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Celeste Haldane appointed Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission

VANCOUVER – On April 12, 2017, the governments of Canada, British Columbia, and the First Nations Summit officially appointed Celeste Haldane to a three-year term as Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission.

“It is an honour to be appointed Chief Commissioner at this important time for reconciliation in Canada and in British Columbia. Modern treaties are the best path to a true Nation to Nation relationship for all parties, self-determination for First Nations, and for the implementation of the UN Declaration,” said Haldane. “With political will from all parties, several treaties can be achieved in the next three years. The Treaty Commission will assist the parties in concluding negotiations and moving to a new relationship of reconciliation.”

Celeste is a practising lawyer and holds an LL.M. in Constitutional Law from Osgoode Hall Law School (York University). In 2015, she began her Doctorate at UBC in Anthropology & Law. Celeste is a member of the Sparrow family from Musqueam and is Tsimshian through Metlakatla.

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About the BC Treaty Commission

The Treaty Commission is the independent body responsible for overseeing treaty negotiations among the governments of Canada, BC and First Nations in BC. It has three roles: facilitation, funding, and public information and education.

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