

Maa-nulth treaty passes as MLAs prepare to end fall sitting

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VICTORIA - B.C. politicians have passed a second landmark treaty as they prepare to wrap up the fall sitting of the legislature later Thursday.

Government house leader Mike de Jong reminded the members of the legislature to clear out their desks "before the end of school."

That reminder that the six-week session is almost over came just moments after the passage of a treaty with five Vancouver Island First Nations.

The Maa-nulth First Nation Final Agreement Act will be given royal assent later in the day.

Earlier in the fall sitting MLAs passed the Tsawwassen treaty, seen as the first urban land claim settlement in the province.

Both treaties are expected to be before the House of Commons early next month for a final vote before official signing ceremonies that could come before Christmas.

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