



# Sayt-K'ilim-Goot

one heart, one path, one nation

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### President's Comments

**AS WE ARE IN THE MIDST** of our salmon harvest season, I hope everyone is enjoying the opportunity to participate in our Nisga'a fishery and preparing their winter supply.

I was happy to attend the Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society's annual graduation celebration in early June. Nisga'a of all ages, from pre-school to university had the opportunity to celebrate in one day. Once again it has been great for NLG to witness the accomplishments of all of our citizens this year.

We were all pleased to see that our Nation is making real progress towards our objective of sustainable prosperity, and

that our Treaty ensures that the Nisga'a Nation will participate in and benefit from projects that take place in the Nass Area. We announced that the Nation entered into a benefits agreement with Seabridge Gold, and a benefits agreement with Avanti Mines respecting their Kitsault project. Seabridge has been very responsive to our concerns around the environmental and social impacts of the project on Nisga'a Treaty interests. Avanti took longer, but eventually Avanti saw the benefits of working with us after the project faced disputes and litigation and their management team was replaced, fortunately, with people who were willing work

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### Nisga'a Nation and Seabridge Gold enter into benefits agreement

**TORONTO /** Seabridge Gold has entered into a comprehensive Benefits Agreement with the Nisga'a Nation in respect of Seabridge Gold's KSM Project, located in northwest British Columbia. The Benefits Agreement establishes a long-term co-operative relationship between Seabridge and the Nisga'a Nation under which the Nisga'a Nation will support development of the Project, participate in economic benefits from the Project and provide ongoing advice.

The Agreement includes commitments by Seabridge regarding jobs and contracting opportunities at the KSM Project, education and training, financial payments and a framework for working together on ongoing development matters. This comprehensive agreement also addresses concerns expressed by the Nisga'a Nation around the potential environmental and social impacts of the KSM Project.

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with us. The education and training of our citizens is crucial to the Nation's participation in these and other developments. I encourage all interested Nisga'a to touch base with our Nisga'a Employment Skills, Training (NEST) office to learn how you may take advantage of training and employment opportunities.

The Executive Chairperson and I, along with our legal counsel traveled to Ottawa and met with 10 Members of Parliament (MP) to discuss a number of issues of importance for the Nation. Among them included the outstanding issues respecting Own Source Revenue (OSR) which will need to be addressed as we forge ahead with our mandate of sustainable prosperity. We have also extended an invitation to two MP's who expressed interest in visiting the Nass Valley to observe Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) in late July. We have set the ground work for follow up meetings and support of the Nations treaty interests.

The Nisga'a Nation offers its congratulations to the Tsilhqot'in in their huge victory in the Supreme Court of Canada on June 26th. The Supreme Court ruling recognizes the Tsilhqot'in Aboriginal title to their traditional lands and

will indeed be a favourable milestone in their journey to achieving their self-government. In my congratulatory letter to the Tsilhqot'in, I stated, "There can be no greater feeling than to have judicial affirmation of what your ancestors have consistently maintained – that the First Nations of Canada are the first owners of our lands, and have the right of decision-making in respect of our lands." As that letter further states, we understand this experience very well since the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed our inherent aboriginal rights in dismissing a challenge to our Treaty last year.

In closing, I would like to pass on my best wishes to the several young Nisga'a citizens that will be traveling to Regina, Saskatchewan for the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) at the end of July. These young athletes and their families have worked hard to prepare for the journey to the games and we wish them well as they represent British Columbia and the Nisga'a Nation Si'aamhl wilin,

**Sim'oogit K'aw'een /  
H. Mitchell Stevens**

PRESIDENT

Seabridge Chairman and CEO Rudi Fronk comments that:

"This formal expression of support from the Nisga'a Nation is a major step forward for KSM. As the only Treaty nation involved in the KSM environmental assessment process, the Nisga'a's views carry considerable weight. This Agreement validates Seabridge's open, transparent and flexible approach to working with the Nisga'a Nation and First Nations generally on development of the KSM Project, and the KSM Project is better for it. We are proud that a strong, trusting and mutually respectful relationship with the Nisga'a Nation has grown out of our work with them over the last six years. Their support of the Project reflects their detailed, independent assessment that the Project can be built and operated in an environmentally responsible way."

Mitchell Stevens, President of Nisga'a Nation, comments that:

"We appreciate Seabridge's open and direct approach to working with the Nisga'a Nation. They began consulting

with us very early on in the development of the KSM Project design. They listened to our concerns and took them seriously. They have been very responsive to our concerns around the environmental and social impacts of the project on Nisga'a Treaty interests. As well, Seabridge has demonstrated a real willingness to assist the Nisga'a Nation in creating genuine economic opportunities and building the capacity of Nisga'a citizens."

Highlights of the Agreement include:

- Nisga'a Nation agreement to provide letters in support of the KSM Project to British Columbian and Canadian regulators, as well as potential investors in Seabridge or the Project.
- Financial payments upon the achievement of certain Project milestones and annual production payments based on a percentage of net profits, with the net profits payable normalizing after the Project has recovered

its capital costs, as determined under the terms of the Agreement.

- Strong commitments to education and training of Nisga'a citizens so that they will be better able to take advantage of the economic benefits the KSM Project offers.
- Mutual co-operation on completing the operational permitting process for the Project.

A framework for the Nisga'a Nation and Seabridge to work together to achieve employment targets and to ensure Nisga'a businesses will have preferred access to contracting opportunities.

Mutual co-operation on responding to social impacts which Nisga'a Villages may experience as a result of the Project.

The Agreement will remain in effect throughout the life of the KSM Project and will apply to future partners in the Project.

"We respect the emphasis by Nisga'a Nation leadership on protecting the environmental, social and cultural heritage of all Nisga'a citizens while ensuring that they also enjoy business and employment opportunities. This Agreement creates a genuine partnership between Seabridge and the Nisga'a Nation that will last for decades and we look forward to working with them to advance our mutual objectives." said Mr. Fronk.

Seabridge holds a 100% interest in several North American gold resource projects. The Company's principal assets are the KSM property located near Stewart, British Columbia, Canada and the Courageous Lake gold project located in Canada's Northwest Territories. For a breakdown of Seabridge's mineral reserves and resources by project and category please visit the Company's website at <http://www.seabridgegold.net/resources.php>.

