



THE FIRST NATIONS OF MAA-NULTH TREATY SOCIETY

Huu-ay-aht First Nation | Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations
Toquaht Nation | Uchucklesaht Tribe | Ucluelet First Nation

“A Foundation for our Future Generations”

December 7th, 2006

Community Update

On December 9, 2006 the Maa-nulth First Nations along with the federal and provincial governments will jointly initial the Maa-nulth Final Agreement.

By initialing the Final Agreement, the chief negotiators for Canada, British Columbia and each Maa-nulth First Nation recommend that the respective three parties ratify the agreement.

The initialing represents an end to the negotiations and begins a process that will see us fully inform our membership. ***Nothing is finalized without membership approval.***

What is the first step in the ratification process?

The first step in the ratification process will require acceptance of the Final Agreement by the Maa-nulth First Nations. A community approval process will be initiated by each Maa-nulth First Nation. This will include: meetings, bulletins, website updates and telephone calling.

What would happen if the Maa-nulth First Nations ratify the Final Agreement?

If the Maa-nulth First Nation communities ratify the Final Agreement, British Columbia will then proceed through its ratification process. Settlement legislation will be introduced into the Legislative Assembly, where it will be debated.

What would happen if British Columbia ratifies the Final Agreement?

If British Columbia ratifies the Final Agreement, then Canada will proceed through its ratification process. Settlement legislation would be introduced in Parliament, where it will be debated.

When would the Final Agreement become a treaty?

Once enacted through legislation, the Final Agreement will become a treaty.

What will Maa-nulth Communicate to membership?

Over the next several months we will communicate the following:

- *Maa-nulth Treaty,*
- *Historical information of our people,*
- *Current situation,*
- *Ratification Procedures (Taking it to a Vote), and*
- *Impact on our future generations.*

“Our commitment is to answer every question asked by membership.”

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