

PROPOSED TSAA NUNA CONSERVANCY – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

Ref	Sector	Submission Type	Submission Date	Subject	Concern	Impact (H-M-L) ¹	Mitigation
1	Resident	Email	18 Apr 2018	Wildlife management, FN reconciliation	The submitter feels that there are more appropriate ways to enhance moose and caribou populations than by developing agreements with FN, and that all Canadians should be treated equally in terms of hunting regulations.	L	The purpose behind some of the measures within the G2G Agreement was clarified by MIRR at the open house. MIRR representatives also took time to explain treaty and other legal rights held by First Nations. These matters were also addressed in the written response provided by the Province following the open house.
2	Resident	Email	19 Apr 2018	Map	Sought map of the area	L	Provided digital version of the map, distributed maps at open house to residents.
3	Recreation	Email	19 Apr 2018	Recreation	Sought clarification on whether the designation would affect recreational access to the river.	L	Provided written response that there would be no access restrictions for recreational users of the river.
4	Resident	Email	21 Apr 2018	FN reconciliation and process	The submission sought clarification on the implications for landowners and stakeholders, the potential effects on moose, and clarity on the process for designating the land.	M	These concerns were discussed at the open house and through the subsequent written response provided to the attendees.
5	Resident/stakeholder	Email/letter	25 Apr 2018	Park management, industrial activities, access, FN reconciliation	The submission sought clarification on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The management authority for the conservancy and the G2G agreement; • The impact of displaced industrial activities; • Access to the conservancy; • Park management (buffer zones); and 	M	The matters raised were addressed through dialogue at the open house and through the subsequent written response provided to the attendees.

¹ Low impact (L) is administrative or requires further information, medium impact (M) is a more significant issue, but is able to be mitigated, and a high impact (H) represents a significant issue to the Province, which may not be easily mitigated.

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various components of the G2G Agreement. 		
6	Residents, advocates and Local Government	Open house	25 Apr 2018	Engagement, FN reconciliation	The group raised concerns that there had been insufficient engagement with residents and stakeholders, in particular the group was just finding out about the G2G Agreement and the components of that agreement.	M	MIRR had undertaken extensive engagement on the G2G Agreement, key stakeholder groups, recreation groups, industry associations and local government were all provided with information on the agreement before it was finalized through meetings, information packages, information sessions, and presentations. For the conservancy, it was made clear that the engagement was just starting and the Province welcomed their input. The engagement process was developed to provide a variety of methods of engagement to ensure that all parties had an opportunity to participate.
7	Residents, advocates and Local Government	Open house	25 Apr 2018	Access	The group was concerned that their access within the proposed conservancy may be restricted.	M	It was explained that there was no intention to limit public access to the conservancy. It was confirmed that at no time would there be access restrictions in the river, given the navigational safety issues associated with that. A park management planning process would be undertaken, to determine the precise management provisions for the conservancy, which <u>may</u> include delineating restricted areas for a number of purposes, but the any concerns from the public and/or stakeholders would be considered in that process.
8	Residents	Open house	25 Apr 2018	Access	Residents were concerned that incorrect signage results in increased nuisance for neighbours and that traffic may increase as a result of a new conservancy.	M	It was explained that if there was incorrect or inaccurate signage that BC Parks would be happy to correct. Details on how to launch an investigation into the sign with BC Parks were provided in the written response.
9	Residents, advocates and Local Government	Open house	25 Apr 2018	Boundary, FN reconciliation	Various parties at the open house wanted to know how the area was selected.	L	It was explained that the proposed conservancy incorporated an area that has long been identified as significant to HRFN. It is part of a broader area referred to as CP212 that HRFN fought and were successful in court to have protected. Since that court decision, there have been protective mechanisms over this land, as such enhancing the natural values.
10	Residents.	Open house	25 Apr 2018	Industrial activities	Concerns were expressed that a new conservancy would push industrial activities to the surrounding properties.	M	In the event that directional drilling is proposed to originate from private lands, those landowners would be consulted
11	Residents, advocates and Local Government	Open house	25 Apr 2018	Park management	There were concerns that BC Parks did not have the capacity to undertake park management planning in a timely manner.	L	Within any agency or organization there are budgetary constraints resulting in limitations on what work can be achieved. BC Parks will add additional staffing as resources become available, and in the meantime, prioritize their work to ensure the most important duties are performed. BC Parks has recently hired a park planner for the Northeast region. Generally,

