



Department of National Defence Transfers Surplus Lands at Chilliwack to Canada Lands Company

CHILLIWACK (BC) --The Honourable Art Eggleton, Minister of National Defence, and Kathy Milsom, President and CEO of Canada Lands Company (CLC), jointly announced today the transfer of surplus Department of National Defence property to CLC for redevelopment.

The surplus property, which includes a community centre and former military housing, is located on the north side of the former Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Chilliwack and covers about 62 hectares. "I am pleased to see that a portion of the former CFB Chilliwack will be used to directly serve community needs," said Minister Eggleton. "This transfer will ensure that the property will be redesigned with continuity in mind."

"Canada Lands Company is committed to working together with the community to transform this property," said Ms. Milsom. "Through this transfer, we will ensure that the lands are redeveloped in a manner that is economically, socially, and environmentally responsible."

The closure of CFB Chilliwack was announced in the 1995 federal budget. In June 2000, the Government of Canada approved a divestiture plan for the lands at the former CFB Chilliwack, as a result of a thorough, consultative process with all stakeholder parties. The plan included the sale of a portion of land to CLC.

The federal government has also set aside a portion of land to be used by existing federal programs, and will also create an environmental conservation area. Another large surplus portion will remain in federal inventory for a period of time while treaty negotiations and settlement continue.

"CLC will follow all regional and municipal requirements regarding redevelopment of the property, which includes community involvement. This Crown corporation, established in 1995 to create value from properties no longer required by the Government of Canada, is entirely self-financing and implements innovative property solutions to enhance the quality of life in communities where it does business.

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