All reserve and resource estimates reported by the Corporation were calculated in accordance with the Canadian National Instrument 43-101 and the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Classification system. These standards differ significantly from the requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

# Nisga'a Nation sends congratulations to the Tsilhqot'in National Government

President Mitchell Stevens congratulated the Tsilhqot'in National Government on their most recent legal victory at the Supreme Court of Canada where the court issued a ruling recognizing the aboriginal title of the Tsilhqot'in people. Here is the text of that letter.

June 26, 2014  
Tsilhqot'in National Government  
253 4th Avenue North  
Williams Lake, BC  
V2G 4T4

RE: Ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada

On behalf of Nisga'a Nation, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to your people on the most recent victory at the Supreme Court of Canada which issued a ruling recognizing your aboriginal title.

There can be no greater feeling than to have judicial affirmation of what your ancestors have consistently maintained – that the First Nations of Canada are the first owners of our lands, and have the right of decision-making in respect of our lands.

We understand what it means to struggle for and achieve that recognition when the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed our inherent aboriginal rights under the Nisga'a Final Agreement just last year.

We wish you well as you boldly move forward to implement your rights.

In solidarity,

Nisga'a Nation  
**H. Mitchell Stevens**  
President

# Gitlaxt'aamiks and Gitwinksihlkw volunteer fire departments attend FNESS Fire Expo and Competition



MEMBERS OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS AND GITWINKSIHLKW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. FRONT (L-R): AIDEN TAIT, GREVILLE NISYOK. MIDDLE (L-R): ETHAN MOORE, WALTER MCMILLAN, GEORGE JOHANSEN, STEVE SHAW, DRAE AZAK, SIMON CALDER, MIKE MOORE, CURTIS ROBINSON, WILLIAM ELLIOTT. BACK (L-R): DARRYL CLAYTON, ANTHONY MOORE.

**MEMBERS OF THE** Gitwinksihlkw Fire Department and Gitlaxt'aamiks Fire Department attended the FNESS Fire Expo and Competition in Smithers, BC from June 25-28, 2014.

The Fire Fighters received various training in programs such as:

- Live Fire Training
- Pump Operations
- Basic Fire Fighter "Train the Trainer"
- Wildland Fire Fighter "Train the Trainer"
- Fundamentals in rope rescue

Following the training, both departments competed against various departments across BC.

- Gitlaxt'aamiks Received
  - Most Sportsmanlike Team
  - 2nd place in Competition
- Gitwinksihlkw Received
  - 4th place in Competition

Congratulations to Anthony Moore who received "2014 Fire Fighter of the Year."

For more photos of the two fire departments, visit our photo gallery <http://nisgaanation.zenfolio.com/p728399750>.

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# NLG employs three seasonal wildland firefighters

**THREE SEASONAL WORKERS** have been hired for NLG's new Seasonal Wildland Firefighter Program. Curtis Robinson has been hired as Crew Leader and will be working with our Firefighter team comprised of Corbin Stevens and Cory Bolton.

In the event of a wildland fire within Nisga'a Lands, the three Nisga'a individuals will be the designated Initial Attack (IA) Crew. What is an Initial Attack Crew?



L-R: CURTIS ROBINSON, CORY BOLTON AND CORBIN STEVENS.

## INITIAL ATTACK CREWS

Initial attack firefighters operate as three-person crews and are usually the first on the scene of a new wildfire. Initial attack crews are highly mobile and are often relocated to help fight wildfires throughout the province or elsewhere in North America. There are more than 330 initial attack firefighters stationed at approximately 50 bases around the province, strategically placed where fires historically break out. Once firefighters are at the fire, the crews work quickly to set up water pumps, remove fuel from the fire's path using chainsaws, pulaskis or shovels, and dig fire guards to control or extinguish the blaze. Crews are self-sufficient and can remain on a fire for up to 24 hours

without re-supply. There is a 200 lb weight limit in effect for initial attack personnel.

Curtis, Corbin and Corey will spend much of their time out in the field and will be employed for the duration of the 2014 fire season from May – October 2014. The IA Crew will continue practising with the NLG Water Truck equipment and completing physical fitness tasks at least once a week and the rest of the week, while not fire fighting, will participate by brushing roads, identifying, marking and maintaining culverts and bridges, assist in any other project as needed by the NLG Lands and Resources Forestry department.

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## It's dangerous, so please don't feed the bears!

### THIS BEHAVIOR NEEDS TO STOP.

Bears are wild animals and can forage for themselves. Any public feeding can cause the bear to become aggressive and habituated to people.

Once habituated, a bear will lose their fear of people, and often continue to expect other people who may not have food to feed them. Such bears can become aggressive in their behavior and can pose a danger to people.

So think of others before you try to feed a bear. Its dangerous for you. Its dangerous to other people. Its bad for the bear.

For more information, see the following website <http://www.bearaware.bc.ca/>.

Or contact the Report a Poacher or Polluter (RAPP) line at 1 877 952 7277.

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# Nisga'a Museum successful in obtaining Ministry of Canadian Heritage grant



The Nisga'a Museum received confirmation from The Honourable Shelly Glover from the Department of Canadian Heritage and Official Language that it was successful in obtaining a grant from the Ministry for its collection engagement project titled *Access Nisga'a* in the amount of \$70,000.

*Access Nisga'a* is a multi-disciplinary, cross platform knowledge collection and dissemination project related to the Nisga'a Museum's Ancestors' Collection of 300+ objects repatriated to the Nisga'a Nation as part of the Nisga'a Final Agreement in 2000. The project is imagined as an innovative and interactive initiative that seeks to engage, inspire and reflect the creativity, diversity and inherent uniqueness of the Nisga'a Nation's cultural assets within the Hli ̄ootherl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a (Nisga'a Museum). The project will include researching works in the Ancestors' Collection, documentation of the artifacts for print and web publication, interpretation through an online component and self-guiding mobile muse application, educational programming such as elementary, high school and post-secondary programs including but not limited to roundtables, workshops and the collection of oral histories from elders

within the community. We will also design and produce a multi-lingual (English, French and Nisga'a) self-guiding brochure, web component and mobile muse application that will provide multiple access points to the Ancestors' Collection and other aspects of Nisga'a heritage including Ayuukhl Nisga'a, historic Nisga'a villages, and a collection of petro glyphs that align the Nass River (Lisims). This project will be done in partnership with Nisga'a School District #92, Ayuukhl Nisga'a, Northwest Community College Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art and Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute. The majority of research and foundation work will be conducted by graduate students in cooperation with the elders' council under the direction of museum staff during the spring/summer months with designing, editing and re-working of text, images and content occurring during the fall/winter months.

