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### **10-year service agreement signed between Wei Wai Kum First Nation and City**

The City of Campbell River will continue to provide some municipal services to Wei Wai Kum First Nation properties under the terms of a renewed agreement signed July 9 at the Wei Wai Kum boardroom.

Under the agreement, the City will provide the following services to properties on both Wei Wai Kum First Nation reserve and leasehold lands:

- Animal Control
- Fire protection services, including firefighting and suppression, fire prevention and inspection
- Wastewater treatment (through connection of reserve sewer system to the City's system of sanitary sewer mains and sewage treatment facilities)
- Water supply (through connection of the reserve land water system to City's system of water mains and pipes, pumps and other facilities and equipment used to supply potable water and water for firefighting purposes)
- For construction on leasehold (commercial) lands, the City will also provide building inspection services to ensure new buildings meet British Columbia Building Code

Wei Wai Kum and the City have also agreed to pool funds collected prior to the signing of the renewed agreement to build sidewalks and install lighting along 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue within two years. Approximately \$258,242 was collected as development cost charge equivalent payments related to construction on Wei Wai Kum leasehold property.

Within two years of the agreement, approximately \$190,000 will be spent by each party. Wei Wai Kum will pay for the upgrades from Ironwood to Dogwood, and the City will be pay upgrades from WalMart to Ironwood. The remaining balance shall be contributed by each party toward construction of a sidewalk along Spit Road, including a pedestrian-activated cross walk signal at the Net Loft crossing.

*"As separate, independent government entities, Wei Wai Kum and the City each provide services to their communities, and this agreement will ensure we all receive selected municipal services at a consistent level of service, and at a fair price,"* adds Chief Robert Pollard.

*"Wei Wai Kum and the City recognize that future development in the City and on the Reserve may create a greater demand for the services,"* adds Mayor Walter Jakeway. *"We wish to enter an agreement that defines the obligations of the parties with respect to future development."*

The agreement maintains that Wei Wai Kum and the City of Campbell River will work together to develop a positive investment climate, promote economic development, and create and maintain open communication on economic development matters, including specific economic opportunities of interest to the region and relevant government funding programs.

The agreement runs for 10 years, from January 1, 2013 until December 31, 2023. Also outlines fees and discussion processes for system upgrades related to development of reserve land.

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