



Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting Addendum

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9.1 LETTER DATED JUNE 9, 2016 FROM DAVID & LAURA SLIK

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Islands Trust
Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

Re: First Nations Territorial Acknowledgement

We would like to thank the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) for their acknowledgement at the beginning of this meeting that Lasqueti Island is part of the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers has prepared a comprehensive guide to territorial acknowledgement appropriate for each local region[1]. We have included a copy of the relevant section of this document for the reference by the trustees and staff.

Pursuant to these emerging protocols for acknowledgment, we would like to bring to your attention to the fact that the vast majority of the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations is not just traditional, but is also unceded. This is a critical distinction, because in modern English, the word "traditional" has unavoidable overtones of "historical" and "old-fashioned", which can perpetuate the historical erasure of First Nations' territorial integrity.

We believe that the City of Vancouver summarizes this best:

It is now a recognized protocol for guests to acknowledge the host nation, its people and its land. You may hear people, groups, or institutions say that they are on unceded land or thank their First Nation hosts. For example you may hear someone begin an event by saying "We would like to acknowledge the traditional unceded territory of the Coast Salish people."[2]

Consequently, we request that the LTC reach out to the appropriate staff within the Islands Trust, and to your contacts with the Coast Salish First Nations, in consideration of modifying your statement of acknowledgement to read:

"traditional **unceded** territory of the Coast Salish First Nations"

By making this change, you will be joining with many other entities, including the City of Vancouver[2], City of Richmond[3], University of British Columbia, and Vancouver School Board.

Sincerely,

David & Laura Slik

[1] <http://www.caut.ca/docs/default-source/professional-advice/list---territorial-acknowledgement-by-province.pdf?sfvrsn=12>

[2] <http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/First-Peoples-A-Guide-for-Newcomers.pdf>

[3] http://www.richmond.ca/___shared/assets/COSBmins_CNCL_10271439968.pdf

St. Mary's University (Calgary, AB) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Nakoda (Stoney), and Tsuut'ina.

British Columbia

University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoplesⁱ, including the territories of the x̱m̱əθkwəy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Sə́lilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

University of British Columbia, Okanagan (Kelowna, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) Peoples.

Camosun College (Victoria, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and territory of the Coast and Straits Salish peopleⁱⁱ. This university sits on the site of an old Lekwungen village. This region is covered by the Douglas Treaties.

Capilano University (North Vancouver, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoplesⁱⁱⁱ, including the territories of the x̱m̱əθkwəy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Sə́lilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

College of New Caledonia (Prince George, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh: (Klatelee Ten-eh).

The word Lheidli means “where the two rivers flow together” and T'enneh means “the people”.

College of the Rockies (Cranbrook, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Ktunaxa and Kinbasket peoples. Five First Nations bands are located in the regional boundary of the College. Four bands are Ktunaxa and one is Secwepemc (Shuswap). We are grateful to have the opportunity to work in in this territory.

Douglas College (New Westminster, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the QayQayt First Nation.

Emily Carr University of Art + Design (Vancouver, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples^{iv}, including the territories of the x̱m̱əθkwəy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Sə́lilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Stó:lō (people of the river).

Kwantlen Polytechnic (Surrey, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of Coast Salish peoples^v, specifically the Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo, and Tsawwassen First Nations.

Langara College (Vancouver, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples^{vi}, including the territories of the x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

University of Northern BC (Prince George, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh: (Klalee Ten-eh).

The word Lheidli means "where the two rivers flow together" and T'enneh means "the People".

Okanagan College (Kelowna, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) Peoples.

Royal Roads University (Victoria, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Coast and Straits Salish people^{vii}. This university sits on the site of an old Lekwungen village. This region is covered by the Douglas Treaties.

Selkirk College (Castlegar, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Ktunaxa, Okanagan, and Sinixt Peoples.

Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples^{viii}, specifically the shared traditional territories of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Tsleil-Waututh, and x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam) First Nations.

Thompson Rivers University (Kamloops, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Secwepemc (Shuswap) People, who today are a Nation made up of 17 bands.

University of Victoria (Victoria, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples^{ix}, specifically the Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ peoples and is in the territory covered by the Douglas Treaties.

Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo, BC) – We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the unceded traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples^x, specifically the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

ⁱ It should be noted that this is linguistic terminology, referring to the Coast Salish language *family*. This language *family* encompasses many First Nations whose traditional territory is found on Vancouver Island and in the United States.

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^{viii} See Endnote i.

It should also be noted that the SFU Surrey campus is located on and serves many First Nations local to that community. This includes the Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Qayqayt, and numerous Stó:lō Nations. Therefore, it is also appropriate to acknowledge the territory of the Coast Salish peoples when on the SFU Surrey campus.

^{ix} See Endnote i.

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