## **PROJECT OUTPUTS:**

**ANCESTORS' COLLECTION BOOK** / case bound, 250 pages, 9" x 6", printed in English, French and Nisga'a, 1500 copies (to start) – this unique book will provide a baseline for Nisga'a art and cultural history. It will be distributed and utilized as a textbook within the nation and as a tool for scholars and visitors to the nation who want to learn more about the art and culture of the Nisga'a people.

**SELF-GUIDING ANCESTORS' COLLECTION BROCHURE** / four panel brochure, 4" x 9", printed in English, French and Nisga'a, 15,000 copies – these brochures will allow visitors a self-guided experience in three languages, highlight each section, provide a high level of information plus enhanced information about 20 objects within the Ancestors' Collection. It will be distributed free of charge.

**DIDACTIC PANELS** / ten panels, 3' x 5', printed in English, French and Nisga'a. These panels will be situated throughout the museum and will provide another level of engagement with the Ancestors' Collection. The panels will allow for an entry level engagement with the objects,

their context and relationship to Nisga'a culture. They will be printed on gator board to allow for future edits and reprinting (without the expense of developing new panels).

**ANCESTORS' COLLECTION WEBSITE /** web 2.0 engagement platform that will focus on a "discovery" interface through images and key words. The Ancestors Collection database will be linked with Ayuukhl Nisga'a (archives of the Nation) and the Nation's petro glyph collection in order to enhance cross-department collaboration and access for visitors to the website. We envision up to 5000 visits per year for the first year and increasing that to 7500 in subsequent years.

**ACCESS NISGA'A MOBILE MUSE /** interpretour tablet initiative, 50 units, English, French, Nisga'a and German. This self-guiding tool will provide another level of engagement for visitors to the museum. Through the museums database (which will be continually updated as new information becomes available and verified) this tool will host the most up to date information related to the Ancestors' Collection and provide enhanced engagement opportunities including the inclusion of some oral histories, and video productions.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS /** tours of the collection and hands-on workshops, 128 programs (15-20 participants/ program), free of charge to schools over duration of MAP

grant. By providing programs to schools free of charge we anticipate building capacity for local and regional schools related to their art, history and cultural curriculums thereby enhancing connections and ownership of the collection throughout the region and the significance of the work within contemporary social and art development frameworks.

**POST-SECONDARY INITIATIVES /** research and program development positions (2 positions) and museum studies workshops (six – care and handling of objects, research methodologies, didactic writing, museum display – building mounts and installing an exhibition, curatorial practices and programming within the museum). Through our partnerships with NWCC and WNI the museum will increase the learning and cultural capacity of Nisga'a communities through student work-placement opportunities as well as specific museum studies seminars and workshops. We believe that these museum studies seminars and workshops will have two to four registrants each.

*Access Nisga'a* will be a two year project with the majority of outputs being "published" in year two. We look forward to working with our partners, community members and colleagues from across the Nation. I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank our advisory committee members for their unwavering support and the staff who will be helping us develop this important project.



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# New Visions Artist Residency comes to Nisga'a Museum

**LAXGALTS'AP, BC** / The Nisga'a Museum is very pleased to announce that the First Peoples' Cultural Council has awarded the museum with a grant worth \$10,000 in order to develop the *New Visions Artist Residency* project. This initiative is being developed in partnership with the Contemporary Art Gallery (CAG) in Vancouver. Nisga'a Museum director Darrin Martens along with the CAG's curator of public programs Shaun Dacey will be working collaboratively with Okanagan/Upper Nicola First Nation's artist Krista Belle Stewart this fall to explore issues related to aboriginal identity and contemporary First Nations' representation.

The *New Visions Artist Residency* is framed as an exchange between a socially engaged artist, Krista Belle Stewart, and youth artists from across the Nisga'a Nation. The artist will facilitate a series of exploratory hands-on art creation sessions that seek to expand cultural and visual arts literacy of the artist within the context of the Nisga'a Nation and its next generation of artists. The residency will take place in the fall of 2014 at the Nisga'a Museum. Issues surrounding cultural appropriation, traditional v.s. contemporary art practices, and the roles of the museum, art gallery, artistic research and collaboration will be explored through a series of dialogues with senior high school students who wish to make a career in the visual arts. Central to the project is an exhibition of photographic based work created by Krista Belle Stewart and her young artist apprentices at the Nisga'a Museum at the end of her residency. The exhibition, young artists and Stewart will then travel to Vancouver where their work will be presented alongside a public talk produced by the Contemporary Art Gallery's curator of public programs Shaun Dacey. The youth will be introduced to Vancouver's art community during their stay completing an itinerary of gallery visits (includes but not limited to: Grunt Gallery, Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art, First Peoples, Spirit Wrestler Gallery) and studio visits (including but not limited to: Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun, Shaun Hunt, and others within the Metro Vancouver region) with contemporary First Nations artists.

Krista Belle Stewart is a member of Okanagan/Upper Nicola Band, British Columbia. Stewart lives and works in Vancouver. She holds a BFA from Emily Carr University and is currently an MFA candidate from Bard College in New York. Recent exhibition and performance history includes *Music from the New Wilderness* at The Western Front, *Shelved* at the Burnaby Art Gallery (with Rebecca Belmore) and *The Fiction/Non-fiction* at the Esker Foundation (Calgary). Belle's work often explores First Nations identity, particularly by individuals and groups who have no direct links to North American Native culture, other than through romanticized/fetishized interest such as health products that tap into the wisdom of the elders to help relieve your carpal tunnel syndrome; sculptures and trinkets that depict proud, ideal figures, and phenomena such as the German Indianer Klub, where members don elaborate buckskin outfits while interpreting Native American song and dance. Stewart's photographic practice creates a dialogue between past and present, the romantic and the real, creating an awareness of the implications of misrepresentation, stereotypes, and racism. Her work engages the complexities of intention and interpretation made possible by archival material. The work approaches mediation and story-telling to unfold the interplay between personal and institutional history.



