

Financial Components

The Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreement was negotiated by the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia and the Lheidli T'enneh Band. It is the first Final Agreement reached in the province under the British Columbia treaty process.

The Final Agreement provides Lheidli T'enneh with certain rights and benefits regarding land and resources, and self-government over its lands and resources and its citizens. It provides certainty with respect to ownership and management of lands and resources and the exercise of federal, provincial and Lheidli T'enneh governmental powers and authorities.

The negotiation of a Final Agreement marks Stage Five of the six-stage British Columbia treaty process, and is the conclusion of substantive treaty negotiations. Once ratified by all parties, the Final Agreement will become a treaty through legislation.

It will be a constitutionally-protected, legal agreement that creates mutually binding obligations and commitments.

A NEW FISCAL RELATIONSHIP

The Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreement represents a fundamental change in the fiscal relationship between the federal government and Lheidli T'enneh. The Lheidli

T'enneh government will have strengthened autonomy and be fully accountable to its members and residents of its treaty settlement lands for financial decisions. The Lheidli T'enneh government will also be accountable to other public

governments for the financial transfers it receives, so the government that provides the funding can ensure that public funds were used for their intended purposes.

These payments will be indexed to inflation.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Under the terms of the Final Agreement, Lheidli T'enneh will deliver agreed upon programs and services in a manner comparable to those provided in that region of the province. For programs and services provided by Canada or British Columbia that are not included in the Fiscal Financing Agreement, Lheidli T'enneh citizens and residents will continue to be able to access those programs and services for which they are eligible.

CAPITAL TRANSFER

The Lheidli T'enneh Final Agreement will provide Lheidli T'enneh with a capital transfer of \$13.2 million over 10 years, less any outstanding negotiation loans.

RESOURCE REVENUE SHARING

Under the terms of the Final Agreement, Lheidli T'enneh will receive \$400,000 per year for 50 years in resource revenue sharing payments.

LHEIDLI T'ENNEH

Lheidli T'enneh, “the people from the confluence of two rivers,” is a Carrier-speaking First Nation that has traditionally occupied and used the land around Prince George, east to the Alberta border. The main Lheidli T'enneh community is located on the Shelley reserve, 20 kilometres northeast of Prince George. The band has 320 members, about 100 of whom live in Shelley. The majority of the other members live in Prince George.

SHARED FINANCING OF LHEIDLI T’ENNEH GOVERNMENT

The Fiscal Financing Agreement provides annual transfers from Canada and British Columbia

to support the delivery of agreed upon programs and services by Lheidli T’enneh to its citizens and residents, as well as funding to support activities to implement the

treaty. The agreement provides for one-time and ongoing funding: one-time funding is \$12.1 million; ongoing funding will be \$1.8 million per year. Lheidli T’enneh will contribute

to ongoing funding from its own sources of revenue. The Own Source Revenue Agreement negotiated by Canada, British Columbia and Lheidli T’enneh sets out how Lheidli T’enneh’s contribution will change in step with its capacity to generate revenues.

Provincial funding consists of one-time funding of \$1.4 million and \$100,000 in ongoing funding for the five-year life of the Fiscal Financing Agreement for a Community Development Officer.

Funding Type	Amount
Capital Transfer	\$13.2 million over 10 years
Resource Revenue Sharing	\$400,000/year for 50 years (indexed to inflation)
Ongoing funding for programs and services, and incremental implementation and governance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Health » Social development » Education » Local programs and services » Physical works » Lands and resource management » Treaty management » Fisheries management » Self-government 	\$1.8 million/year
One-time funding to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Ongoing costs of treaty management and time-limited transition costs of land and resource management. » Establishment of a capacity-building and transition fund. » Establishment of a fisheries fund to support ongoing costs of the general management of the Lheidli T’enneh fishery. 	\$12.1 million

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