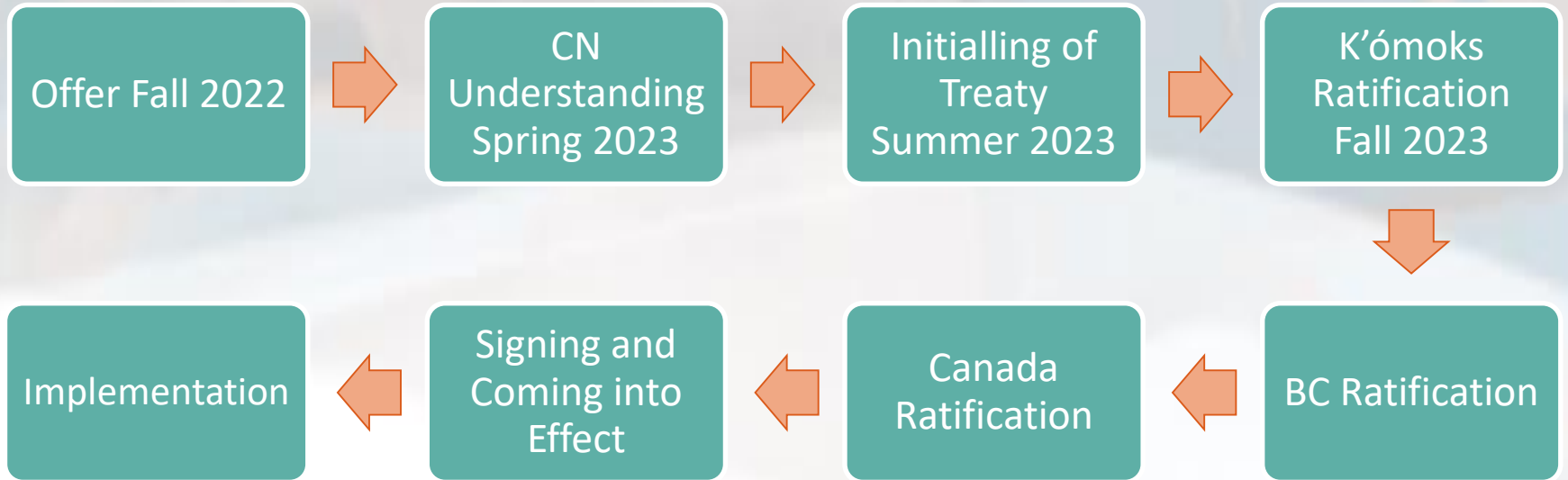
- Recognition and Reconciliation of Rights
  - Self-Government
  - Land and Jurisdiction
  - Natural Resources
  - Shared Decision-Making
  - Fiscal Relations
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- Since 1993, 4 treaties implemented with 8 First Nations
  - New treaties are living agreements

