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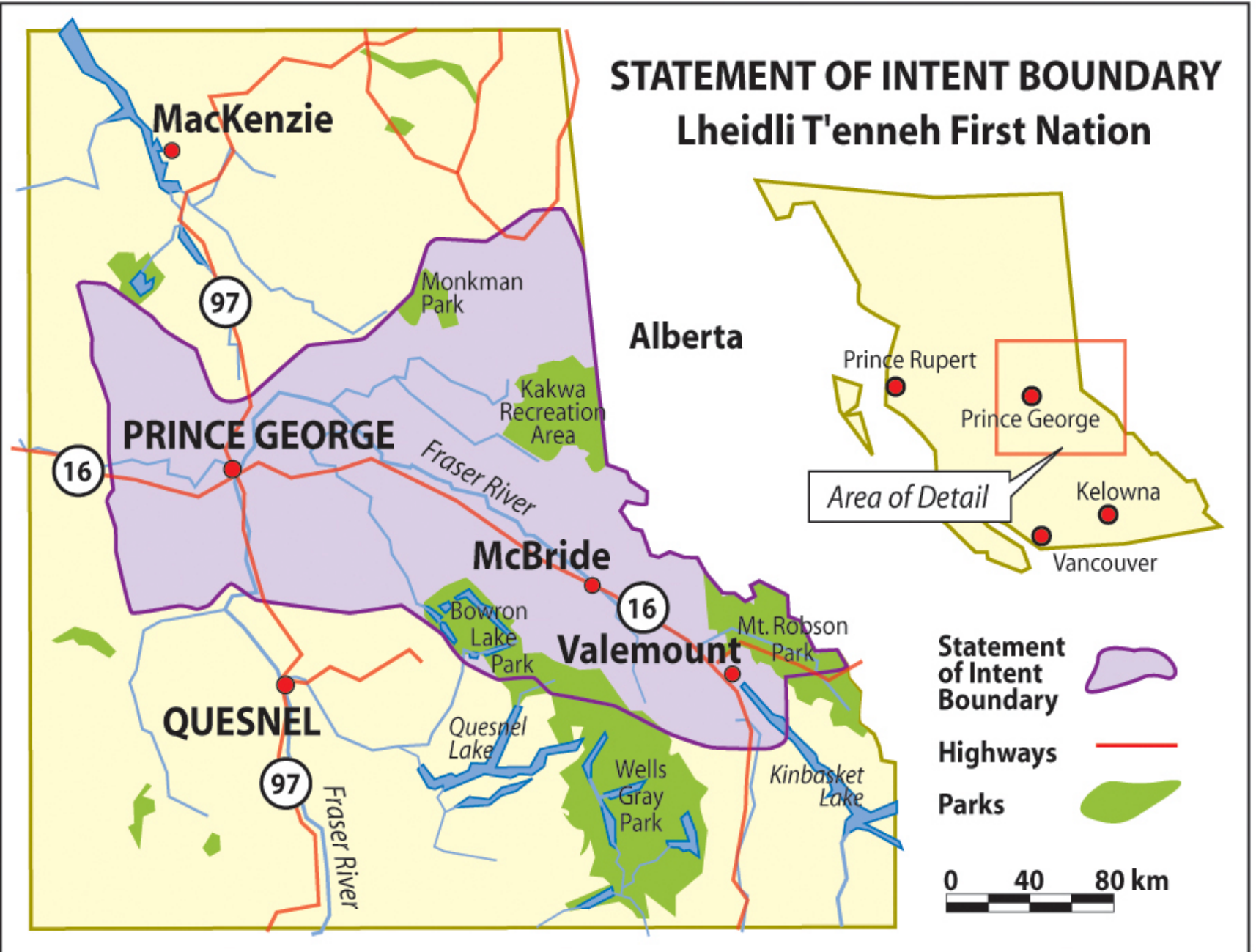
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LHEIDLI T'ENNEH AGREEMENT-IN-PRINCIPLE

PRESENTATION TO OPEN CABINET

June 25, 2003

STATEMENT OF INTENT BOUNDARY Lheidli T'enneh First Nation





In the Carrier language, "Lheidli T'enneh" means "people from where the rivers meet" referring to the confluence of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers

Josie Paul speaking to Clarence John during a Lheidli T'enneh Traditional Use Study

Geography and Demographics

- **Population:** 304
- **Traditional Territory:** 4.5 million ha. or 4.8% of provincial land base
- **Reserves:** 4, comprising 667 ha. with the main community at Shelley, 20 km. northeast of Prince George

Core elements

- **AIP provides for negotiation of two separate agreements:**
 - Final Agreement (constitutionally protected)
 - Governance Agreement (majority of law-making authorities and not constitutionally protected)
- **4,027 hectares of land held in fee simple plus potential for purchase of up to 150 additional hectares of land**
- **\$12.8 million capital transfer**
- **Full and final settlement of aboriginal rights related to land and resources**

Core elements

- **Application of federal and provincial laws**
- **Lheidli T'enneh taxation authority over Lheidli T'enneh citizens on Lheidli T'enneh Lands**
- **Lheidli T'enneh to join regional district and harmonize land use planning**

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Core elements

- **Right to harvest wildlife and migratory birds**
- **Domestic and commercial fish allocations**
- **Commitment to negotiate revenue-sharing**

AIP Consistent with Referendum

- **No land expropriations**
- **Leases and licensees protected**
- **Public access for hunting, fishing, recreation ensured**
- **Provincial standards apply for resource management and environmental protection**
- **Comparable authorities in areas of similar jurisdiction to local governments**
- **Harmonized approach for land use planning**
- **Tax exemptions eliminated**

Benefits of agreement

- **Provides certainty regarding aboriginal rights**
- **Economic Development opportunities for Lheidli T'enneh**
- **Further integrates Lheidli T'enneh into regional economy**
- **Consistent with referendum principles**
- **Revitalizes the treaty process by demonstrating progress to the public and other First Nations**

Recommended decisions

- **Approve Agreement-in-Principle**
- **Approve proceeding to Final Agreement negotiations**