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### LHEIDLI T'ENNEH PRESENTS TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PLAQUE TO CITY

**September 22, 2022**

Chief Dolleen Logan and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Council attended City Council's September 21st meeting to formally present the City of Prince George with a territorial acknowledgement plaque. The plaque represents a milestone step forward in Prince George's reconciliation efforts and will occupy a place of prominence at City Hall.

The plaque's text, etched in English and Dakelh, reads:

**"We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work, and play."**

"We have enjoyed a very positive relationship with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation for over 20 years," said Mayor Lyn Hall. "It's in the spirit of sincere commitment to the relationship that we offer this pledge to acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh."

Future City Council and Council Committee meetings will open with a land acknowledgement statement. City staff will also receive internal guidance on using the acknowledgement in email signatures and other forms of communication.

"The City's pledge sends a very positive signal," said Chief Dolleen Logan. "It says the City's relationship with our Nation is important. It says that our input into the growth and development of the city is valued."

The City of Prince George made significant strides over the last few years in its reconciliation efforts. Notable achievements include:

- Renaming Fort George Park to Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park in 2015.
- Permanently displaying the Lheidli T'enneh flag at City Hall and in Council Chambers.

- Signing the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Communication with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George.
- Opening the Lheidli T'enneh Pavilion in 2018.
- Including Dakelh language on Prince George's highway welcome signs and signs at the new Canfor Leisure Pool.
- Initiating the renaming of O'Grady Road.

## About Truth and Reconciliation in Prince George

The [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#), the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Call to Actions](#), and the City of Prince George's membership in the [Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities](#) guide the municipality's reconciliation work.

Council remains committed to acting on relevant calls to action established by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Council will also continue building relations with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and other urban indigenous organizations as outlined in its [2022-2024 Strategic Plan](#).