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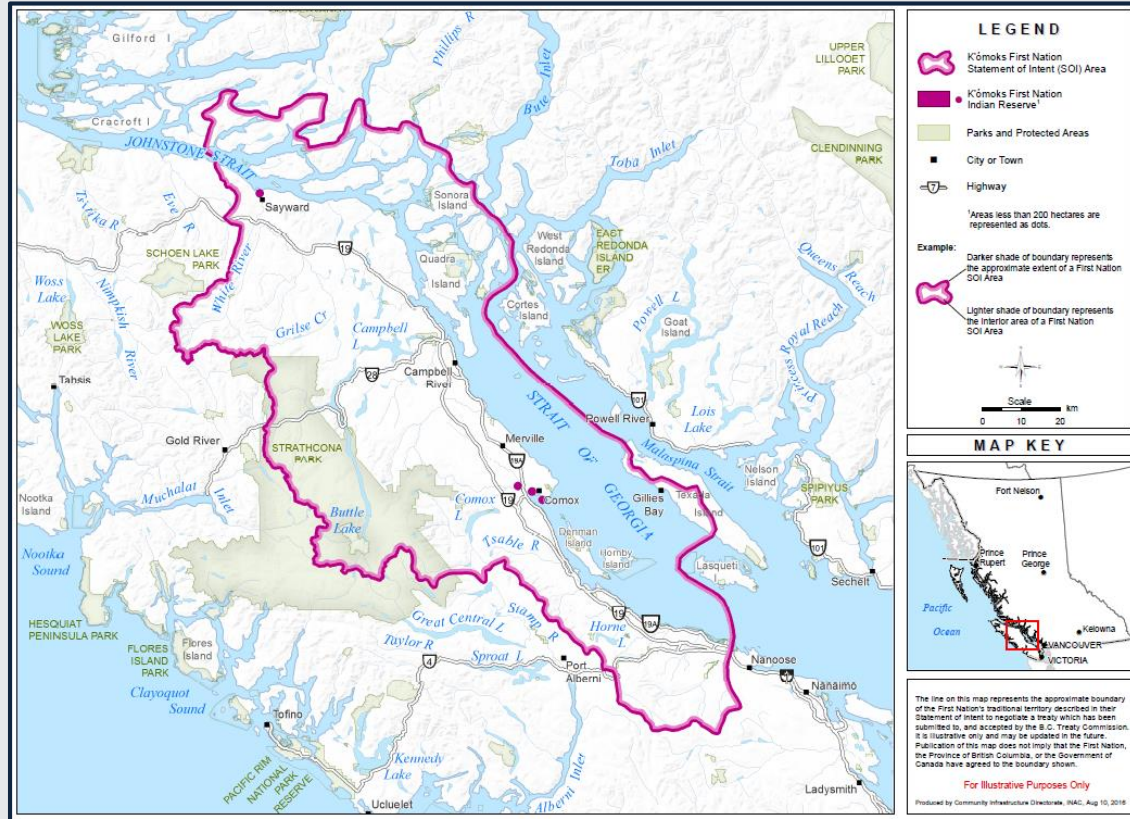
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- 1994: K'ómoks First Nation, Canada, and B.C. began treaty negotiations.
- 2012: Signed an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). AIP identified and defined rights and obligations, including interests in land and resources.
- 2019: Signed Agreement to Revitalize K'ómoks Treaty Negotiations
- Summer/Fall 2022: Negotiations continue.
- Fall 2022: B.C./Canada Land and Cash Offer anticipated.
- Spring 2023: Target for Chief Negotiators' understanding.
- Summer 2023 and beyond: Treaty initialing and ratification by each Party, including a vote by K'ómoks Nation members.

