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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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The RDKS commends work on agreement re: Red Chris Porphyry Copper-Gold Mine

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) would like to congratulate the Tahltan Central Government and the Province of British Columbia for their innovation, leadership, and successful collaboration to sign a consent decision-making agreement under the BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act for the Red Chris Porphyry Copper-Gold Mine.

The RDKS 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 RDKS as the agreement was negotiated.

The RDKS was pleased to play a part in this agreement that focuses on reconciliation as it 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 Red Chris Porphyry Copper-Gold Mine. By working together and through clear and transparent shared decision making we can ensure resource development in our region is done to the highest environmental standards. 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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