

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**(MOU)**

**BETWEEN**

**Chief Sparrow/Musqueam Nation**

**AND**

**Chairperson Khelsilem/Squamish Nation**

**AND**

**Chief Jennifer Thomas/Tsleil-Waututh Nation**

**AND**

**Chief Dean Nelson/Lil'wat Nation**

**AND INVITEE**

**Mayor Stewart/City of Vancouver**

**AND INVITEE**

**Mayor Crompton/ Resort Municipality of Whistler**

**CONCERNING**

**HOST NATIONS EXPLORATORY ASSEMBLY**

**FOR THE**

**2030 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES BID CONSIDERATION**

**October 29th 2021**

WHEREAS:

1. As the Title holders of the region, Musqueam Indian Band (“Musqueam”), Squamish Nation (“Squamish”), Tsleil-Waututh Nation (“Tsleil-Waututh”), and Lil’wat Nation (“Lil’wat”) have expressed interest in exploring the impacts and benefits of hosting the 2030 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games exploring a potential formal bid with the Canadian Olympic Committee (“COC”) and Canadian Paralympic Committee (“CPC”).
2. The Municipality of Vancouver (“Vancouver”) and the Resort Municipality of Whistler (“Whistler”) as 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games co-host cities have been invited by the host nations, Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and Lil’wat to participate in these exploratory discussions and have a mutual interest in and exploring a potential formal bid with the COC and CPC.
3. Vancouver and Whistler have a deep commitment to fostering a sustained relationship of mutual respect and understanding with the host nations, Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and Lil’wat on all matters, including cooperating to facilitate a potential future 2030 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.
4. In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls upon the officials and host countries of international sporting events such as the Olympics, Pan Am, and Commonwealth games to ensure that Indigenous peoples’ territorial protocols are respected, and local Indigenous communities are engaged in all aspects of planning and participating in such events.

THEREFORE the host nations elected Chiefs/Chair from Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, Lil’wat, Squamish, and the invitees, the elected Mayors from Vancouver and Whistler enter into an agreement outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to form the **HOST NATIONS EXPLORATORY ASSEMBLY** (“Assembly”) **FOR THE 2030 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES BID CONSIDERATION** by which the parties pledge to work together to explore the feasibility of hosting the 2030 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games and potentially making a bid.

The parties agree to the following principles:

1. The members of the Assembly will share and seek formal endorsement of this MOU from their respective elected councils by November 30, 2021.

2. Endorsement will allow the Assembly to work directly with the COC/CPC to assess the feasibility such as costing, procurement and concept for pursuing a 2030 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games bid in the region and authorizes the Assembly to enter into a working agreement with the COC/CPC.
3. The Assembly will pursue discussions with the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia, to explore funding opportunities and timelines to be incorporated into the bid feasibility analysis.
4. The final action of the Assembly will be to make a recommendation about whether or not the feasibility of the 2030 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games should move forward to a formal bid. This recommendation needs to be reached no later than March 2022 in accordance with 2030 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games timelines.
5. This MOU imposes no legally binding obligations on any of the parties nor does it in any way affect the rights and title claims of any of the signatories.

**SIGNED:**

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Chief Sparrow/Musqueam Nation

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Chairperson Khelsilem/Squamish Nation

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Chief Jennifer Thomas/Tsleil-Waututh Nation

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Chief Dean Nelson/Lil'wat Nation

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Mayor Stewart/City of Vancouver

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Mayor Crompton/Resort Municipality of Whistler