



**Tla'amin Nation**  
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## **Tla'amin Nation and Powell River Energy Take Step Toward Reconciliation with MOU**

**February 27, 2023 – ƛišosəm, qathet Regional District** – The ƛaʔamin Nation (Tla'amin) and Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI, an entity forming part of the Evolugen group) have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to enhance collaboration and communication, and advance innovative and mutually beneficial activities in the Tla'amin Territory.

In 2013, PREI acquired full ownership of the hydroelectric facilities on the mill site in the Tla'amin territory. The MOU recognizes Tla'amin Nation's historical and contemporary connection to the tiskʷat mill site and surrounding lands, and commits the parties to constructive dialogue to explore mutually-beneficial land and resource management opportunities.

Through signing and implementation of the MOU, the parties agree to work together to explore opportunities related to stewardship of Tla'amin territory as well as training and cultural awareness activities, community benefits, and economic development, among other objectives.

"Our new relationship with Powell River Energy is a powerful demonstration of reconciliation in action," said Tla'amin Nation Hegus John Hackett. "The recognition of Tla'amin's deep connection to the tiskʷat site and surrounding lands and resources plays an important role in restoring our Nation's rightful place and decision-making role in our territory. We look forward to working together to implement the MOU commitments in collaboration with our new partner."

"Powell River Energy is pleased to sign this MOU recognizing our unique relationship with the Tla'amin Nation," said Josee Guibord, CEO of Powell River Energy Inc. "This MOU is a tangible demonstration of our commitment to working collaboratively with the Tla'amin on mutually-beneficial initiatives and is part of our journey on a path of reconciliation."

### **About Tla'amin Nation**

The Tla'amin Nation is a modern treaty First Nation government located in the qathet Regional District, in the northern Salish Sea. The Tla'amin Nation has a rich heritage that stretches back since time immemorial and is guided by its ta'ow (teachings) enshrined in its Constitution and governance structure.

### **About Powell River Energy Inc.**

Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI, an entity forming part of the Evolugen group) owns and operates two hydropower facilities, located on Lois Lake and Powell Lake. Together, these two dams generate 75 megawatts of capacity, which is equivalent to powering 65,360 homes annually. We are a proud owner, operator and developer which strives to lead Canada's clean energy transition through creative renewable energy solutions that reflect our dedication to operating sustainably and collaboratively with our communities and partners.

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