



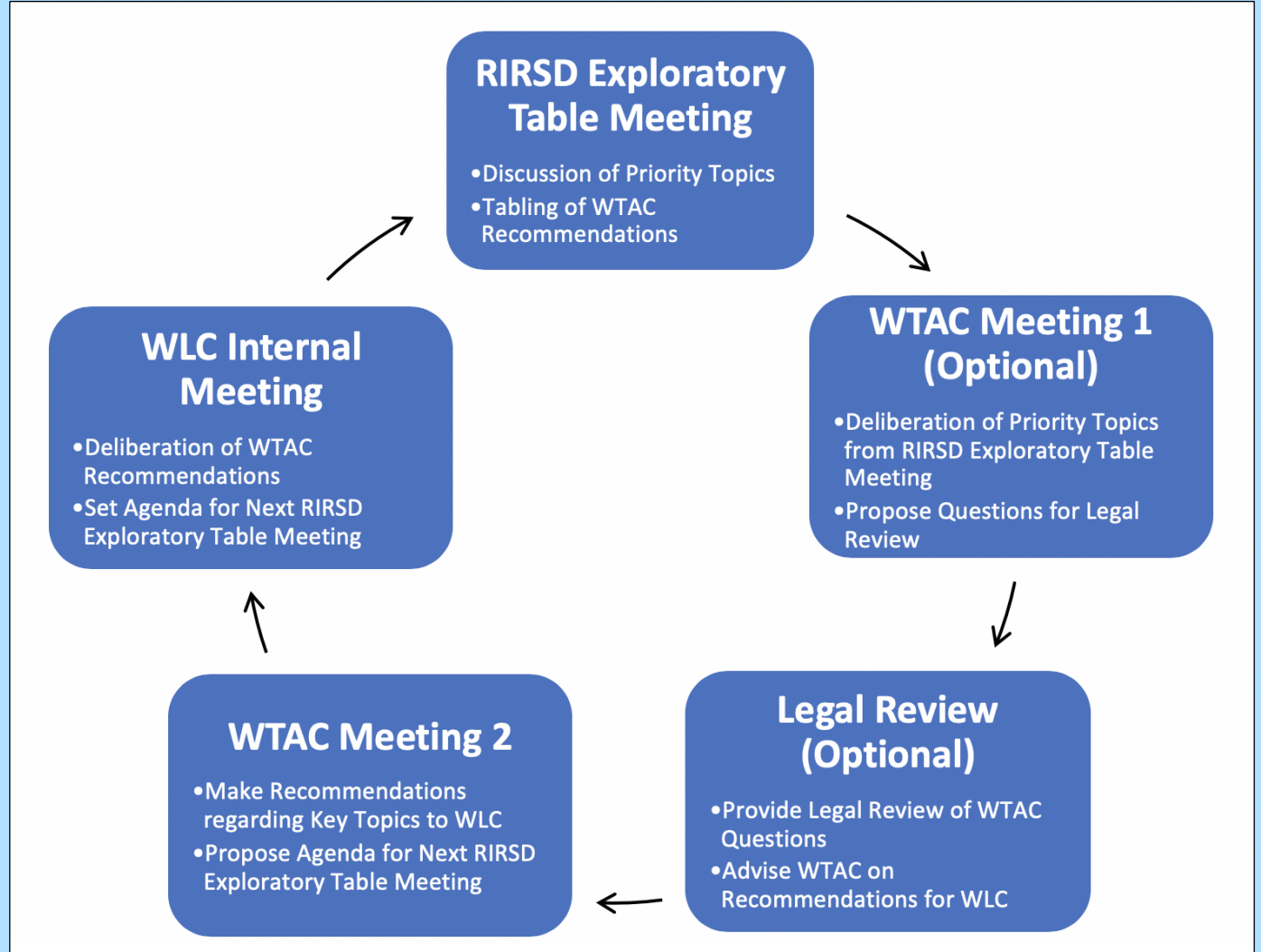
**WSÁNEĆ**  
**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council**  
**Open House**

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# WLC/Canada/BC RIRSD Exploratory Table

- RIRSD = Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination
  - alternative to BC Treaty Process
- Cyclical Monthly Process
- Letter of Understanding
  - non-binding agreement for process of negotiations and priority topics



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## Federal Priority Topics:

- Gulf Island National Park Reserve;
- W̱SÁNEĆ Governance Structure;
- Douglas Treaty rights;
- Fisheries;
- Acquisition of lands;
- Education; and,
- Any other topics identified and agreed to by the Parties.
  - Victoria International Airport

## Provincial Priority Topics:

- Douglas Treaty rights;
- Acquisition of lands;
- Royal BC Museum engagement;
- Education;
- Wildlife harvesting;
- Place names;
- Local Government relations;
- BC Ferries engagement;
- Consultation and accommodation;
- Referrals;
- Revenue sharing; and,
- Reconciliation.