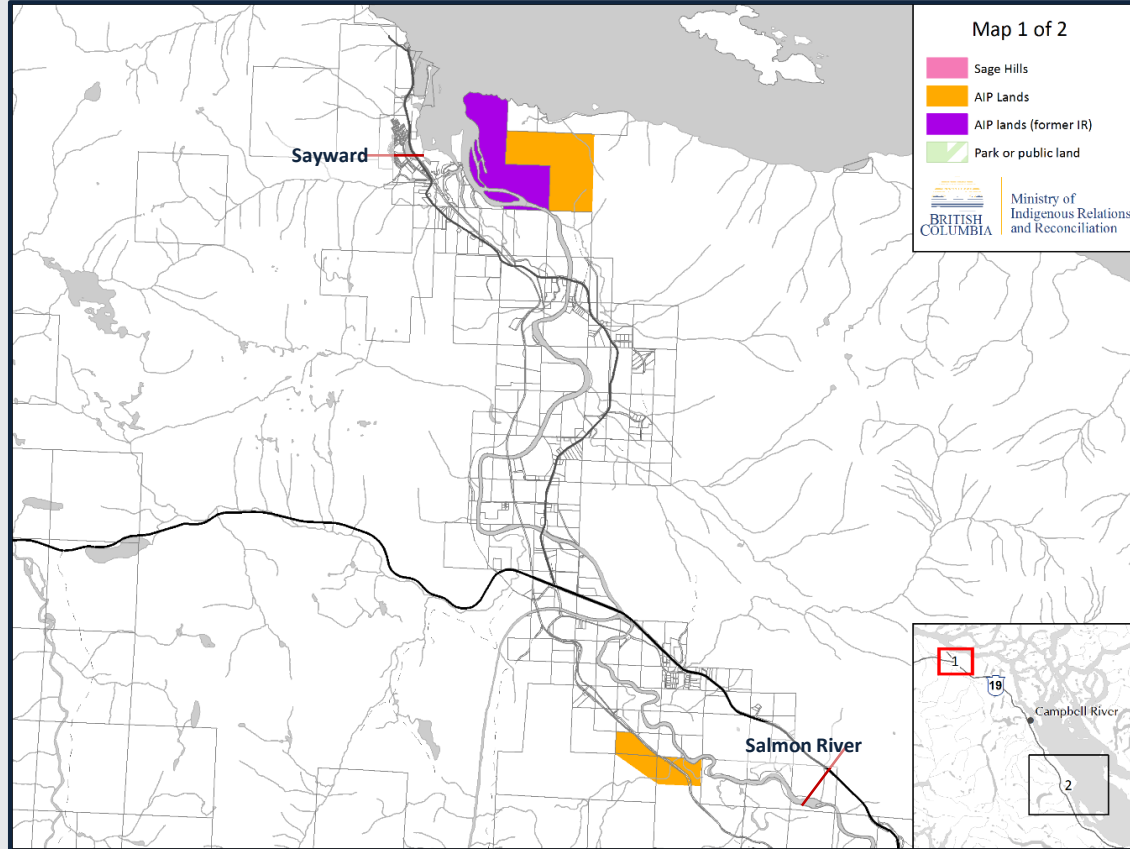
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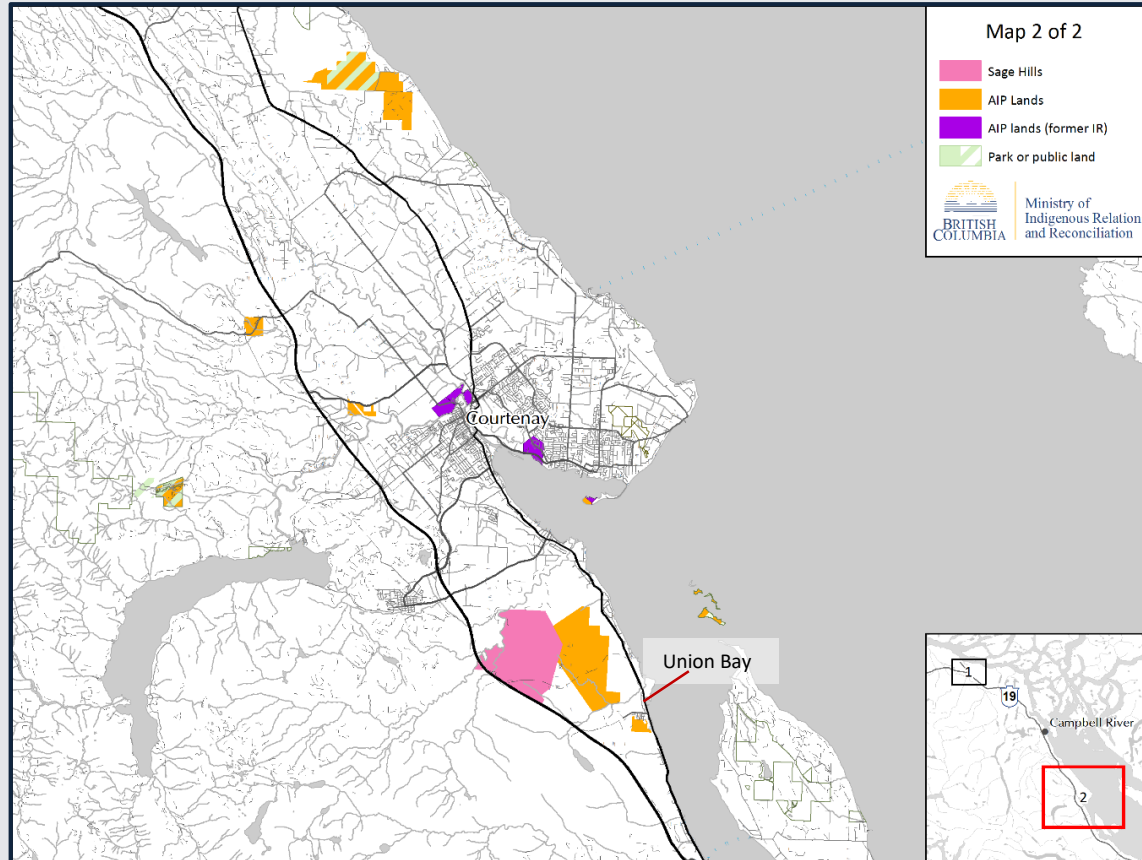
# K'ómoks Territory



# Agreement-in-Principle Lands



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# K'ómoks Treaty Lands

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- K'ómoks ownership and jurisdiction
  - K'ómoks will have law-making authority concerning the management, zoning and development of Treaty lands.
  - All lands are considered private lands except those specifically identified as park or public lands.

