

**Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation  
and  
Communication**

**Dated October 23, 2006**



Songhees Nation



Esquimalt Nation

**DOCKSIDE GREEN**

**Vancity**



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Communication,  
dated October 23, 2006**

Between:

**Dockside Green Limited Partnership**

and

**Songhees Nation**

and

**Esquimalt Nation**

and

**Vancouver City Savings Credit Union (Vancity)**

and

**Windmill Development Group Ltd**

**Whereas:**

1. Vancouver City Savings Credit Union (Vancity and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as The VanCity Group) is a partner in the development of Dockside Green.
2. Windmill Development Group Ltd. is a partner with Vancity in the development of Dockside Green.
3. Dockside Green is a 11.6 acre site located in the heart of the City of Victoria. The site is located adjacent to the Upper Harbour and Downtown, between the Johnson and Bay Street bridges. The lands comprising Dockside Green are more particularly described in a Master Development Agreement Dockside Green Limited Partnership has with the City of Victoria. Dockside Green encompasses the "City Lands" and the "Princess Mary Lands" as defined in the Master Development Agreement.
4. Dockside Green resides in the traditional territories of the Songhees Nation and the Esquimalt Nation. Both the Songhees Nation and the Esquimalt Nation assert Aboriginal rights, including Aboriginal title and Treaty rights over their traditional territories.
5. The Songhees Nation and Esquimalt Nation have advised Vancity and Windmill Development Group Ltd that their historic relationship with the land and resources in their traditional territories is integral to the maintenance of each nation's society, governance and economy. Vancity and Windmill Development Group respect and acknowledge this historical relationship.

6. Vancity and Windmill Development Group Ltd are developing Dockside Green; an innovative mixed use residential and commercial development of sustainably developed buildings on a newly remediated site. Dockside Green will be a socially vibrant, ecologically restorative, economically sound and just community. It will be a distinct collection of beautifully designed live, work, play and rest spaces designed to enhance the health and well being of both people and ecosystems, both now and in the future.
7. The Songhees Nation and the Esquimalt Nation are represented by their respective Chiefs, Councilors and Elders.
8. Vancity, Windmill Development Group Ltd, the Songhees Nation and Esquimalt Nation will cooperate to ensure sustainable development in a manner respectful of the objectives and values of the Songhees Nation and Esquimalt Nation.
9. All the parties and signatories to this Memorandum of Understanding seek to develop a strong working relationship based on trust and mutual respect and a shared understanding of each other's needs, interests, and values.
10. Vancity, Windmill Development Group Ltd, the Songhees Nation and the Esquimalt Nation have common interests in honouring the Douglas Treaty and any future agreements.
11. All the parties and signatories to this Memorandum of Understanding also have common interests in cooperative relationships that will leave a lasting legacy, before and after treaties are honoured.
12. Cooperative and meaningful, working relationships between all the parties and signatories to this Memorandum of Understanding built on effective communications, trust, honesty and openness, contribute directly to the health and well being of communities by allowing collaborative action in the areas of training, art, signage and economic development.

**Therefore:**

This Memorandum of Understanding represents a commitment by the Songhees Nation, the Esquimalt Nation, Vancity and Windmill Development Group Ltd to work together to promote cooperation and build long lasting relationships.

**Principles:**

The following principles govern this Memorandum of Understanding:

- Mutual respect for each party to this Memorandum's mandates, policies and areas of jurisdiction and that this Memorandum of Understanding does not fetter the individual mandates of the parties;
- Cooperation in the exchange, development and distribution of information on the Dockside Green project;
- Collaborative action in the development and implementation of projects or initiatives, such as training and employment programs, public art and signage projects, to maximize their effectiveness; and
- Acknowledge that good new and existing relations between the parties are needed now and will be of continuing benefit as treaties are honoured.

### **General Objectives:**

The Songhees Nation, the Esquimalt Nation, Vancity and Windmill Development Group Ltd have the following mutual objectives:

- Respect and honor the traditional lands of the Coast Salish people and specifically the lands of the Songhees Nation and the Esquimalt Nation;
- Promote understanding of the interests of the Songhees Nation and the Esquimalt Nation in Dockside Green, including through inclusion of the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding in each other's events wherever appropriate;
- Establish a training and employment program involving the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding as well as the WILNEW Committee, Coast Salish Employment and Training Society (CSETS), B.C. Construction Association and other organizations and enterprises as may be appropriate;
- Work with members of the Songhees Nation and the Esquimalt Nation on a signage program that will focus on local aboriginal heritage;
- Create a Public Art Strategy for an aboriginal art piece for Phase 1 of Dockside Green.

### **Implementation:**

The Songhees Nation and the Esquimalt Nation, Vancity and Windmill Development Group Ltd., agree to establish a joint working group to further the objectives stated in this Memorandum of Understanding. This group will meet to review joint initiatives and projects as well as general progress on its goals and objectives.

**Terms of the Memorandum of Understanding:**

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding may agree to amend or terminate it at any time. The term of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be 5 years from the date of signing unless otherwise amended.

**Commitment:**

In witness of this Agreement the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Communication at the City of Victoria on this day of October 23, 2006.

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**Songhees Nation**  
Chief Robert Sam

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**Esquimalt Nation**  
Chief Andy Thomas

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**Dockside Green Limited Partnership**  
by its authorized signatory

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**Vancouver City Savings Credit Union**  
by its authorized signatory

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**Windmill Development Group Ltd.**  
by its authorized signatory