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### **Stó:lō Community Futures Host Federal Pacific Caucus Meetings**

**Monday, July 25, 2016, Chilliwack, B.C.,**

Stó:lō Community Futures (SCF) announced today, that it will be hosting a full day's series of meetings with the Federal Pacific Caucus in Sólh Téméxw, the Traditional Stó:lō Territory, this Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The scheduled meetings include both the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous sectors, on the lands of the Stó:lō people.

The morning sessions, which will be held at Stó:lō Government House, in Chilliwack, will include Federal Liberal Cabinet and MPs meetings with the BC Turkey Farmers Association, the aerospace industry, the Chilliwack Economic Partners (CEPCO) and all regional Mayors and the Fraser Valley Regional District.

In the afternoon, the sessions move to the beautiful Squiala longhouse, for a very historic luncheon, cultural performances and private meeting with the Chiefs and Community representatives of the 24 Stó:lō Communities, meeting with the Pacific Caucus. This will be followed by a presentation from the Board of Directors of SCF and its many partners, including universities, First Nations, Métis, financial institutions and the private sector, under the SCF strategy, **STÓ:LŌ MEANS BUSINESS**.

"This Is truly a historic day, not only for SCF, but for al Indigenous leaders and community members throughout Sólh Téméxw" says Chief Colin Pennier, Chief of Scowlitz First Nation, and Chairperson of SCF. "Getting the Chiefs and representatives of all the Stó:lō Communities together with the Federal Caucus, offers an excellent opportunity to address our concerns, as we continue to work towards nation-to-nation building, a key focus of the current Federal Government."

"In addition, this is an excellent opportunity to build bridges between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous governments and businesses in our local communities", said Louis De Jaeger, SCF Board Executive, and the Federal candidate for Chilliwack-Hope, in the last Federal election. "By bringing the Federal decision makers into Sólh Téméxw, SCF is providing opportunities for all local Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders and businesses, to place their issues and concerns squarely in front of the Federal decision makers", said De Jaeger.

#### **Background information:**

**STÓ:LŌ MEANS BUSINESS** is an economic initiative led by SCF, a non-profit organization mandated to provide support in community economic development and business growth to Aboriginal peoples living in the Stó:lō Traditional Territory. SCF embraces and celebrates Stó:lō cultural values and believes in creating and supporting the entrepreneurial spirit in Stó:lō and Indigenous communities. Aboriginal business growth,



economic development opportunities and Aboriginal partnerships with the private sector are experiencing growth and prosperity across Canada. **STÓ:LŌ MEANS BUSINESS** captures this spirit and says, “Consider the Possibilities. Stó:lō is open for business.”

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