							management plans are completed within 2 – 5 years of the establishment of the designation.
12	Residents, advocates and Local Government	Open house	25 Apr 2018	FN reconciliation	Parties were frustrated with the way that the government is approaching reconciliation with First Nations, and felt the current approach is worsening the situation.	M	The Province is committed to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and one tool used to support reconciliation efforts are agreements. It is understood that it will take some time to achieve reconciliation, and some tension results from the changes along the way, but the end result would be a more unified population and more appropriate management of natural resources.
13	Residents.	Open house	25 Apr 2018	FN reconciliation (G2G Agreement)	Landowners and land interest holders were concerned with the implications of the “identified areas” (See Part 8 of the G2G Agreement)	M	It was confirmed that the G2G Agreement does not apply to private land and that impacts to existing tenures is not anticipated as a result of implementing the G2G Agreement. Any proposed changes to the land management in the identified areas would be subject to stakeholder engagement.
14	Residents/stakeholders	Open house	25 Apr 2018	Grazing Tenures	Some of the residents hold grazing tenures over land adjacent to the proposed conservancy, and those parties were concerned with the effect the conservancy may have on their tenure.	L	The Province will continue to make decisions regarding existing Range Agreements and Range Use Plans in surrounding areas in the same manner.
15	Resident	Email	3 May 2018	FN reconciliation	Noted concerns regarding wildlife management, and in particular hunting regulations. The submitter notes that all Canadians should have the same hunting regulations.	L	These concerns were discussed at the open house, and MIRR provided some clarification of the Treaty and some of the obligations of the Crown.
16	Resident	Email/letter	4 May 2018	Engagement, FN reconciliation	The submission raised concerns regarding the G2G Agreement, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement and input; • Uncertainty around the “identified areas”; and • Uncertainty around the impacts to private land owners and their interests. 	M	Concerns addressed by written response and at the community meeting. The group will be represented on an on-going basis in the new stakeholder forum.
17	Local Government	Email/letter	25 May 2018	Engagement, park management	The submission sought that further engagement is undertaken with the local residents and that a management plan be developed for the conservancy.	M	The Province provided for engagement with the local residents, including notification letters, the open house, a further written response, community meeting, and responded to all written submissions or queries.
18	Advocate	Email	5 July 2018	Access, compliance and	The submission seeks further clarification regarding public access within the	M	A written response was provided explaining that the Province has no intention of limiting public access within the conservancy and that the

				enforcement, grazing tenures, engagement.	conservancy, that an investigation is launched into the alleged locked gate within the Conservancy, and clarification of any potential effects on existing grazing tenures. The submission also notes that a further meeting with residents is considered appropriate.		locked gate was under investigation by the appropriate FLNR compliance staff. A further meeting was held on September 4, 2018 and the Upper Halfway Community Hall.
19	Local Government	Email	5 July 2018	Engagement, park designations, access.	The submitter considers that further meetings are required to provide further clarification of the questions and answers provided, seeks further information on the park designation and clarification regarding public access within the conservancy.	L	A written response was provided that offered further information and clarified these concerns/questions as much as possible.
20	Local Government	Email	16 July 2018	Park management, engagement, access, future land management processes, process.	The submission sought further information on compliance and enforcement within the proposed conservancy, seeks further meetings, notes that the Q&A document is unnecessarily vague regarding public access, the jurisdiction over the river, and mitigation for the concerns of local residents,	L	A written response was provided that offered further information and clarified these concerns/questions as much as possible.