# Aboriginal Day festivities in Gitlaxt'aamiks

"It's another beautiful day in God's Country!" proclaimed Dr. Joseph Gosnell as he entered the belated Aboriginal Day festivities in Gitlaxt'aamiks.

The Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks hosted their annual celebration with a theme celebrating Nisga'a culture, "The Children of today are the Elders of tomorrow". The days' festivities kicked off with a colourful parade lead by children with beautifully decorated bikes. The parade started at the village government parking lot and went throughout the community, landing at the finish line where all the festivities would take place at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Recreation Centre grounds. There were activities for children of all ages, including Chief Councillor Gerald Robinson who was the first contestant in the water dunking contest. The smaller children had fun in several large inflatable slides and play areas. Food and arts & crafts vendors were also available for all to enjoy. A number of contests were held throughout the afternoon including the "moose call"; yal iss (processing soapberries by hand); ts'al fish; remote control race; fitness endurance, fear factor and a tug of war.

NLG staff were proud to participate in the parade and in all the festivities in yet another successful annual event for Gitlaxt'aamiks.

To view more photos of the days' activities, go to <http://nisgaanation.zenfolio.com/p551085777>.





## Are you a Nisga'a Athlete participating in the North American Indigenous Games?

### THE 2014 NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

(NAIG) will take place in Regina, Saskatchewan from July 20-27, 2014. The theme for the games is "Raising the Bar". We want to hear from our young ambassadors (and parents/guardians for under 18 athletes) that will proudly represent the Nisga'a Nation at the Indigenous Games!

Are you a Nisga'a citizen that has qualified and will be participating in the Indigenous games? If so, NLG is doing a 'call out' to all Nisga'a athletes that will be participating in the games so we may feature you on our website and in our July 2014 NLG newsletter.

If you would like to be featured on our website and newsletter, contact our Communications & Intergovernmental Relations Directorate via email, [marianneg@niscgaa.net](mailto:marianneg@niscgaa.net) with the following information:

*Athlete's Name:*

*Nisga'a Name:*

*Pdeek/Tribe:*

*Wilp/House:*

*Parents:*

*Home Community:*

*Town/City you reside (if outside the Nass Valley):*

*Sport (individual or team): provide short description*

*Age category:*

Brief description of your journey: in 150 words or less, provide us a statement about your experience leading up to the games that could include qualifying, training, fundraising, thank yous, etc.

High-resolution individual or team photo for use on our NLG website and newsletter.

For athletes under the age of majority in British Columbia (19), we strongly encourage your submission to come from a parent or guardian.

Thank you and best wishes on your journey at the 2014 North American Indigenous Games!

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# Medical students promoting careers in health visit Nass Valley

**A GROUP OF MEDICAL STUDENTS** from UBC, UNBC and a number of other colleges were travelling through the valley and stopped off to visit our museum.

The goal of the visit was two-fold. First, the medical students met with young people at NESS to encourage our Nisga'a youth to consider careers and employment in the health sector.

Second, the tour itself was an opportunity to introduce the medical students to different parts of BC as possible places to practice medicine.

The group participated in a number of activities throughout the valley including a volcano cone tour, lava

bed tour and of course a tour of the Ancestors' Collection. They also had a traditional Nisga'a meal at the museum before they returned to Terrace (and back to their studies).



MEDICAL STUDENTS VISIT NISGA'A MUSEUM.

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## Updated BC Parks Provincial Protected Area Boundary Adjustment Policy, Process & Guidelines webpage

**IN RECOGNITION OF** the public interest in the establishment and management of parks and protected areas, and the integral role parks and protected areas play in supporting local economies and community-based recreation, government has afforded parks a high level of legislative protection. Because of this, boundary adjustments most often require changes to legislation. Boundary modifications are normally approved only where there are significant environmental, social or economic benefits to the Province that exceed the importance of preserving the integrity of the existing park or protected area boundary and values.

In order to keep the public informed of boundary adjustment proposals BC Parks has updated the Provincial Protected Area Boundary Adjustment Policy, Process and

Guidelines webpage. The page has been updated to provide more detail on the process and to provide notification of proponent led boundary adjustment applications currently being prepared, including information on opportunities for public consultation. Visit the updated page at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/PBAPProcess/>.

Stage 2 Park Boundary Adjustment Application – opportunity for input for Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park.

An opportunity for input on a boundary application being prepared by Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd. for Anhluut'ukwsim Laxmihl Angwinga'asanskwhl Nisga'a (a.k.a. Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park) is available during the May 26 – July 10th, 2014 period.

# Notice of Voting Opportunities for the By-Election for the Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks

*Notice in Accordance with Nisga'a Law*

## **NOTICE OF VOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BY-ELECTION FOR THE NISGA'A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS**

General Voting Opportunity

The general voting opportunity for the by-election of one (1) Village Councillors for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks will take place on:

**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014**

**8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM AT:**

**GITLAXT'AAMIKS RECREATION CENTRE  
YOUTH ROOM  
4518A TAIT AVENUE NEW AIYANSH, BC V0J 1A0**

For more information contact:  
Jean Clayton, Nisga'a Elections Officer  
Tel: 250 633 2715  
[jeanc@nisgaaelections.ca](mailto:jeanc@nisgaaelections.ca)

## Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project Update

For the latest update, please go to  
<http://www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/2014%2005%2023%20-%20PRGT%20-%20Project%20Activity%20Update%2012.pdf>.

# Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act Community Information Sessions 2014

The *Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act* is now in effect. Please join us to learn more about what the Act does and how you may be able to use it to obtain fee simple ownership of a residential lot in a Nisga'a Village.

## **PRINCE RUPERT**

Monday July 21 – Prince Rupert Nisga'a Hall – 7pm to 9pm

## **TERRACE**

Tuesday July 22 – Terrace Community Room – 7pm to 9pm

## **VANCOUVER**

Saturday July 26 – Holiday Inn Express Vancouver (Hastings & Renfrew) – 2:30pm to 4:30pm

## **GINGOLX**

Monday July 28 – Gingolx Long House – 7pm to 9pm

## **LAXGALTS'AP**

Tuesday July 29 – Laxgalts'ap Community Centre – Cafeteria Area – 7pm to 9pm

## **GITLAXT'AAMIKS**

Wednesday July 30 – Gitlaxt'aamiks Gitmidiik Hall – 7pm to 9pm

## **GITWINKSIHLKW**

Thursday July 31 – Gitwinksihlkw Village Government Chambers – 7pm to 9pm

The sessions will be of interest to Nisga'a citizens interested in owning a residential lot in a Nisga'a village, whether or not they currently own a Nisga'a Village entitlement or Nisga'a Nation entitlement.

