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### **New Federal Government provides new opportunity for reconciliation**

VANCOUVER – The Treaty Commission congratulates the Liberal Party of Canada and Prime Minister-elect Justin Trudeau for forming a majority government following yesterday’s federal election.

The Liberal Party of Canada stated in their election platform: “It is a time for Canada to have a renewed, nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous Peoples, based on recognition, rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership. This is both the right thing to do and a sure path to economic growth”.

The Treaty Commission believes treaties, fairly negotiated and honourably implemented, are the best path towards reconciliation. We look forward to working with the new Liberal government to realize these commitments.

Congratulations to former BCAFN Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould (Puglaas) for being elected as a Member of Parliament for the new Vancouver-Granville riding. As a former Commissioner, Jody is well known to the Treaty Commission. “We are confident Jody will bring the same dedication to being an MP as she did as a Commissioner and Regional Chief,” said Acting Chief Commissioner Celeste Haldane.

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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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