

MINISTER STRAHL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF JERRY LAMPERT TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA TREATY COMMISSION

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OTTAWA (December 5, 2007) - The Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, today announced the appointment of Mr. Jerry Lampert to the British Columbia Treaty Commission.

"Our government understands what can be accomplished through a shared commitment to dialogue and by working together to find common solutions – solutions that balance the rights of all Canadians," said Minister Strahl. "We are confident that Mr. Lampert's knowledge and experience in the region and understanding of complex land and treaty issues in B.C. will be a benefit to the work of the Commission."

Mr. Lampert recently announced his retirement from the Business Council of British Columbia, where he focussed on building a competitive and growing economy for the province. As President and CEO of the Business Council since 1993, Mr. Lampert led efforts to broaden and strengthen BC's economic base in order to bring more jobs and new investments to British Columbia. He also led the Business Council's initiatives to build positive relationships with First Nations representatives, including economic development opportunities and workable consultative processes.

Established in 1992 by an agreement between Canada, BC and the First Nations Summit, the BC Treaty Commission and the six-stage treaty process are designed to advance negotiations and facilitate fair and durable treaties.

The BC Treaty Commission's primary role, as an independent and neutral body, is to ensure the effectiveness of the negotiation process. The Commission is guided by the 1992 agreement and the 1991 Report of the BC Claims Task Force. In carrying out the recommendations of the Task Force, the Treaty Commission is responsible for facilitation, funding, public information and education.

[Biographical note - Mr. Jerry Lampert](#)

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Biography - Mr. Jerry Lampert

Mr. Jerry Lampert is well-known in the British Columbia business community for his role in developing a number of business coalitions on key government initiatives.

Mr. Lampert has been active in politics at the provincial and federal levels. He served as Chief of Staff for the Premier of British Columbia from 1986 to 1991, managed two successful provincial election campaigns, and has held many key political organization and advisory positions at the federal and provincial levels.

Mr. Lampert has also served on the Board of the Vancouver Art Gallery and chaired the campaign in support of the BC Institute of Technology Aerospace Technology Campus. He is also a member of the Cabinet for the Business Laureates of British Columbia Hall of Fame.