For more information:  
Tel 250 633 3091  
Toll Free 1 866 633 0888  
Email: [land.title@nisgaa.net](mailto:land.title@nisgaa.net)

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# Gingolx hosts Nisga'a student fashion show

**THE VILLAGE OF GINGOLX HAS JOINED PARIS AND NEW YORK AS THE LATEST CENTER OF THE FASHION WORLD FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FASHION SHOW.**

On June 18, about 23 students, most of whom were adult learners, participated in a 12 week training program in fashion design sponsored by the Village Government of Gingolx. They celebrated the completion of the program by hosting a fashion show where these aspiring designers had an opportunity to show case their wares and latest projects.

A remarkable volume of work was displayed. It took at least an hour for all the items to be modeled featuring over 100 different items of apparel with original designs created by the students. Students and their families and friends (and even a few pets) worked the fashion 'runway' as models to show case this high end attire.

Neil Barton of the Village Administration in Gingolx indicated that some of the goals of the program were to promote community spirit and build strong self-esteem for the learners. By that account, the program appeared to be a great success.

After the show was concluded, certificates of completion were provided to students who thanked the Village Government, their families, friends and their instructor Val Morgan for their support in completing an empowering learning experience. In their graduating speeches, many of the students shared how they never thought they could do the design, and now realized that they could acquire and apply these skills; how enjoyable the classes were; and how hard they were willing to work. Ms. Morgan, herself a professional designer, shared that many students stayed from 10 am to 4 pm each day. Some students continued into the late evening to work on their projects, having to sneak home late at night. It was indeed inspiring to see the design students take so much pride in applying their recently acquired skills to produce these creative pieces.

One student had formally declared at the end of the show that he would be continuing with these fashion studies, and plans to attend a fashion design school in Vancouver in the fall.

The students will then begin their next 12 week the advanced design segment next week.

To the students of the design program in Gingolx, Si'aamhl wilsim / continue to create beautiful designs.

To see photos of the show, go to <http://nisgaanation.zenfolio.com/p170783545>.



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# Nisga'a Law Student part of first law students to graduate from Canada's newest law school



DEBRA FEBRIL, OF LAXGALTS'AP, RECEIVES HER JURIS DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE.

**ON JUNE 14, 2014,** it was another historic milestone this graduating season for another member of the Nisga'a Nation.

Debra Febril, from Laxgalts'ap, became the first Nisga'a ever to graduate from Canada's newest law school, Thompson Rivers University (TRU) in Kamloops, BC.

Debra was part of the first 73 law students to graduate from TRU. Dressed in her regalia, Debra proudly walked across the stage at the convocation to receive her Juris Doctor of Laws Degree from Chancellor Wally Oppal, who has served as Attorney General, Justice of the Supreme Court of BC and Justice of the BC Court of Appeal. The event was attended by several other distinguished guests including the Honourable Lance Finch, the former Chief Justice of the BC Court of Appeal, who received his honorary Doctor of Laws, as did former Premier Gordon Campbell.

Debra completed her undergraduate degree in English and has worked hard for the last three years to reach this important landmark in her career, all while raising her two children.

Her family was of course on hand, including the Speaker of the Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, Craig McKay, who also travelled

from the Nass Valley to attend her graduation representing the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap.

At the request of NLG, I was asked to personally present a letter of congratulations on behalf of President H. Mitchell Stevens, which included the following:

"The completion of your legal studies makes you a part of the legal history of the Nisga'a Nation. When we sued the Crown for recognition of aboriginal title in the Calder decision, Nisga'a Nation re-opened the land question in BC which contributed towards the establishment of the federal comprehensive land claims process in Canada. During the First Ministers Conferences in the 1970s and 1980s, we were part of the efforts to draft the proposed language for s. 35 that ensured aboriginal and treaty rights were recognized and affirmed as part the Canadian constitution. As a result, the rights of the Nisga'a Nation are now constitutionally protected and perfected under the Nisga'a Final Agreement.

"A degree in law opens the doors to a wide variety opportunities, and with your degree, you have the skills and opportunity to make your eventual contribution towards this proud legacy.

"On behalf of Nisga'a Nation, I wish you all the best on your great day of celebration."

When she received the letter which I read aloud to her, Debra appeared quite moved by this gesture of support.

So on behalf of Nisga'a Lisims Government, congratulations to you Debra as you boldly move on to the next stage of your legal career.

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# BA in First Nations Studies obtained by Bobby Clark

## **A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR OWN IN THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT – BOBBY CLARK, B.A.**

At the executive of NLG, it was recently suggested that, in addition to those who have received their Doctorates and Ph.Ds, we pause to recognize one of our own in the Communications Department, Bobby Clark.

Many years ago, when Bobby began to work at NLG, one of his first tasks was to set goals as part of his first evaluation. At that time, Bobby indicated that he wished to obtain his Bachelor of Arts degree.

Bobby worked full time at NLG, and studied part time, taking evening courses, and studying on his own for the next seven years.

At NLG, we could all see the extra work that was involved, especially around exam time each December and March when we were busy at NLG, and on top of this, Bobby still had a lot of homework to do.

This spring, Bobby obtained his Bachelor of Arts in First Nations Studies from the University of Northern British Columbia, through Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a.



BOBBY CLARK, COMMUNICATIONS & EMERGENCY PROGRAM MANAGER /  
COMMUNICATIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

**So on behalf of our department and NLG,  
we would like to recognize bobby for his  
exemplary persistence as an example of  
what it means to achieve success by  
reaching your goals in life.**

Si'aamhl wilin, Bobby – mission accomplished.

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## Judge Josiah (Joe) Wood remembered for his compassion for people who needed help

**JOSIAH (JOE) WOOD** stood up for anyone charged with a criminal offence. The 73-year-old Duncan provincial court judge died early Monday after a short bout with pancreatic cancer. His career, by any measure, was remarkable. Wood graduated from UBC law school in 1967 along with former BC attorney general and justice Wally Oppal. "Joe was a civil libertarian – he defended people who needed to be

defended and he cared for people who were poor," said Oppal, a good friend, on Thursday. Wood's talent as a courtroom lawyer was evident early in his career, said Oppal.

