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Provincial Court Notice to the Profession

Re: Prosecution of Offences under the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement ***(in force April 3, 2009)***

On April 3, 2009, the *Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Act*, S.C. 2008, c. 32, and S.B.C. 2007, c. 39 (*the "TFN Act"*), comes into force. The *TFN Act* implements the "Final Agreement" reached between the Tsawwassen First Nation, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of British Columbia.

The Final Agreement vests in the Tsawwassen First Nation the jurisdiction to make laws regarding a number of subject areas described in the Final Agreement. One term of the Final Agreement is to provide that the Provincial Court of British Columbia is the forum within which prosecutions of particular offences under Tsawwassen Law will be heard.

Any prosecutions of offences under Tsawwassen Law which are to be heard in the Provincial Court of British Columbia shall be heard at the Courthouse in Richmond, British Columbia.

The Final Agreement provides that the summary conviction proceedings of the *Offence Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 338, apply to prosecutions of offences under Tsawwassen Law.

Hugh C. Stansfield
Chief Judge

April 3, 2009