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Landmark Agreement Reached

BURNS LAKE – After months of negotiation, the Village of Burns Lake and the Lake Babine Nation Band have reached a Comprehensive Full Service Agreement. The document, signed on Friday in Burns Lake, details a five year contract for the provision of water, sewer, garbage removal, fire protection, and general municipal services that will be provided by the Village of Burns Lake. The mutually-beneficial, fully comprehensive service plan will ensure a high level of service to the Woyenne residents for years to come.

This agreement represents a landmark of cooperation between the Village of Burns Lake and The Lake Babine Nation. While there has been agreements made in the past, this new contract represents a more complete and equitable arrangement. The two bodies are excited that the deal has finally become a reality. "I am very pleased with this agreement and the cooperation it represents." said Lake Babine Nation Acting Deputy Chief Crouse "It is rare that two governments are able to find a mutually beneficial arrangement such as this."

Mayor Luke Strimbold of the Village of Burns Lake had this to say: "I believe that both of our organizations will both become stronger through this relationship. The two governments, and the communities they represent, should be proud of what we have accomplished here." The agreement also paved the road for improved communication between the organizations, and the commitments made will allow for improved collaboration in the years to come.

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