Memorandum of Understanding

Musqueam Indian Band and **Fraser River Discovery Centre Society**

The xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) people are traditional hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ speaking peoples who have been here as long as there has been land to live upon. Musqueam's traditional territory occupies what is now Vancouver and surrounding areas, including the Fraser River watershed.

The Fraser River is inherently tied to Musqueam's identity, culture and history, and the Musqueam people have historically been and continue to be stewards of the River. Musqueam also acknowledges and respects the unique relationships that other Fraser River First Nations have with the Fraser River.

The Fraser River Discovery Centre Society (FRDCS) is a registered non-profit that operates the Fraser River Discovery Centre (FRDC). Through interactive exhibits and engaging programming, the FRDC showcases the Fraser River's role in shaping BC's ecological, cultural and economic diversity.

The Musqueam Indian Band (MIB) and the FRDCS wish to enter into a more formal working partnership in order to further collaborative work to educate the public and present the stories of the Fraser River and their contribution to the life, history and future of British Columbia.

The new partnership will begin with this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by representatives of both parties. This MOU will formally outline our partnership and the directions that we plan to take over the coming years.

Objectives:

1. Leadership have committed to meeting twice yearly about our partnership to offer insights about how to make it stronger in the coming years.

2. Other aspects of our partnership will come together as a result of scheduled roundtable meetings on various issues including Musqueam input and contribution to FRDC research, public programming, exhibit design and content, and joint fundraising where necessary and appropriate.

3. In particular, MIB and FRDCS wish to explore opportunities for MIB collaboration and participation in a proposed "First Nations' History of the Fraser River" permanent exhibit at the FRDC, with the goal of raising awareness of Musqueam's relationship with the Fraser River, and including Musqueam's perspective along with other Nations' connection to the River.

This partnership is meant to be an evolving working partnership, and as such this MOU will be amended and improved as time progresses.

This MOU is hereby signed by representatives of both MIB and FRDCS to commit to continuing and strengthening our partnership for the future benefit of both parties.