



PROTOCOL AGREEMENT

Between the Yuutu?it?ath Government and the District of Ucluelet

This Protocol Agreement is made between the Yuutu?it?ath Government and the District of Ucluelet, collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party.”

1. Preamble

The Parties recognize their longstanding relationship as neighbouring governments with shared interests in the Ucluelet Peninsula and surrounding area. This Protocol affirms their commitment to strengthening an enduring government-to-government relationship founded on mutual respect, collaboration, and open communication.

The Parties acknowledge the Yuutu?it?ath Government as a self-governing Modern Treaty Nation exercising authorities under the Maa-nulth Final Agreement. The Parties further recognize that strong relationships, respect for one another’s jurisdictions, and meaningful collaboration contribute to healthy communities, responsible stewardship, and shared prosperity.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Protocol is to establish a respectful, collaborative, and enduring government-to-government relationship between the Parties. Through this Protocol, the Parties agree to work together in good faith to strengthen relationships, advance shared priorities, and improve outcomes for their respective communities.

3. Guiding Principles

The Parties agree that their relationship and work under this Protocol will be guided by the following principles:

- ?iisaak - Respect for all things: The Parties will treat one another with respect and recognize each other’s governments, histories, cultures, jurisdictions, and responsibilities.
- hišuk?iš čawaak - Everything is one; everything is interconnected: The Parties recognize that healthy communities, lands, waters, cultures, and economies are interconnected, and that collaboration benefits both communities.

- Puuʔaʔuk - To take care of; to look after: The Parties will care for their relationship through open communication, mutual support, and collaborative problem-solving for present and future generations.

4. Commitments to Working Together

In implementing this Protocol, the Parties will make reasonable efforts to:

- recognize and respect each Party's governance, jurisdiction, and decision-making authority;
- communicate openly, honestly, and early on matters of mutual interest;
- maintain a "no surprises" approach whenever reasonably possible;
- collaborate in good faith to identify practical solutions to shared opportunities and challenges;
- support relationship-building among elected officials, senior administration, staff, and community members; and
- respect cultural traditions, histories, and perspectives.

5. Communication and Meetings

To support the effective implementation of this Protocol, the Parties agree as follows:

- The President of the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government and the Mayor of the District of Ucluelet will maintain regular communication, as appropriate.
- That the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government and District Council meet at least twice a year as a for a formal meeting and dinner together.
- The Chief Administrative Officer of the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government and the Chief Administrative Officer of the District of Ucluelet will serve as the administrative leads for implementing this Protocol.
- The senior management teams of both organizations will meet at least quarterly, with meetings alternating between communities where practical.
- Additional meetings may be convened as required to discuss emerging issues, opportunities, or shared priorities.

6. Implementation

This Protocol is intended to guide the ongoing relationship between the Parties. The Parties may establish joint work plans, working groups, or collaborative initiatives from time to time to advance shared priorities and support implementation.

Each Party will identify appropriate representatives to participate in discussions, meetings, and initiatives arising under this Protocol. The Parties will share relevant information in a timely

manner, subject to applicable laws, confidentiality requirements, and each Party's internal policies and procedures.

7. Nature of the Protocol

This Protocol is a statement of the Parties' shared intentions and commitments. It is not intended to create legally binding obligations and does not alter, limit, or prejudice the legal authorities, rights, responsibilities, or jurisdiction of either Party.

8. Review and Amendment

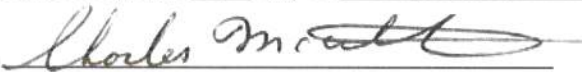
The Parties will review this Protocol every three years, or sooner by mutual agreement, to ensure it continues to reflect their shared objectives. This Protocol may be amended only by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

9. Execution

This Protocol takes effect upon being signed by a duly authorized representative from each of the parties.

For the Yuułu?it?ath Government

DATED on this 2nd day of September, 2026.



President



Chief Administrative Officer

For the District of Ucluelet

DATED on this 9th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer