



PRESS RELEASE

Homalco Nation hosts Tsilhqot'in Nation in Ceremonial Visit

Bute Inlet, BC (September 16, 2016): Hosting a historic visit, the Homalco Nation met with the Tsilhqot'in Nation leadership and delegates in Bute Inlet as an initial step in renewing a traditional trading relationship between nations. Witnessed by youth and elders of both Nations, the purpose of the visit was to build relations and discuss potential economic partnerships.

Both Nations agree that we must find ways to merge our traditional economic systems, values and beliefs with today's economic world. A first step in this is having a solid foundation of trust and mutual respect in all projects we pursue.

Quotes:

Chief Roger William, Vice-Chair Tsilhqot'in National Government and Chief of Xenigwet'in First Nation

"Building unity amongst our neighbours has always been a priority. The opportunity to develop relations in connection to economic opportunities is very important to us. Not only do we as Tsilhqot'in people want to be a part of the provincial and Canadian economy, we also want to be the drivers of any opportunity that comes into our territory. Consent is built through joint partnership and collaboration around common goals. Our mission will always be to protect our land for the current and future generations."

Chief MaryAnn Enevoldsen, Chief of Homalco Nation

"It is a great honour for the Homalco Nation to host representatives from the Tsilhqot'in National Government and their six communities. Our common ancestry compels us to work together, as we once did. Our hope is that this new relationship will grow, that our people will prosper, and our kinship will prove us to be indivisible as a people. The resources within our shared territory provide us with great potential, but it is by working together that we will both realize our economic goals. Emote."

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