See more at: <http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/judge-josiah-joe-wood-was-a-champion-of-the-needy-1.1128674#sthash.TP2hcEgW.dpuf>.



## Elders Picnic

Hosted by the NVHA Public Health Department.

Event is for elders that are 60 years and over.

**WHEN** / Wednesday, July 30, 2014 - 12:00 to 14:00

**LOCATION** / Holy Trinity Church Basement

# FREE breast cancer screening at Nisga'a Valley Health Authority this July

To have a mobile clinic in our area is a HUGE opportunity to take advantage of – each mammogram only takes 15 minutes and we know that early detection is key.

Women 40 years and over: please consider booking your appointment today – space is limited.

To all others: please share this with the women in our lives who are at least 40 years young... and advocate for early detection.

Our bodies depend on us and sometimes we need a reminder to take care of them before something goes wrong.

The Screening Mammography Program (SMP) provides free mammograms (Breast x-ray) to BC women ages 40-79.

Door prizes – Healthy Snacks & Lunch.

Contact your local CHR for an appointment. We look forward to seeing you.

Your CCHRs are:

**GITLAXT'AAMIKS** / Florence Nisyok, Cherie Mercer  
1 888 233 2212 or 250 633 5000

**GITWINKSIHLKW** / Millie Azak  
1 800 993 3513 or 250 633 2611

**LAXGALTS'AP** / Marylou McKay, Karon McKay  
1 800 991 5667 or 250 621 3274

**GINCOLX** / Tanya Stanley  
1 800 991 5671 or 250 326 4258

## NVHA Walk for Life

Everyone is welcome to join NVHA annual Walk for Life: 10K walk or run. Registration begins at 10 am and the Walk begins at 11 am.

First 100 Participants will receive a FREE T-shirt & luncheon after the walk. Transportation will be available (limited space).

**CONTACT** / CCHR Team:

Karon or Marylou 250 621 3274

Tanya Stanley 250 326 4258

Florence or Cherie 250 633 5000

**WHEN** / Sunday, July 13, 2014 – 10:00 to 14:00

**LOCATION** / Gitlaxt'aamiks Auditorium



# Human Resources hosts 2nd annual NLG employee appreciation and recognition

## The second Nisga'a Lisims Government Employee Appreciation and Recognition event was held on June 16, 2014.

This annual event is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the commitment and excellence of all NLG Employees. In addition, we take the opportunity to highlight individual and group achievements, as well as organizational accomplishments. The 16 NLG Employees recognized this year for their outstanding contributions are:

- Millie Percival, Victim Assistance Coordinator
- Holly Maxwell, Administrative Assistant / Nisga'a Museum
- Andrea Eckford, Gift Store Associate / Nisga'a Museum
- Faith Tait, Access to Justice Manager
- Diane Stewart, Enrolment and Eligibility Manager
- Nita Morven, Researcher / Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department
- George Guno, Maintenance Worker, Grounds Keeper
- Tracey McKay, Senior Lands Officer
- Dorothy Elliott, Deputy Registrar of Land Titles
- Rodney Moore, Forest Resources Officer
- Darrin Martens, Museum Director
- Gary Patsey, NEST Manager
- Anthony Moore, Lands Officer
- Bonita Young-Mercer, Programs & Services Coordinator / Terrace

- Tanya Clayton, Administrative Assistant, Fisheries Directorate
- Cheryl Pelletier, Human Resources Manager

As Public Servants, we take our responsibilities seriously and we work hard for the citizens of the Nisga'a Nation. Celebrating our organizational success along the way shows us how far we have come, and refuels us for our continued work ahead.

Moving into the Educational Achievement portion of our celebration, we focused on these key factors of our Nisga'a Lisims Government's Vision Statement:

- Our Ayuuk, language and culture are the foundation of our identity
- Learning is a way of life
- We strive for sustainable prosperity and self-reliance

We recognize that learning organizations are leading organizations. Learning is a shared responsibility that moves us forward. As an organization, we support staff development and we acknowledge that in doing so, we create a stronger, dynamic, sustainable and progressive workforce. With a skilled and engaged team, we are equipped to confront the challenge of new projects, administer effective programs, and deliver exceptional service to the citizens of our nation.

While we appreciate that learning occurs in a variety of forms on a daily basis – be it through simple hands-on instruction to learn new tasks, attending various workshops to gain new insights, or cross-training with our colleagues to acquire new skills – at this time, we wish to acknowledge the more formal post-secondary educational achievement of our staff members.

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**EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT 2013 AND 2014:**

- Cheryl Stephens – Degree of Master of Business Administration – UNBC – May 2014
- Bobby Clark – Degree of Bachelor of Arts – First Nations Studies – WWNI/UNBC – June, 2014
- Tracey McKay – Degree of Associate of Arts – Sustainable Community Specialization – NWCC – May, 2013

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:**

**Nisga'a Studies – WWNI/UNBC**

- Bobby Clark
- Cheryl Tait
- Stephanie Azak

**First Nations Language – Nisga'a – WWNI/UNBC**

- Stephanie Azak
- Nicole Morven
- Cheryl Tait
- Maxine Azak
- Bobby Clark

**General First Nations Studies – WWNI/UNBC**

- Nicole Morven
- Bobby Clark
- Fran Johnson – First Nations Fine Arts Certificate – NWCC
- Reg Percival – Conflict Resolution: Mediation/Third Party Intervention Certificate – JIBC
- Bev Azak – Community Linguistics Certificate – University of Alberta
- Bert Mercer – Masters Certificate in Project Management – UNBC

As we applaud these staff members for their academic achievement, we offer encouragement to those who are currently progressing with their studies in the areas of accounting, payroll, HR, language, culture, business administration, management, etc. We look forward to celebrating your success when you complete your studies and reach your educational goals!

## Moses McKay re-appointed and takes oath as board member of NADRB



L-R: SIM'OOGIT HAM'AXMOK'ASKW (REGINALD PERCIVAL), ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OFFICER (ARO); SIM'OOGIT W'II T'AXGENX (EDWARD MCMILLAN), NADR BOARD MEMBER; SIM'OOGIT BAYT N'EEKHL (MOSES MCKAY), NADR BOARD MEMBER; SIM'OOGIT LAK'EE (DAVID GRIFFIN, JR.), NADR BOARD CHAIR.

