

Tsawwassen First Nation Agreement-In-Principle



**PRESENTATION
TO OPEN CABINET**

February 27, 2004

BENEFITS OF AIP

- **Provides certainty over Tsawwassen First Nation's aboriginal rights related to land and resources**
- **Attracts investment and strengthens local, regional economies**
- **Lays foundation for co-operative local government relations**
- **Materially improves the lives of First Nations**



Category B Lands
(Rights of Refusal)

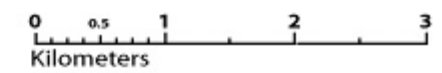
Fraser River
Parcels

Tsawwassen
Lands

Tsawwassen
Reserve

Beach Grove
Parcels

Boundary Bay
Parcels



ELEMENTS OF AIP

- AIP provides for negotiation of two separate agreements
 - **Final agreement (constitutionally protected)**
 - **Governance agreement (not constitutionally entrenched)**
- Law-making authorities related to land and resource rights
- \$10.1 million capital transfer and other funds

B.C.'S NEGOTIATING PRINCIPLES

- **No land expropriations**
- **Leases and licences respected**
- **Public access for hunting, fishing, recreation ensured**
- **Parks and protected areas maintained**
- **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 phased out**

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

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

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