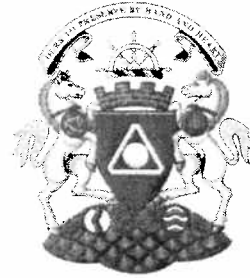




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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

TSAWWASSEN – Tsawwassen First Nation and The Corporation of Delta have signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for servicing of Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty Settlement Lands. The signing was witnessed by Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Minister Michael de Jong.

"As Tsawwassen First Nation works towards implementing our Treaty, we are creating innovations as we near the effective day of the first urban treaty in BC. A part of this process is strengthening and improving relationships with governments, including with our neighbouring municipality" said Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Kim Baird. "This MOA signifies goodwill between our communities which reflects the need to work together."

This MOA will serve as a framework upon which existing service agreements will be amended and extended and new service agreements will be developed for the provision of five new services: (1) drainage and irrigation; (2) dike maintenance; (3) flood management; (4) roads; and (5) parks, recreation, and library services.

"This agreement provides certainty for both governments, allowing The Corporation of Delta and Tsawwassen First Nation to secure our respective infrastructure and pursue future endeavors" says Delta's Mayor Lois E. Jackson. "It is truly a major step toward achieving a harmonious working relationship between two neighbouring local independent governments in British Columbia. I look forward to building upon this relationship in the years to come".

On October 9, 2008, Delta's Mayor Lois Jackson and Chief Baird met to review and discuss, with the assistance of a Provincial mediator, the terms of the final version of the MOA. Both parties and their respective Councils were supportive of the MOA. It is the intention that all of the service agreements will take effect on April 3, 2009 – the effective date of the TFN Treaty.

"The Province supports the growing relationship between the Tsawwassen First Nation and the Corporation of Delta," said Minister de Jong. "There is no question that using innovative and imaginative approaches to working together is contributing to success at the treaty table. This agreement is evidence of how strong leadership and relationship building can bring certainty and positive change to local governments and First Nations."

The Memorandum of Agreement is available on The Corporation of Delta's website - [www.corp.delta.bc.ca](http://www.corp.delta.bc.ca).

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