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- **Provincial Involvement:**

- Originally RIRSD table was between Canada and WLC
- LOU with the Province to guide negotiations and set out BC's involvement at RIRSD table.
- Will be signed with Minister soon

- **Joint Statement regarding Douglas Treaty Recognition:**

- Outlines differing perspectives between Canada, BC, and W̱SÁNEĆ of Douglas Treaty.
- Canada & BC recognize:
  - Douglas Treaties,
  - Harms caused, and
  - establish path to implementation.
- W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council highlights:
  - Douglas Treaties implementation,
  - focuses on oral versions of Douglas Treaties, and
  - clarifies that Douglas Treaties were not land sale treaties.

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## Transport Canada and the Airport:

- Position Paper about Douglas Treaty infringements from establishment/operations
- Reconciliation options proposed:
  - land acquisition or lease for ec dev,
  - compensation for infringements of Douglas Treaties,
  - receive rent payments (currently paid by VAA to TC),
  - additional remediation efforts for streams on Airport lands, and
  - increased W̱SÁNEĆ presence on Airport lands.

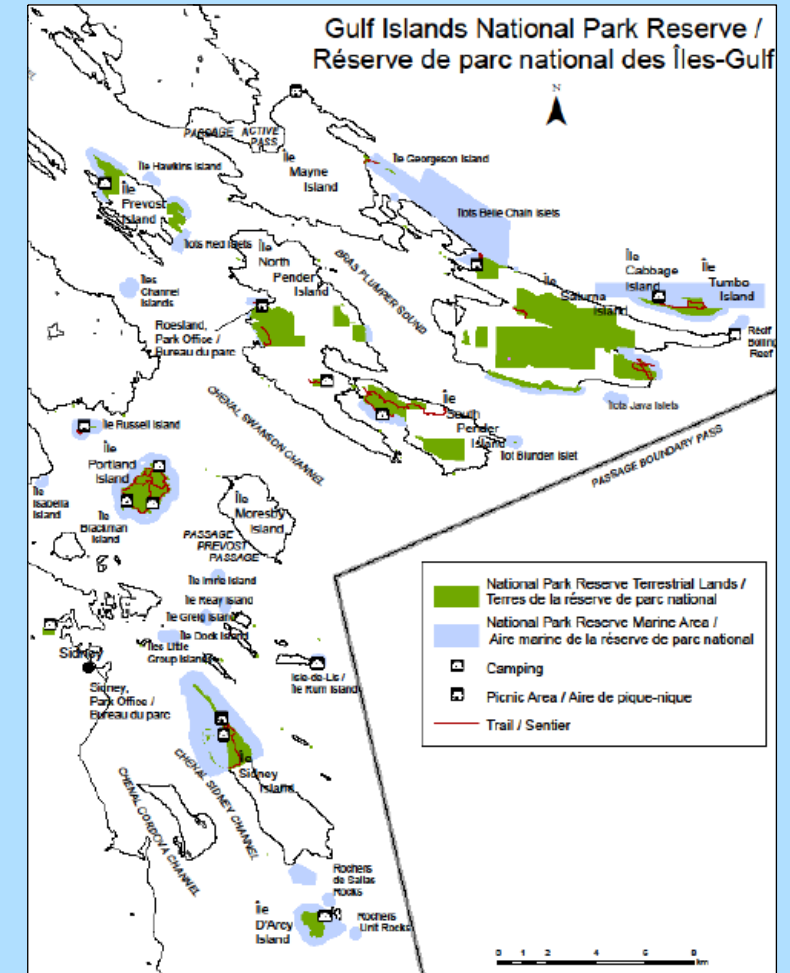
## Victoria Airport Authority (VAA):

- Negotiating agreement with VAA like Musqueam Indian Band – YVR Airport Sustainability and Friendship Agreement.
- Topics include:
  - Governance/Communication,
  - Culture and Heritage,
  - Employment,
  - Training and Education,
  - Land Use opportunities,
  - Economic Benefits,
  - Contracting and Business Opportunities,
  - W̱SÁNEĆ History and Art, and
  - The Environment.

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## Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Interim Co-Management Agreement:

- WLC is nearing completion of this agreement.
- Includes role for WSÁNEĆ leadership in decision-making regarding all aspects of GINPR operations, including:
  - the incorporation of WSÁNEĆ SKÁLS (laws),
  - the use of SENĆOŦEN,
  - harvesting rights and other cultural practices,
  - the preservation of cultural heritage,
  - economic opportunities,
  - potential land acquisition opportunities,
  - training and employment, and
  - visitor services.



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- **Hunting:**

- Developing Position paper regarding Hunting rights/infringements from Provincial laws/regulations
- WLC staff have received input from Hunters Committee and Hunting Conference to discuss experiences and barriers to hunting
- This committee will also be utilized when discussing possible solutions

- **Fisheries:**

- Developed position paper regarding Fisheries rights/infringements from Federal laws/regulations
- Document has been reviewed internally and has been sent to DFO for review
- WLC and DFO will create work plan to guide discussions on each recommendation made
- WLC is working with UBC and W̱SÁNEĆ Fishers to expand “community experiences” section and describe impacts that DFO has had on W̱SÁNEĆ fishers.