

**Memorandum of Understanding
(the "Memorandum")**

BETWEEN:

**The Lands Advisory Board and the First Nations Land Management Resource
Centre Inc.**

as represented by their respective Chairpersons

(hereinafter referred to, collectively, as "LAB")

AND:

Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia
as represented by the President and Chief Executive Officer

(hereinafter referred to as "LTSA")

Together hereinafter referred to as "The Parties"

This Memorandum of Understanding is dated the 1 March 2022.

WHEREAS:

- A. The Parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on October 2, 2020 (attached hereto for reference purposes), for the purposes of collaborating to prepare a plan to develop, establish and operate a First Nations National Land Registry
- B. The Parties continue to adhere to the principles and objectives set out in the Memorandum of Understanding of October 2, 2020
- C. During 2021, the Parties produced a proposal for the development, establishment, and operation of a new First Nations National Land Registry (FNNLR) which was approved at the LAB's Annual General meeting on December 15, 2021, and submitted to Canada in January 2022
- D. The Parties wish to continue and extend their relationship to collaborate on preparing work plans and budgets, to obtain Federal approval of the proposal, and to continue and expand communication and consultation with Framework Agreement First Nations and other stakeholders
- E. The Parties wish to enter into this second Memorandum of Understanding to continue the collaboration as described.

The Parties agree as follows:

1. This Memorandum sets out:

- a. The purpose of a new First Nations National Land Registry
- b. The principles which will guide the Parties in the planning, development, establishment, and operation of a new First Nations National Land Registry
- c. The relationship between the Parties as well as roles and responsibilities
- d. The resources each of the Parties will contribute to the preparation of a proposal and plan for the development of the First Nations National Land Registry
- e. An understanding of the various stakeholders that will be involved in the development and funding of the proposal and plan, and the activities required to inform and collaborate with those stakeholders.

PURPOSE

- 2. The purpose of the First Nations National Land Registry is to provide reliable and trustworthy land-related registries, survey systems, and information to support First Nations under the Framework Agreement in the governance, management, protection, and development of First Nation lands.

PRINCIPLES

- 3. The First Nations National Land Registry system will be developed in collaboration with First Nation signatories to the Framework Agreement and Canada, and other stakeholders, as appropriate, applying LTSA technology and governance, having regard to the customs and traditions of the First Nations and the guiding principles set out in paragraph 5.
- 4. Through collaboration with the Federal government, the Parties will seek capital and operating funding sources for the development and long-term operations of the First Nation Land Registry system.
- 5. The Parties agree to collaborate on the planning, development, and establishment of a First Nations National Land Registry in accordance with the following guiding principles:
 - a. Independent and governed by First Nations
 - b. Managed and operated by a professional indigenous staff
 - c. A reliable, trusted, easily accessible source of data, responsive to First Nations communities where they live and work
 - d. Comprehensive, encompassing all registered interests and records, including corresponding boundary definitions
 - e. Easy to do business with through a user-friendly bilingual system
 - f. Transparent, accountable, and trustworthy in interacting and engaging with First Nations and other stakeholders
 - g. Cost-effective and self-sustaining.

OUTLINE OF PLAN

- 6. The Parties will jointly prepare, approve, and track plans for the development and establishment a new First Nations National Land Registry. This includes preparation of a budget and plan for the new registry for submission to Canada for funding the development and establishment of the new registry before March 31, 2023.

7. The Parties will communicate and present such plans to First Nations, First Nation and other indigenous organizations and institutions, Canada, Provinces and Territories and other stakeholders as may be appropriate.
8. The plans are intended to include specific subjects, timelines, roles and responsibilities of the Parties and Canada, including the specific capital and operating funding needed for the development and long-term operation of the new First Nations National Land Registry.
9. The Parties will collaborate to complete the necessary preparatory work to initiate the development, and establishment of a First Nations National Land Registry. This includes:
 - a. Preparation and agreement to a one-year work plan and budget for FY2022-23 to obtain Canada's approval and funding of the proposal; and
 - b. Communications with First Nations under the Framework Agreement and other stakeholders.

FUNDING

10. The LAB will provide funding to LTSA for its part of preparation work outlined in paragraph 9 and to support Canada with its funding approval process. The LAB will provide this funding from either its own budget, or funding made available by Canada.
11. The LAB will negotiate an agreement with the LTSA to provide funding to the LTSA for the development, support and sustainment of the registry technology, and other services.

RELATIONSHIP

12. The Parties agree to establish:
 - a. One or more joint working groups to:
 - i. identify additional members who might be included in the working group
 - ii. prepare the proposal and plans, and carry out activities required to implement the plans
 - iii. make reports to the Boards of the respective Parties and other stakeholders.
 - b. a steering committee to:
 - i. oversee the preparation and development of the proposal and plans
 - ii. review progress and adjust as necessary
 - iii. support the joint working group, as appropriate.
13. The Parties agree that representatives from the Government of Canada may be invited to attend or participate in a working group or the steering committee.
14. The Parties intend to enter into additional agreements, subject to the approval of their respective Boards, to build the FNNLR described in the plans. Agreements will set out the specific contributions and resources to be provided by each of the Parties. It is expected that the LTSA will provide and operationally sustain the necessary registry technology.

15. The LAB will:

- a. provide financial and human resources as necessary for the preparation of the proposal to develop, establish and operate the First Nations National Land Registry and, in particular, expertise in communications, budgeting, planning, legal, and access to information relating to the existing First Nation Land Registry System.
- b. seek financial resources from Canada to implement the plan and lead the collaboration with Canada to obtain the necessary funding approvals.

16. LTSA will:

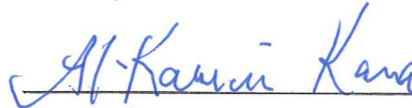
- a. Support preparation of the plan and collaboration with Canada to obtain the necessary funding approvals
- b. Provide program, domain, and systems leadership by utilizing and building on LTSA technology and management capabilities
- c. Provide training opportunities for indigenous peoples to build FNNLR operational capacity
- d. Share land registry domain and operational expertise
- e. Participate with LAB with joint communications and stakeholder consultation as appropriate
- f. During FY2022-23, prepare the plan for the building and provision of the registry technology so that these activities can commence when funding is available.

17. This Memorandum is not intended to be legally enforceable.

This Memorandum of Understanding signed on the day and year above written by the Parties hereto,



ROBERT LOUIE, Chairman,
Lands Advisory Board



Al-Karim Kara, President and CEO,
Land Title and Survey Authority of British
Columbia



AUSTIN BEAR, Chairman,
First Nations Land Management Resource Centre