Following a re-appointment by the NLG Executive on May 30, 2014, Moses McKay took his Oath as a member of the Board for the Nisga'a Administrative Decisions Review Board (NADRB) for another two year term on June 12. Mr. McKay's Oath was administered by Chairperson of the Council of Elders, Sigidimnak' Angaye'e, Shirley Morven and witnessed by his colleagues, Board Chair David Griffin, Jr., board member Edward McMillan and Administrative Review Officer, Reginald Percival.

The Board and ARO is established and mandated pursuant to the *Nisga'a Administrative Decisions Review Act*.

More photos of the June 12 ceremony may be viewed at <http://nisgaanation.zenfolio.com/p78839190>.

# Nisga'a in-river individual sale fishery

## WHEN /

10-hour opening Saturday, July 5th 8:00 to 18:00

AND

10-hour opening Monday, July 7th 8:00 to 18:00

## LOCATION /

The downstream boundary for all in-river IS openings is at Red Bluff, the upstream boundary is above Grease Harbour at the entrance to the canyon near Fishwheel 3. **The river is closed above the upstream boundary.**

**Participants are required to possess a valid Nisga'a Fisheries Licence and IS Permit plus Transport Canada Certification.**

**All vessels must be Nisga'a owned.**

Sockeye salmon will be the target species for these fisheries but Coho salmon will also be purchased. Fish will be refused if it does not meet the quality standards established in Nisga'a Fisheries Regulations 2002.

Fish will be purchased only if:

- Bled immediately after removal from net, and
- Placed immediately in slush after bleeding.

Any Chum, Chinook and Steelhead caught should be released if healthy or otherwise taken as food. Please report any food catch to a NFWD catch monitor. Please return any tags recovered or record tag numbers from released fish to Nisga'a Fisheries for entry into a tag lottery draw (three draws of \$250).

Nisga'a Fisheries management has instructed DFO Enforcement to not permit vessels on the fishing grounds that:

- are less than 16 feet in length in the In-river fishery
- do not have PFDs for each person on board,
- have no operational VHF marine radio

Any vessels not meeting one of these requirements will be sent to shore or towed to shore to remedy the lack of any of these essential safety or regulatory requirements before being allowed to continue participating in any marine IS fishery.

As a reminder, the limit for Sockeye salmon is 800 per permit. Permit Sales: Can be purchased at the Nisga'a Fisheries office during regular business hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) Monday to Saturday and at the Nisga'a Hall in Prince Rupert during their regular business hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm). Monday to Friday. Or call Nisga'a Fisheries Program toll-free number, 1 866 633 2145 for more information.

## Nisga'a crab not for sale



This summer, please enjoy your fish, crab and halibut – but please don't sell any.

The Department of Resource Enforcement (DRE) along with the Department of Fisheries & Wildlife would like to remind Nisga'a citizens that the sale of fish, crabs and halibut is illegal.

# BC Parks Park Facility Operator Opportunities

As you may be aware, the opportunities for the front-country contracts have finally been posted on BC Bid.

All front-country parks in Skeena will be tendered under an Invitation to Quote (ITQ) for a 3 year term or under a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a 10 year term as follows:

Parks within Bundles tendered under RFP for 10 year term:

- Terrace-Rupert Bundle comprised of Lakelse Lake, Kleanza Creek, Prudhomme Lake, Diana Lake, and Exchamsiks River.
- Smithers Bundle comprised of Tyhee Lake and Driftwood Canyon.
- Hazelton Bundle comprised of Seeley Lake, Anderson Flats, and Ross Lake.

Individual parks tendered under an ITQ for a 3 year term:

- Boya Lake
- Kinaskan Lake
- Meziadin Lake & Hanna-Tintina Conservancy
- Nisga'a Memorial Lava Beds
- Red Bluff (near Granisle)

There will be a non-mandatory site visit for information on these opportunities that will be held at the following locations and dates:

- June 17th, 2014 at 1:00pm at Meziadin Lake picnic shelter – this site visit will cover the ITQ's for Meziadin, Kinaskan & Boya Lake Parks.

- June 24th, 2014 at 1:00pm at Tyhee Lake picnic shelter – this site visit will cover the RFP's and ITQ's for Smithers Bundle; Hazelton Bundle; and Red Bluff Park.
- June 26th, 2014 at 1:00pm at Lakelse Lake Furlong Bay Campground picnic shelter – this site visit will cover the RFP and ITQ for Terrace-Rupert Bundle and Nisga'a Memorial Lava Beds Park.

Please note these are non-mandatory meetings. The meetings will simply review the new agreement and go through the requirements that our operators will be providing (i.e. campsite maintenance; reporting; etc).

To review the opportunities in full, please visit: [www.bcbid.ca](http://www.bcbid.ca). Any questions must be made by email only to [parkservices@gov.bc.ca](mailto:parkservices@gov.bc.ca). All questions and answers will be posted to BC Bid under supplier attachments.

Please forward this information to anyone who may be interested in operating some of our finest parks and protected areas in the Province.

**JANICE JOSEPH**

Recreation Services Officer / Northern Region – Skeena  
BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service  
Ministry of Environment, BC Parks – Terrace, BC

# Executive Highlights /////

## **BRIEFING REPORTS**

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*At the beginning of each monthly meeting of the Executive, the NLG Senior Management provide briefing reports that highlight their department's monthly administrative activity and meetings attended:*

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER / COLLIER AZAK**

The CEO reported that he attended the 12th World LNG Conference in San Antonio Texas with the President, General Counsel, Director of Lands & Resource and the LNG advisor John Miller on June 3rd & 4th, 2014 where the deputy Premier and Minister of natural Gas Development spoke of the advantages to developing LNG in BC and included the Nisga'a Nation and our available potential sites for LNG facilities in his speech. The President then spoke about the Nisga'a Nation's ability to engage with large scale development projects meanwhile considering the impacts of an LNG facility installed on our sites but believes no adverse environmental or cultural impacts will result.

The CEO attended Officer Briefings on June 12th, and on June 16th, and 17th of 2014.

