

## DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL OTTAWA

May 3, 1928.

Dear Mr. Paull .-

I have before me your letter of April 26th with enclosed newspaper clipping. I would advise you not to pay any attention to paragraphs in the newspapers. Your source of information is the Department.

I never understood that the Department was to advertise the reserve for sale before it was surrendered for sale. This proceeding would be very unusual and it seems to me very undesirable. When I looked back at the resolution that you passed on the 15th of December I could find no such stipulation in it. It is as follows:-

"RESOLVED that this Council of the Amalgamated Squamish Indian Bands hereby express our willingness to assent to a surrender of the Kitsilano (False Creek) Indian Reserve Number Six to the Crown, as represented by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, in order that it may be disposed of to our best interests, and we hereby agree that the surrender form shall contain a clause to the effect that the first charge against the monies arising out of the sale of the said Reserve shall be the payment to the Government of British Columbia of the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) as a full settlement of all claims which the said Government of British Columbia may have against the said Kitsilano (False Creek) Indian Reserve Number Six."

You will note that the purpose of the resolution was that the reserve might be disposed of to your best interests. There was no intention of the Department to accept a less amount than was deemed fair. We have a valuation on the property made in 1923 which will serve as a

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