

Tlowitsis First Nation – Proposed Addition to Reserve Fact Sheet

About the Tlowitsis First Nation

- British Columbia First Nation with 400 registered members
- Traditional territories span coastal area of Northern Vancouver Island, Johnstone Strait and adjacent mainland inlets
- Tlowitsis were displaced from traditional village of Kalagwees on Turnour Island in 1960s. The First Nation has been searching for land to establish a new community since the 1980s

What is an Addition to Reserve (ATR)?

- Addition to Reserve (ATR): a process by which the federal government, assisted by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, converts parcels of land acquired by First Nations to reserve status. Additions to Reserve can help improve community access to land and resources, a necessary step for increased social and economic development for First Nations.
- Recommendation on ATR approval by Governor General in Council made by Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs of Canada.

York Road lands development vision

- Tlowitsis sign purchase agreement for York Road lands (approx. 630 acres) on July 4, 2015
- Concept is to develop 12 to 15 acres to establish a housing community of 75 to 100 homes over the next 10 to 30 years, based on needs and demand from members
- Long-term vision: develop 2 to 3 percent of the total landmass of the proposed reserve for settlement
- Formal development and infrastructure planning begins following approval of ATR

Project timeline

- Agreement to purchase land finalized – July 2015
- ATR submission finalized – June 2016
- Decision on ATR expected – December 2016
- Development and infrastructure plan completed – Spring 2017
- Public information meeting on development plan – Spring/Summer 2017
- Development plan approved – 2017 (to be determined)
- Development ground-breaking– 2017 (to be determined)