

SXTA Community Press Release – November 8, 2017

SXTA Reaches Major Treaty Milestone on the Road to Self-Government.

The SXTA (*Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association*) leadership has approved the Land/Capital Transfer, a crucial piece of the Agreement in Principle with the Province of British Columbia and Canada. The SXTA leadership will be going out to our communities starting with an All-SXTA Membership Information Gathering on November 22, 2017 at Tzeachten Community Centre, 5:30pm (dinner included) and continuing over the coming months to outline what the Land/Capital Transfer is and what it means for us in the context of completing Treaty negotiations and achieving self-government.

The decision to approve the Land/Capital Transfer accelerates the Treaty process. Chief Terry Horne, Political Advisor for the Treaty Negotiating Team (TNT) stated, “This is a big step forward. We have been working towards realizing our shared goals for over two decades. While we have a lot of work ahead of us, our path to self-government and a bright future for all our members is beginning to emerge.”

The SXTA has been waiting for this piece of the Agreement in Principle to be completed since submitting the proposal back in November 2013 following community engagement sessions over the past number of years.

With input from our membership, the SXTA leadership will vote on the Agreement in Principle sometime in the next year. This will pave the way to the preparation of our Constitution and Treaty. The process of Treaty negotiation will conclude with legally binding vote by the membership on whether to accept the Treaty or not.

We look forward to engaging our membership in the coming weeks, months and years in preparation for an informed vote on our Treaty.