



STÓ:LŌ XWEXWILMEXW TREATY ASSOCIATION

TREATY PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the treaty is to move the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw into a new nation-to-nation, government-to-government relationship based on the following principles:

CORNERSTONES

1. Stó:lō Aboriginal rights and title form the basis of the treaty. Those rights and title will not be extinguished. ✓
2. The Treaty will be adaptable, renewable and changeable over time and will not be a full and final settlement. ✓
3. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will be incorporated into our Treaty. ✓
4. (a) Past loans for negotiating Treaty, will be forgiven. ✓
(b) As of 2018, all further negotiations will be loan free. ✓

SELF-RELIANCE

5. We will add a minimum of 24,463.43 acres of land, to our existing land, for which we will have full control and lawmaking powers. Nothing will happen on those lands without our full consent. ✓
6. (a) \$150 million, as a minimum, will be transferred to us as a lump sum payment. ✓
(b) There will also be a land acquisition fund, additional annual transfer payments for programs and services, and funding for self-government.

SELF-GOVERNANCE

7. We will govern ourselves under our own Shxwelméxwelh (Constitution) and laws through our National and Village governments. We will no longer be governed by the Indian Act. ✓
8. All existing benefits (e.g. health, social security, and pensions) will continue. We will have law-making authority over health and social services, including children and families. ✓

9. **Taxes: For our members:**

- i. We will retain existing tax exemptions.
- ii. Members will not pay property tax on treaty lands.

Taxes paid by others:

- iii. Income tax ✓ and property tax paid by non-members on Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw lands will come back to our government.
 - iv. Goods and Services Tax (GST) paid at businesses on Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw lands will come back to our government. ✓
10. We will maintain control over our own membership. Villages that have established their own membership codes will maintain control of those codes. Registration of status will continue if you are eligible. ✓

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

11. We will enhance our Halq'eméylem language, and protect our Stó:lō culture and heritage, including spiritual sites, and access for practices. ✓
12. (a) We will maintain and enhance hunting, fishing, and gathering rights, and
(b) will have shared decision-making over the use of land resources, including revenue-sharing, outside of treaty lands and within S'ólh Téméxw.
13. We will protect our right to fish, our fishing sites, access to our fishing sites, fish habitat, and our fishing traditions.

FUTURE GENERATIONS

14. Our Treaty will be a living tree for our Tomíyeqw. ✓

¹All items with a ✓ already have been negotiated and agreed upon by Canada, British Columbia, and the SXTA as of May 2019.