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Sooke – November 15, 2015 The T'Sou-ke Nation is pleased to announce it has completed the second phase of its Incremental Treaty Agreement with the Government of British Columbia. Under the agreement, nearly 60 ha of land at Broom Hill in the District of Sooke has been transferred back to the T'Sou-ke Nation. T'Sou-ke will hold this land as private land, and it will become part of its Treaty Settlement Land if T'Sou-ke, Canada and British Columbia negotiate and ratify a Final Agreement. Chief Gordon Planes said:

This transfer shows how T'Sou-ke has obtained real benefits for our people by using all of the tools available to defend our Douglas Treaties and to negotiate modern government to government agreements with British Columbia. This is just a small part of our whole territory, but this is an important step forward to setting matters right between the people of T'Sou-ke and the settlers in our territory.

T'Sou-ke has yet to determine how it will use the Broom Hill lands but intends to work closely with its members to develop an economic development vision that respects the Nation's traditional values. As T'Sou-ke Councillor Rose Dumont said:

We do not believe that T'Sou-ke has to choose between our traditional values, our Douglas Treaty rights, and creating a real economic base for our people. We believe we can protect these values and reflect them in the way we use our lands and deal with other governments.

T'Sou-ke thanks its negotiation team, Minister Rustad and the British Columbia negotiating team for making this agreement happen.

T'Sou-ke Nation is committed to protecting its Douglas Treaty rights, developing a sustainable economy and negotiating a modern treaty with Canada and British Columbia that embodies these goals and makes a better future for its people.

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