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The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine would like to congratulate the Tahltan Central Government, the Province of British Columbia, and Skeena Resources Ltd., for their innovation, leadership, and successful collaboration to create the first decision-making agreement under the the BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

The Regional District is proud to have been involved and consulted throughout the development of the agreement. We would like to thank both Tahltan and Provincial government representatives for their ongoing engagement with the District as the agreement was negotiated.

We were pleased to play a part in this historic agreement that focuses on reconciliation. This agreement demonstrates the importance of involving local government in the development of reconciliation agreements.

"The Regional District of Kitimat Stikine is very pleased to support this innovative decision-making agreement between the Tahltan Nation and the Province of BC on the environmental assessment approvals for the restart of the Eskay Creek Mine. By working together and through shared decision making we can ensure resource development in our region is done to the highest environmental standards so that we may all share in the prosperity these projects can bring to the region. This agreement can serve as a model for collaboration on other resource projects reviewed through the environmental assessment process, and we commend the Tahltan Central Government and the Province for their work on this."

-Chair Phil Germuth

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