



## MEDIA RELEASE

The Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations celebrates their fourth anniversary.

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Today, the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations (Alliance) celebrates four years as a coalition. The Alliance membership includes all eight modern treaty nations in British Columbia: Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Chek'tles7et'h' First Nations, Nisga'a Nation, Tla'amin Nation, Toquaht Nation, Tsawwassen First Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, and Yuulu?ii?ath Government.

The Alliance formed four years ago to collaborate on areas of mutual interest related to treaty implementation in British Columbia. Since then, they have worked together to address a wide range of issues, including tax policy and fiscal arrangements, improvements to the government-to-government relationship with the province of BC, engagement on provincial legislation, and implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and action plan.

In March 2022, the Alliance was pleased to announce a milestone accomplishment in their collaborative work with the Province of British Columbia: the signing of the Shared Priorities Framework by the leaders of the eight modern treaty nations and the Premier of British Columbia. The Shared Priorities Framework sets out three key priorities that will guide the work of the Alliance and the Province in their work together in the coming years:

1. Establish fiscal arrangements to fulfil modern treaty rights and obligations,
2. Establish meaningful participation of modern treaty nations in British Columbia's legislative and policy initiatives, and
3. Establish organizational and policy changes in the BC Public Service to advance a whole-of-government approach to treaty implementation.

*"We commemorate four working years with the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations. The partnership with the provincial government and treaty nations provides the ability to share knowledge and form working agreements such as the (most recent) Shared Priorities Framework. With our ability to work Government-to-Government, enhancing relations and implementing the treaty process, we remain a distinct nation and maintain our sovereignty."*  
– President Charles McCarthy, Yuulu?ii?ath Government

*"Modern treaties are dynamic, living agreements, so treaty implementation will always be a work in progress. Coming together as an Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations creates opportunities for us to build meaningful relationships, learn from one another, and strengthen treaty implementation in BC."* – Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation

**Quick Facts:**



- The Nisga'a Treaty came into effect in 2000, the Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty in 2009, the Maa-nulth Treaty (Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Chek'tles7et'h' First Nations, Toquaht Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, and YuułuꞀiꞀꞀath Government) in 2011, and the Tla'amin Treaty in 2016.
- On July 24, 2018, the first memorandum of cooperation formalizing the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations was signed by Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Chek'tles7et'h' First Nations, Tla'amin Nation, Toquaht Nation, Tsawwassen First Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, and YuułuꞀiꞀꞀath Government. A new memorandum of cooperation was signed on November 4, 2019 when Nisga'a Nation joined the Alliance.

**Learn More:**

Shared Priorities Framework:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=94227BEA05134B6A9A166DBDDAACBB9E>

Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations: <https://moderntreatyalliancebc.ca/>

Huu-ay-aht First Nations: <https://huuayaht.org>

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Chek'tles7et'h' First Nations: <https://kyuquotbc.ca>

Nisga'a Nation: <https://www.nisgaanation.ca>

Tla'amin Nation: <https://www.tlaaminnation.com>

Toquaht Nation: <http://www.toquaht.ca>

Tsawwassen First Nation: <https://tsawwassenfirstnation.com>

Uchucklesaht Tribe: <https://www.uchucklesaht.ca>

YuułuꞀiꞀꞀath Government: <https://www.ufn.ca>

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