

## Ice Arena/Pool MOU To Be Signed by All Local Communities at Olympic Torch Celebrations

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other Central Region First Nations, the Districts of Tofino and Ucluelet and the Regional District at the Olympic Torch Celebrations November 1, 2009. The MOU is in the spirit of the December 2007 Tla-o-qui-aht - Tofino MOU "Live together, work together, play together."

All communities are agreeing to work together towards the creation of a multiplex featuring an ice arena and pool in the MOU.

"This is a huge step," said West Coast Multiplex Co-Chair Moses Martin. "This has been a dream for many people for many years but to have the formal commitment of all our local communities to do something that will benefit all our children and all our communities will certainly make a statement both locally and Nationally that will hopefully help us achieve funding needed to make this a reality."

Chief Councillor Francis Frank added, "This is one of potentially many opportunities for our communities to demonstrate how we can collaborate to achieve mutual benefit. The fundamental principle of all our communities wanting what's best for all our children is what motivates our First Nation to participate in this exciting project. As a participating First Nation, we look at this project among many others such as protection of water on Meares Island to serve Tofino residents as a reflection of how our First Nation is a contributing partner in processes that meet the mutual benefit of all, especially our children."



## Walking for Stolen Sisters

Part of Lisa Marie Young's family went to support a Walk for Stolen Sisters to raise awareness and honor the many missing women throughout Canada. Others walked around Canada with a unified voice to bring awareness to the plight of so many women and their families.

Gloria Frank said about 60 women were met by their supportive men and friends at the end of the walk. She shared that Cecelia Arnet and Rose Fred spoke to the group about how hard it's been over the years, not knowing where their granddaughter is, and yet they said there is always hope.

Flowers each named for a woman who is missing, were thrown into the water Gloria said.

Those from Tla-o-qui-aht supporting the walk were: Gloria Frank, Dennis Martin, Joanne Young, Carol Martin, Willie Frank, Cecelia Arnet, Nellie Joseph and Rose Fred.





## **WEST COAST MULTIPLEX SOCIETY**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**May 21, 2009**

**This is a Memorandum of Understanding between the District of Tofino, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, District of Ucluelet, Ucluelet First Nation, Ahousaht First Nation, Hesquiaht First Nation, Toquaht First Nation and Alberni Clayoquot Regional District Area C, confirming ongoing support, in spirit, for moving forward with the West Coast Recreation Centre.**

#### **Whereas**

- **we recognize the importance of healthy children and healthy community**
- **we desire to work together, across cultural and jurisdictional boundaries, to develop this critical regional facility**
- **we have completed the Business Plan for the Recreation Centre.**

#### **Therefore**

- **the District of Tofino, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, District of Ucluelet, Ucluelet First Nation, Ahousaht First Nation, Hesquiat First Nation, Toquaht First Nation, and ACRD Area C commit our ongoing support for developing the West Coast Recreation Centre, in spirit**

**Specifically, the District of Tofino, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, District of Ucluelet, Ucluelet First Nation, Ahousaht First Nation, Hesquiat First Nation, Toquaht First Nation, and ACRD Area C agree:**

- 1. To invite our respective communities to come together and renew their commitment, in spirit, to this project.**
- 2. To support WCMS, in spirit, as we develop an Action Plan which to move this project forward.**
- 3. To support WCMS, in spirit, while we develop possible options for cost sharing, within our communities, of construction costs and operating costs.**

**Reviewed:**

**Location: Tofino, BC**

**Date: May 21, 2009**



**Signed: Chief Joe Tom**  
**Hesquiaht First Nations**

**Date:**

*July 15, 2009*

**Reviewed:**

**Location: Tofino, BC**

**Date: May 21, 2009**

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**Signed: Chief Vi Mundy  
Ucluelet First Nations**

**Date:**

*July 7/09*

