



- The City of Victoria is located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən (Lekwungen) speaking people, including the Songhees Nation;
- Songhees Nation is currently negotiating a land claim agreement under the British Columbia Treaty Process through the Te'mexw Treaty Association;
- Songhees Nation wishes to acquire certain parcels of land located within the City of Victoria as Treaty Settlements Lands as part of its treaty negotiations;
- Treaty Settlement Land is essential to the Songhees Nation's Treaty negotiations;
- In 2017, the City of Victoria committed to and began a journey towards reconciliation with First Nations peoples;
- The City of Victoria is committed to reconciliation and to working with the Songhees Nation on a government-to-government level;
- The City of Victoria wishes to support the Songhees Nation's acquisition of Treaty Settlement Lands in Victoria via the BCTC treaty process;
- Treaty negotiations with Canada and British Columbia are continuing and although the lands in question are in active consideration, they will require an approval process and further consultation before they could be offered as part of the Treaty Settlement with the Songhees;
- The parties seek to work together towards their shared goals in the spirit of reconciliation and in the best interests of their communities.

The Songhees Nation is currently negotiating a modern Treaty as part of the Te'mexw Treaty Association, having signed an Agreement in Principle in 2015. The City of Victoria supports the Songhees Nation in their Treaty aspirations and wishes to work with Songhees in the spirit of mutual respect and collaboration.