# K'ómoks Self-Governance in Treaty

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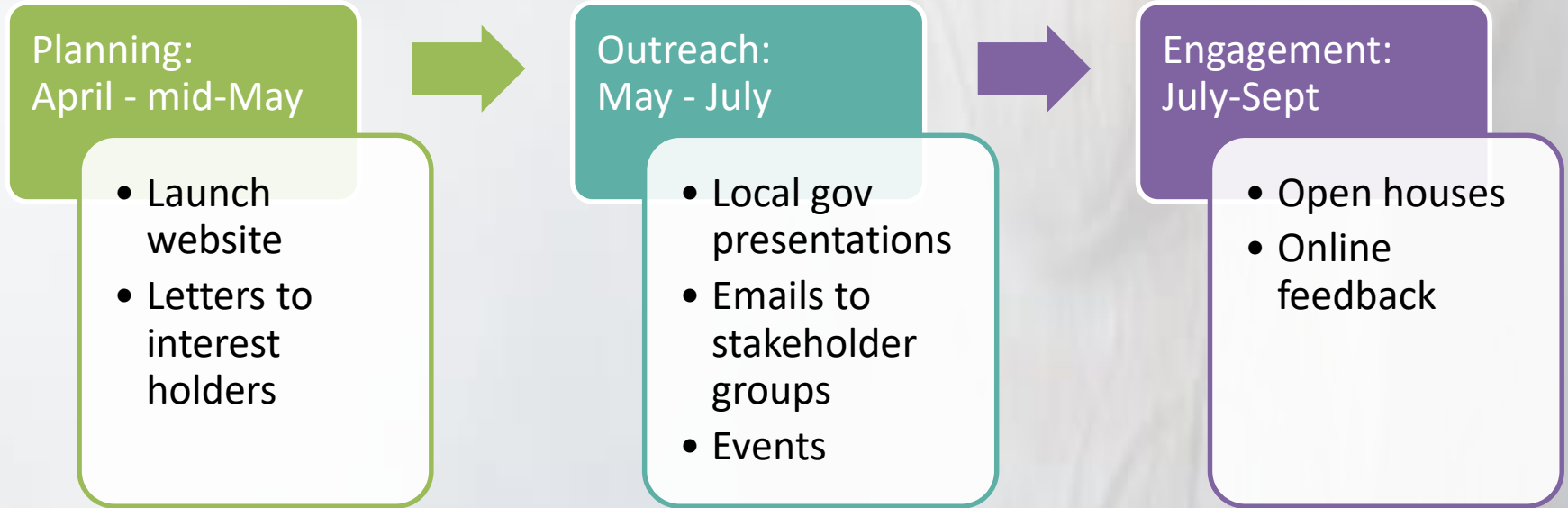
- Recognizes K'ómoks' right to self-govern and make laws (subject to limitations).
- K'ómoks may create laws when prepared to exercise authority, otherwise relevant federal and provincial laws apply.

# K'ómoks Law-Making Authorities

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- Lands and Resources
- Adoption
- Child protection services
- Aboriginal healers
- Health services
- Family and social services
- Marriage
- Childcare
- Language and Culture
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 education
- Post-Secondary education
- Culture and Heritage

# Public Engagement Prior to Offer



# Topics for Public Engagement

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- Public access to lands for recreation, foraging, etc.
- Water management
- Wildlife management
- Taxation
- Self-determination
- Private property access
- Heritage sites
- Arts & culture
- Public participation in Reconciliation

# Summary

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- Public engagement May to September 2022
- Closing Treaty offer in Fall 2022
- Initialling in 2023
- Ratification 2023-24
- Treaty coming into effect approx. 2026

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“ Reconciliation is not just words, reconciliation is action.”

- Premier John Horgan

“ Reconciliation is a societal imperative, requiring awareness, understanding, and participation from everyone.”

- BC Assembly of First Nations