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Response to the School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) Lytton K-12 Consultation Process – Update

1. nkshAytkn “Caring for Our Children” (ShchE’ma.meetkt) is an active group formed in response to the actions of Gold Trail School District #74, as disclosed in their November 16 2017 press release.
2. *The Gold Trail School District #74 Press Release* indicates they have passed a motion to extend the consultation process regarding the K-12 options for students of Lytton and surrounding area and further stated that **if sufficient funds** are not raised by May 14 2018 to build a new facility, the board will proceed with the closure of the Lytton Elementary School and renovate the Kumsheen Secondary School to accommodate k-12 students
3. Through Community Meetings, the following items have been identified;
 - a. the current Lytton Elementary site is the preferred location and anticipates an additional \$8,000,000.00 (eight million dollars) will be required to build a new facility at this site.
 - b. the community is not in support of closing the Lytton Elementary School or the renovation of the Kumsheen Secondary School to accommodate k-12 students.
 - c. to seek professional services to complete a comprehensive feasibility study that will include meaningfully community involvement and visioning for a new facility.
4. **nkshAytkn “Caring For Our Children” (SHchE’ma.meet.kt)** is not in support of the deadline of six months (November 14, 2017 – May 14, 2018) to raise funds and engage other entities for funding support for the new facility and request that the extension take into consideration of the projected timeline for feasibility study.
5. We are committed to developing new relationships with the Gold Trail School District #74 and with all stakeholders to build a new facility. A facility that reflects the unique needs of our communities and the BC Ministry of Education new curricular mandate.
6. The community has appointed a facilitator with a strong educational background to consult and provide guidance to team members, to ensure problem solving and decision making throughout the process of a new K-12 building in Lytton BC.

Moving forward, the nkshAytkn “Caring for Our Children” (SHchE’ma.meetkt) committee will be hosting opportunities for meaningful consultation and we look forward to our community conversations where together we can dream, create, and build a stronger and brighter future for our children. Our session dates will be announced shortly.

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