

Partnership Agreement
BETWEEN
Thompson Rivers University (TRU)
AND
Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS)

WHEREAS

- A. Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (hereinafter called TteS) is a progressive community committed to attaining self-sufficiency and independence through education and economic development;
- B. TteS have always occupied a place of great economic and traditional importance in our region, traversed by two major waterways, traditional Tk'emlupsemc territory was the center of major traffic and trade routes.
- C. TteS is part of the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation;
- D. TRU acknowledges the campus being situated on traditional Tk'emlupsul'ecw ell Stk'emlupsemc territory and agrees to explore areas agreed to be of mutual benefit;
- E. TRU is a comprehensive university striving for excellence in teaching, research and service to the community; TRU has experience in developing flexible and successful training partnerships with industry and other organizations as well as in delivering academic and technical programs;
- F. TRU is committed to being the University of Choice for Indigenous People;
- G. TRU and TteS understand the importance of building a mutually respectful relationship and agree to the following:
 - 1. Ensure that both TRU and TteS Chief & Council are properly represented at all mutually agreed upon Indigenous events at TRU and TteS. In addition, TRU will continue to provide a place of prominence on campus for the TteS flag and TteS will display the TRU flag at mutually agreed upon events at TteS;
 - 2. TRU will continue to develop and implement services that are designed to enhance TteS students' post-secondary experience traditionally, linguistically, socially and academically - with exceptional consideration for Secwepemc world view and belief system;
 - 3. TRU will use reasonable efforts to acknowledge and incorporate Secwepemc traditional ways and protocols in ceremonies at TRU;

4. TRU and TteS will work collaboratively to develop and deliver academic programs, training, accredited courses, certificate, diplomas and degrees of interest to the members of the TteS;
5. TRU will provide a seat for TteS Education Councillor on the Indigenous Affairs Committee that is a Subcommittee of Senate;
6. TRU and TteS will designate senior representatives who will meet from time to time to discuss ongoing and new collaborative initiatives; and
7. TRU in partnership with TteS will promote, implement, work towards, and review TRU actions taken under university recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action (2015).

This Partnership Agreement can be amended with the agreement of both parties and may be terminated by either party on one year's written notice to the other.

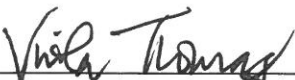
Our respective organizations pledge to collaborate, to the extent allowed by law and available resources, in a broad range of academic endeavours as outlined in subsequent supplemental agreements.

In order to review and assess the achievements resulting from this Partnership Agreement, and to discuss the development of further cooperation, the parties shall meet at least twice a year; once at Thompson Rivers University and once at Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc. The parties are confident that such friendly cooperation will promote harmonious relations and advance Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and Thompson Rivers University partnerships.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Partnership Agreement this 9th day of May, 2017.



Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Kukpi7
(Chief) Fred Seymour



Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc
Education, Viola Thomas



President Thompson Rivers University
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