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## Minutes of the SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 12:00pm

Room 388, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

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**Present:** M. Alto, M. Tait, B. Desjardins (ed-officio)

**Regrets:** R. Windsor

**Staff:** S. Hallatt, E. Nahser-Ringer

1. Chairs Remarks – none at this time
2. May minutes approved
3. Roundtable – no updates at this time
4. WSANEC Leadership Committee (WLC) follow-up

Debrief on the rest of the meeting was shared with Directors. Discussion notes of the meeting are available for Task Force members who may wish to see it. Staff were directed to write the WLC thanking them for the meeting and inviting a secondary meeting September 22<sup>nd</sup> or October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It remains an interest to have politicians speak to politicians in the morning with staff holding the afternoon meetings.

5. First Nations Relations Division Update

Additional person hired to support the office. Internal focus for Tara with an external focus for Erich. This will start the discussion of what the FNRD office will look like after 2018. This led into a larger discussions of how First Nations can be involved in decision making in the region more generally. The Task Force wishes to begin these conversations on the structure of the FNRD in January of 2018.

6. Committee of the Whole / All Chiefs Meeting November 2017

November CoW is the budget meeting, instead look to a spring meeting with all of the Chiefs. Further conversations needed as to what these meetings look like. The Task Force does have an interest in a Spring Forum of Councils on the responsibilities of municipalities towards the Douglas Treaties.

7. UBCM

Application for workshop idea not approved by UBCM organizing committee. The Task Force directed staff to reach out to Scott Fraser, David Eby and Adam Olsen to request a joint meeting regarding an update on Task Force activities and to discuss mutual interests.

8. Songhees Presentation to CRD Board
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Songhees has asked to present their strategic plan to the CRD Board on Sep 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Director Alto asked to introduce them at their presentation.

9. Quarterly report

Director Alto provided comment on the Quarterly report. Staff asked to follow up on  
Committee meetings pdf list.

**Next meeting to take place on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12pm**



**Task Force Chair, Director Alto**



**Clerk, Erich Nahser-Ringer**