



Memorandum of Understanding



BETWEEN

The First Nations Tax Commission

AND

The National Centre for First Nations Governance

Whereas First Nations led an initiative for the creation of national Aboriginal institutions to assist First Nations to expand First Nation economies through the exercise of real property taxation jurisdiction and expansion of infrastructure on reserve lands; and

Whereas the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC) is an Aboriginal institution established under the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act (FSMA)*; and

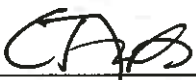
Whereas the mandate of the FNTC as set out in the *FSMA* includes: ensuring the integrity of the system of First Nations real property taxation; assisting First Nations in the exercise of their jurisdiction over real property taxation; building capacity in First Nations to administer their taxation systems; promoting a transparent First Nations' real property taxation regime; and promoting understanding of the real property taxation system of First Nations; and

Whereas the National Centre for First Nations Governance (NCFNG) develops programs and services to support First Nations in their efforts to implement their inherent rights of self-government and assists First Nations to develop and exercise their jurisdictional authorities to create good government; and

Whereas the NCFNG works with First Nations to ensure that the traditional dimensions of First Nations experience form the basis of principles and values to guide contemporary systems of governance.

Therefore, the FNTC and the NCFNG herein agree to the following understanding:


1. The FNTC and the NCFNG are committed to an ongoing dialogue in exploring ways that the institutions may support each other in fulfilling the purposes and objectives of the *FSMA* and the NCFNG;
2. The NCFNG and the FNTC will, from time to time, work together to undertake special projects and initiatives within their respective mandates that serve to meet mutually agreeable objectives;
3. The FNTC and the NCFNG shall meet, as required, at mutually agreeable times and locations to share information, discuss approaches to issues of common interest and exchange ideas on furthering First Nations governance.



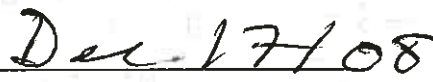
Chief Commissioner C.T. (Manny) Jules
First Nations Tax Commission



Date



Satsan (Herb George), President
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Date