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Update from Chief Joe Mathias on the Kitsilano Settlement Agreement

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Dear Nation members, the Kitsilano settlement is now hitting the media and we expect more media attention regarding the settlement.

Although we have been negotiating with the Federal Government for the last eighteen months, we still **have not received a formal settlement offer** from the Department of Indian Affairs Minister, Robert Nault.

Over the next eight weeks we hope to accomplish the following:

- 1) Finalize negotiations with the Federal Government on a formal settlement agreement. Which includes a Trust Agreement, and Ballot Questions.
- 2) Initial the Settlement Agreement at a **Agreement in Principle signing** (in our community), with the Federal Government and myself as your Chief Negotiator on behalf of the Squamish Nation membership.
- 3) Begin a formal updating process to membership which will include:
 - > family/community meetings
 - > general meetings
 - > information bulletins

> information updates on a continual basis with membership's direction.

Because of the significance of this Settlement Agreement, please expect the media to be on top of this issue from now on. We look forward to providing you with up to date information on the current state of negotiations.



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