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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Special Task Force on First Nations Engagement
Held February 25, 2015 in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

PRESENT: Directors: M. Alto (Chair), M. Tait, R. Windsor, N. Jensen (Board Chair, ex-Officio)

Staff: S. Hallatt, E. Nahser-Ringer (recorder)

Also present:

ABSENT: Director:

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by consensus of the committee.

2. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomes committee members to inaugural meeting and is very pleased that this committee is finally coming together. The Chair looks forward to the important work ahead that the committee will be undertaking.

3. Roundtable, Expectations of Task Force

The Committee discussed expectations as followed:

- To seek true partnerships
- Goal of building bridges and building community
- Sincerity and openness are key to the conversations with First Nations

4. Task Force Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference will be circulated to committee members at a future meeting.

5. Overview of Engagement Approaches

The Committee discussed potential engagement opportunities such as:

- a. Te'mexw workshop March 20th
 - The Committee will possibly organize a Task Force presentation at the workshop
- b. Correspondence to First Nations
 - Letter to be sent out in advance to First Nations, followed by meetings
- c. Face to Face conversations and events
 - The Task Force will consider, on a case by case basis, inclusion of municipal or Electoral Area representatives at the meetings.
 - The Task Force would like to join already existing community events wherever possible.

6. Resources

Binders were distributed to Task Force Members that included background information on regional First Nations, maps and contact info.

7. Task Force Management

The Aboriginal Initiatives office will coordinate correspondence and organize meetings for Committee members. The Information will be distributed to all 3 committee members and the Board Chair. Work will be given out from the committee to staff on a group consensus basis.

8. Scheduling and Timelines

The Task Force will aim to meet on Wednesdays after Board meetings with a check-in by committee members to assess whether a meeting is necessary.

9. New Business

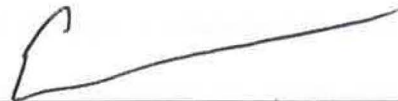
Interactions with other process and jurisdictions will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm



CHAIR



COMMITTEE CLERK