

Community Accord

This agreement made this 10th day of May 2003

Between: The Corporation of the District of Powell River

And: Sliammon First Nation

Whereas:

All residents of Powell River and Sliammon trace their origin to societies of different cultural traditions, beliefs and values, **and**

The residents of the Municipality and the members of Sliammon have created, or have had created on their behalf, distinct local governing institutions, **and**

Powell River and Sliammon deem recognition, understanding and reconciliation the foundation of their communities' common good. Paramount is the respect for and appreciation of each other's diverse backgrounds.

Article 1 - Mutual Recognition

- 1.1 Powell River recognizes Sliammon people as the original inhabitants of this land, acknowledges Sliammon's Traditional Territory, respects Sliammon's unresolved aboriginal rights and title to their traditional territories, inherent right for self-government and the legitimacy of the Chief and Council as the governing authority for the Sliammon First Nation and its membership.
- 1.2 Sliammon recognizes, acknowledges and respects Powell River as a duly and properly constituted municipal government established under the provisions of the Local Government Act and having all of the authority and responsibilities of a British Columbia municipality.

Sliammon and Powell River each have distinct authorities and responsibilities towards their members and residents and acknowledge that the interests of all persons living in the two communities are best served by working together in the spirit of cooperation.

Article 2 - Principles of Cooperation

- 2.1 The first principle of cooperation between Sliammon and Powell River shall be the mutual respect and recognition.
- 2.2 The second principle of cooperation shall be the reciprocal consideration of common ground and common interests in all dealings between the communities.

Article 3 - Maintenance of Relationship

- 3.1 The communities agree that Sliammon Chief and Council and Powell River Municipal Council will meet regularly to promote and encourage open and constructive dialogue.
- 3.2 The parties will form working groups, from time to time, to explore and initiate activities designed to facilitate economic diversification, to protect cultural heritage resources, to promote community growth, to increase investment and to generate employment.

Article 4 - Inclusion and Information of the Community at Large

From time to time joint meetings of the two governments shall be open to the public to inform, receive community input and feedback. Those meetings shall be co-chaired by two members of the governments respectively.

Article 5 - Dispute Resolution

- 5.1 Both governments are committed to open, frank, honest and straight forward interaction with each other in order to communicate effectively and avoid conflict.
- 5.2 Where a dispute between Sliammon and Powell River arises, either party may, at any time, call a special joint meeting to resolve the issue. Where the partners are unable to resolve a dispute, either party may request a dispute resolution workshop.

Article 6 - Living Document

- 6.1 This document is intended to be a living document, subject to change from time to time, to reflect the relationship between the parties.
- 6.2 Any changes to this document must be mutually agreed to by the parties.