

# Governance

## TLA'AMIN GOVERNANCE

The Tla'amin Final Agreement operates within the framework of the *Constitution of Canada*, and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* apply to the Tla'amin government.

With the exception of determining Indian status, after a transition period, the *Indian Act* will no longer apply to Tla'amin Nation, its Lands or Citizens. Instead, constitutionally-protected self-government provisions enable Tla'amin Nation to make its own decisions about matters related to its culture, the exercise of its treaty rights and the operation of its government.

## LAW-MAKING POWERS

The Final Agreement contains law-making powers for matters related to lands, resources,

and other areas of governance. Tla'amin Nation areas of authority include the delivery of health services, education, land management and public works.

Federal and provincial laws apply on Tla'amin Lands. In matters where Tla'amin Nation has law-making authority, the Final Agreement sets out which law prevails if a Tla'amin Law conflicts with a federal or provincial law.

In areas related to internal matters, Tla'amin Laws will have priority over conflicting federal and provincial laws. Examples include government administration, governance of Tla'amin Lands, Tla'amin Nation assets on these lands, and Tla'amin citizenship. In other areas, federal and provincial laws will prevail over Tla'amin Laws to

the extent of any conflict.

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Tla'amin Lands form part of the Powell River Regional Hospital District and Tla'amin Nation will appoint an elected member of Tla'amin Government to sit as a director on the board. Tla'amin Lands do not form part of any municipality or electoral area, and do not form part of any regional district.

Tla'amin is responsible for managing its intergovernmental relations with local governments, and may enter into agreements with local governments for the provision and delivery of services.

## NON-MEMBER REPRESENTATION

Residents on Tla'amin

Lands who are not Tla'amin Citizens may participate in decision-making processes of a Tla'amin public institution, such as a school or health board, if the activities of that institution directly affect them.

The Tla'amin Government will establish a process for consultation and public involvement in land use and development planning as set out in its Constitution.

## CULTURE AND HERITAGE

The Tla'amin Government may make laws applicable on Tla'amin Lands regarding the preservation, promotion and development, and teaching of Tla'amin culture and language. It may also make laws on the conservation, protection and management of cultural heritage sites on Tla'amin Lands.

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