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BC Treaty Commission welcomes Angela Wesley as newest Commissioner

VANCOUVER – Congratulations to Angela Wesley on being appointed by the Government of British Columbia to a two-year Commissioner term.

Angela is from Huu-ay-aht First Nations, one of five First Nations implementing the Maa-nulth Final Agreement since 2011. She worked on the negotiation of the treaty and is Speaker in the Huu-ay-aht Legislature.

“I’m excited to join the Treaty Commission at this important time when the Principals have renewed their commitments to the treaty process through the Principals’ Accord,” said Commissioner Angela Wesley. “I look forward to bringing my experience in treaty negotiations and implementation to BCTC.”

The Treaty Commission also acknowledges Commissioner Tom Happynook after close to four years as the provincial appointee. Tom was the first Commissioner who was a citizen of a modern treaty First Nation and played a significant role in the negotiation and implementation of Huu-ay-aht First Nations’ treaty. He brought valuable experience and a passion for the meaningful reconciliation that comes from modern treaties.

“The success of the treaty negotiations process is possible because of the hard work of individuals like Tom Happynook and Angela Wesley,” said Chief Commissioner Celeste Haldane. “I am pleased to have the continuity of two BC appointed Commissioners from treaty First Nations.”

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About the BC Treaty Commission

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