



TSARTLIP FIRST NATION

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Victoria, BC – Tsartlip First Nation Chief and Council invites all media to the Tsartlip Administration Office, at 1 Boat Ramp Road (Brentwood Bay) at 1:30pm on Tuesday December 19, 2006 for a press conference.

Tsartlip Chief and Council will provide comments at this time regarding the status of negotiations with LBG9 Development Corporation, the company responsible for the Bear Mountain Golf Resort development. Tsartlip's concern for the destruction of a sacred cave on SPAET Mountain continues, along with concerns that the negotiation process has been flawed from the beginning.

Tsartlip is currently investigating a number of issues including information from two credible sources that LBG9 acted in bad faith, and further damaged the sacred cave site prior to the negotiation process being completed and an agreement being signed.

Tsartlip is preparing the communities resources, both human and financial, to pursue every possible avenue to ensure developers in the Capital Regional District act responsibly in the future. Tsartlip First Nation will hold local, provincial and federal governments and agencies accountable for allowing the destruction of heritage and sacred sites of First Nations people.

Tsartlip First Nation Chief and Council want all stakeholders in future developments, including the developer, government ministries and agencies and financial institutions who sponsor the destruction of heritage and sacred sites, to be aware that the only way to move forward is if there is an open consultation process with all First Nations groups in the area, or their developments will be disputed. Tsartlip First Nation has the unequivocal support of the Leadership Council and Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

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