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To Sliammon Community Membership

Re: Completion of Treaty Negotiations

This letter is written to inform the Sliammon Community Membership that treaty negotiations on behalf of the Sliammon First Nation are now complete. On June 9, 2010 the Chief Negotiators for Sliammon, Canada and British Columbia reached a "Negotiator's Understanding."

The understanding means that the Chief Negotiators are now taking the Final Agreement back to their respective parties recommending ratification. The Sliammon community can expect an announcement in the very near future that sets out a formal, and very public, initialing of the Final Agreement. British Columbia and Canada are currently making their internal preparations for the initialing event. The date for the initialing has not yet been set, but is expected to take place in September of 2010.

The initialing will start a process in motion that will result in a community wide vote on the Final Agreement. The Sliammon community will determine whether, or not, the Final Agreement is accepted through a truly historic community vote.

A ratification team will be formed with representatives appointed from Sliammon, Canada, and British Columbia. The team will be responsible for setting the vote date, and selecting an electoral officer to officiate the vote.

The Sliammon Treaty Team is now shifting focus away from negotiations. The focus is now on "explaining" the content of the Final Agreement to the community. The Final Agreement is very complex, and a very generous period of time will be set aside to facilitate information sessions in preparation for the Final Agreement vote. Every Sliammon community member is encouraged to participate, and to ask questions about the Final Agreement. The decisions we make through our vote will shape our future for generations to come.

Sliammon community members who have not yet enrolled are strongly encouraged to enroll. Community members must be enrolled to participate in the vote. Community members who have already enrolled for the constitution vote will not need to enroll again.

The Sliammon Final Agreement is the end result of fourteen years of commitment, investment, and hard work. We wish to acknowledge each and everyone who have played a part in getting Sliammon to this very historic point.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and we look forward to the job of bringing the Final Agreement into Sliammon, and to your participation in the ratification process.

Sincerely,



Chief Councillor
Clint Williams



Chief Negotiator
Roy Francis