

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC)

and

North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)

and

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) confirms the terms for mutual cooperation and understanding between the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition, the North Central Local Government Association and the Northern Development Initiative Trust.

Background

1. The area served by each of the parties overlaps the regional districts of Bulkley Nechako and Fraser Fort George, including all member communities.
2. Each of the parties has a different but complementary mandate in regard to promoting and achieving community aspirations and interests within the shared geographic area.
3. Each of the parties includes communities and local government leaders in their governance and advisory processes.
4. There is cross-over in the membership of the parties' boards and advisory committees.
5. It is in the interest of the parties, the communities they serve, and the province that the parties be mutually informed.
6. There is a mutual benefit to coordination of activities, to the extent practicable.

Purpose

This MOU sets out common objectives and specific measures that the parties agree to undertake in order to work collaboratively on activities of mutual interest.

Objectives

1. The parties have open lines of communication and are aware of each others' current priorities and significant activities on an ongoing basis.

2. Within their respective roles and mandates, the parties' efforts are coordinated and mutually supportive on matters of common interest.
3. The Province and other stakeholders benefit from, and are aware of the parties' complementary roles and cooperation.

Measures

1. Board representatives and senior staff will meet at least three times per year to informally discuss trends, challenges, opportunities and priorities for the region.
2. The parties will encourage cross-over members to share appropriate information regularly, and especially in during the development of plans and priorities for each organization.
3. The parties will proactively exchange key strategic planning documents and initiatives.
4. Each party may invite the others to an annual meeting to provide an update to members.
5. Subject to limitations for purposes of confidentiality, upon request, the parties will share documents that are relevant to this MOU.
6. The parties may share resources to advance a matter or project of common interest.
7. The parties may, from time to time, communicate jointly to the media or stakeholders.

Funding

This MOU is not a commitment of funds.

Bilateral Relationships

Nothing in this MOU prevents the parties from bilateral communication or cooperation.

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from each organization. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent.

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APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY OF ROLES

OBAC	NCLGA	NDIT
Geographic area: Regional District Bulkley Nechako and Fraser Fort George	Geographic area: 100 Mile House to the Yukon border and Haida Gwaii to the Alberta border	Geographic area: Lytton to Fort Nelson and Valemount to Haida Gwaii
Membership: Municipalities and regional districts represented by mayors and chairs	Membership: Representatives appointed by member local governments	Membership: Government appointees from across the region, including local government leaders representing regional advisory committees
Origin / Core Mandate: In response to the community impacts of the mountain pine beetle epidemic, provide unified, cross-regional leadership.	Origin / Core Mandate: Advocacy body for local government officials. Address emerging and shared issues in member communities.	Origin / Core Mandate: Established under provincial legislation to foster economic development and job creation in central and northern BC.
Primary functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop, maintain and champion technically sound sector strategies for the region. • Provide advice to senior government on matters of regional priority. • Work with others to address regional priorities through small “seed” project investments. 	Primary functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and promote resolutions that address community needs. • Advocate directly for community interests. • Work with similar regional associations to promote common interests. 	Primary functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial investment in 10 primary activities identified by legislation. • Stimulate economic growth through strategic and leveraged investments. • Build economic capacity in the region. • Maintain a perpetual trust to meet the needs of the region.
<i>Plans and Priorities</i>	<i>Advocacy</i>	<i>Investment</i>
		