

January 19, 2022

# **COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND**

**AND**

**SQUAMISH NATION**

**AND**

**TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION**

**AND**

**LIL'WAT NATION**

**AND INVITEE**

**CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**

**AND INVITEE**

**CANADIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE**

**AND INVITEE**

**CITY OF VANCOUVER**

**AND INVITEE**

**RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER**

(each a "Party" and collectively known as the "Parties")

## **OUTLINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES**

### **BACKGROUND**

- As the Title holders of the regions, Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Lil'wat Nations (The Nations) have expressed interest in exploring the impacts and benefits of hosting the 2030 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games and exploring a potential formal bid with the Canadian Olympic Committee ("COC") and Canadian Paralympic Committee ("CPC").
- The Municipality of Vancouver ("Vancouver") and the Resort Municipality of Whistler ("Whistler") as 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games co-host cities were invited by The Nations to participate in exploratory discussions regarding a potential formal bid with the COC and CPC.
- As a result, on December 10, 2021 The Nations and Vancouver and Whistler signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to support exploratory discussions for a potential 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.
- The COC and CPC identified British Columbia and 2030 as a preferred site and date for a future Games in Canada.
- In September 2021, Tricia Smith, President of the COC, sought permission from The Nations to conduct business on their respective unceded Territories in order to work on a feasibility study for a potential 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in British Columbia (Games).
- As a result, The Nations have invited the COC and the CPC to engage in exploratory discussions regarding a potential Games.
- This Collaboration Agreement has been proposed to guide the work of the Parties, with respect to the preparation of a feasibility assessment (Feasibility Assessment) and development of an initial hosting concept for a Games (Initial Concept) that can be used to assess the merits and support the assessment of a potential bid for a Games.
- This process respects and supports the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action 91, the Province of British Columbia's legislation the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act

(DRIPA), and Federal government of Canada's legislation the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDRIP).

## **WORKING TOGETHER**

This CA is intended to provide an agreement among the Parties to further collaborate with respect to the Feasibility Assessment and preparation and development of the Initial Concept. As an initial order of business, a Terms of Reference (TOR) will be developed to guide the working relationship between the Parties going forward.

## **ROLES OF COC AND CPC**

The COC, as the franchise holder for the Olympic Movement in Canada under the Olympic Charter, holds the authority to propose an Olympic and Paralympic Games bid to the International Olympic Committee (IOC). In partnership with the CPC, the COC has been in discussion with the IOC as an *Interested Party* as part of their Future Host Selection process, and has expressed interest regarding the potential to host a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Canada.

The COC and CPC will continue to progress discussions with the IOC as part of their Future Host Selection process, including entry, on behalf of the Parties, into the non-committal Continuous Dialogue phase with the IOC regarding the potential to host the Games.

The COC will continue its management and funding of the technical and sport related elements during the Feasibility Assessment and Initial Concept development. This includes core staffing, leadership related to the IOC sport and venue requirements and other matters related to the major sport event bidding process in Canada.

## **ALL PARTIES**

All Parties will work to respect and support the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action 91, the Province of British Columbia's legislation the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA), and federal government of Canada's legislation the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDRIP).

## **NATURE AND SCOPE OF COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**

It is understood and agreed that participation under this CA will not bind any Party to participate and/or support any further phases beyond Feasibility Assessment and Initial Concept development, unless extended by agreement among all Parties.

This document does not create a legal obligation between the Parties but does create expectations for best efforts by all Parties in the performance of their respective roles and duties, described herein. The relationship between the Parties is not, and will not be, that of partners, joint ventures or any other such legal entity or relationship and no Party will be able to bind or be responsible for the obligations or liabilities of any other Party. Each Party will be responsible for its own costs in putting in place this CA and carrying out its roles thereunder.

Each Party undertakes and accepts to keep all confidential information provided by another Party, confidential at all times and not to disclose it, wholly or in part, or make use of it, other than as required for the purposes of this CA, without the prior written consent from the owner.

Nothing in this CA will abrogate or derogate from any right or claim that The Nations may have in relation to their respective indigenous rights or title, or reserve-based rights.

Additional parties may be added to this CA as agreed to by the Parties, by way of amendment. Except as otherwise provided, this CA may only be amended by agreement in writing by the Parties to this document.

**TO BE SIGNED BY:**

LIL'WAT NATION/CHIEF DEAN NELSON



MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND/CHIEF WAYNE SPARROW



SQUAMISH NATION/CHAIRPERSON KHELSELEM



TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION/CHIEF JENNIFER THOMAS



CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (COC)/PRESIDENT TRICIA SMITH



CANADIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (CPC)/ PRESIDENT MARC-ANDRÉ FABIEN



THE CITY OF VANCOUVER/MAYOR KENNEDY STEWART



THE RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER/MAYOR JACK CROMPTON