The Statutory Decision Makers (SDM) met with NLG on June 5th regarding the Kitsault Mine. Participants included Officials from Ministry of Energy Mines, Ministry of Environment (MOE), NLG staff, and technical advisors. They finalized conditions of the amended Mine Act permit (M-10) that has now been issued by MEM.

The CEO attended meeting with LNG proponents General Counsel, and on June 10th, & on June 12th, 2014 to discuss LNG issues.

Regarding Real Property Tax (RPT), the CEO attended extraordinary Executive conference call on June 16th, 2014 where the NLG Executive endorsed unanimously, the Real Property Tax Co-ordination Agreement (RPTCA) between the Nisga'a Nation and B.C. and recommended its approval to Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a and the Nisga'a Finance Committee. BC will also be considering legislation at its Fall Sitting to adopt the RPTCA.

The CEO attended the second annual Employee Appreciation celebration with NLG Staff on June 16 alongside NLG Officers. Recognition was given to those who contributed service 'above and beyond the call of duty', and who have completed major milestones, major projects, and academic endeavors.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / CHERYL STEPHENS**

Attended conference call on June 10th with respect to NCFs implementation and transition planning for move to C6.

For the Fish & Wildlife, the Executive Director assisted with the securing of NNFC licences for an Inland Demonstration Fishery from the fishwheels. The Executive Director attended a meeting regarding a potential purchase of a guide outfitting enterprise.

For the Nass Area Strategy, the Executive Director continued to review all correspondence relating to referrals, and also attended meetings with prospective proponents Spectra regarding Employment and Contracting.

For the Human Resources department, the Executive Director worked with, consulted, and reviewed issues with HR Manager and IHLC, and also attended the NLG Employee Appreciation and Recognition event on June 16th 2014.

Human Resource recruited Michelle Gaudry as a Social Worker Assistant for NCFs in Terrace, Jolene Sampare as Museum Programmer, three individuals for the Seasonal Wildland Fire Program that include Curtis Robinson (crew leader), Corbin Stevens, Cory Bolton, Roberta Clayton - Manager, Executive Services, and Cynthia Clayton as P&S Administrative Assistant.

## **LANDS & RESOURCES / WARREN FEKETE**

The Director reported on logging activity that was a total of 2,242 m<sup>3</sup> was harvested and scaled from three blocks within Nisga'a Lands in April. An additional approximately 600m<sup>3</sup> associated with Special Use Permits was billed to the permit holders.

Regarding Hydroelectric Feasibility, Field work was conducted this month by Midgard Consulting and NLG staff to review riparian impacts, penstock location and general site arrangement.

As for the Nisga'a Public Lands Licence Forest Development Plan, NLG staff and the LGR Director completed a two-day review of the final FDP submission by LFR IP. The FDP is expected to be approved in mid-July.

Regarding the Oil & Gas Commission (OGC), NLG staff and General Counsel have met to discuss the application of the BC Oil and Gas Activities act and regulations on Nisga'a lands. If a pipeline is constructed on Nisga'a Lands, the engineering and safe operation of the pipeline will be regulated by the OGC.

## **FISHERIES & WILDLIFE / HARRY NYCE, SR.**

In Fisheries & Wildlife, they monitored in season programs that are now in progress. The first Marine Inland Sales (IS) fishery was on June 13th & 14th, 2014. The second being June 19th & 20th, 2014 and then on June 28th, & 29th, 2014. As for the River IS, is scheduled for July 5th, 2014, and then on July 7th, 2014.

## **PROGRAMS & SERVICES / ROBERTA STEWART**

In the Access to Justice Department, training was provided on June 23rd -24th, 2014 to NLG service providers to raise the awareness of sexual exploitation. The next steps will be to provide community education and to plan the delivery approach and strategies on community safety. Ongoing work continues with the Aboriginal justice, victim services, youth, and the yuuhlimk'askw programs.

In the Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department, a Council of Elders (COE) meeting was held on June 4th, 2014 where they discussed the re-publication of the Lock Stock & Barrel: laying the foundation for leadership to help assist the complex decision-making process.

Further in the Ayuukhl Department, a Nisga'a course development project is in progress with the draft Nisga'a History curriculum. This course was presented to Ministry of Education to be accredited with 4 credits. A Treaty course is under development as well.

In the Enrolment & Eligibility Department, a Nisga'a citizenship Registry Manager job description is ready for posting. The total citizenship numbers are 7,040 as of May 2014. There were 17 Elders gifts processed for June 2014.

In the Nisga'a Child & Family Services Department, A working joint committee was held with the Ministry of Child and Family Services (MCFD), Aboriginal Services, and NLG on June 10, 2014. The MCFD northern Director will review the support services plan for the Northwest and determine how the essential support services may be extended outside of the Northwest corridor. NLG, NCFS will need to include these essential services in their operation plan to ensure that there is appropriate supervision. A Nisga'a Family Support Advocate position is pending, in light of MCFD's openness to explore essential services.

In the Social Development Department, Policy review continues, and the social development policy analyst is also assisting with the post-secondary education assistant policy 2014.

## **TERRACE OFFICE**

The Gitlax̱daḡ have access to physical activities that include Yoga, Zumba classes, and a Youth Soccer Clinic on June 20th, & 21st 2014. The Terrace Nisga'a Youth also have scheduled open gym night at the Terrace Caledonia High School. Nisga'a Language Class Program consists of Beginner and Intermediate and has 26 participants in total. As for Nisga'a Culture, they have 11 participants that completed the course and will be partaking in a follow up course in the coming fall. A salmon harvest is planned for food fish in June for members to preserve for the winter.

The Youth Organizing Youth are planning parliamentary youth training on July 21st, 22nd, of 2014. Topics will include a mock WSN sitting, elder speakers, elected leadership speakers, and a youth panel.

The Education Sector, K-12 education assessment is underway and awaiting contract approval.

The Director reported that the the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority (NVHA) 5-year evaluation was received and is currently being reviewed by the Officers. Plans to meet with NVHA proposed within the next two weeks.

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# Summary of Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting June 26–27, 2014

*The following is a summary, and for certain resolutions an excerpt, of NLG resolutions from the most recent meeting of the NLG Executive.*

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## **Resolution / Adopted Jun 26, 2014 Funding from Coast Sustainability Trust**

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive endorse the application submitted by the Economic Development Manager on behalf of Nisga'a Lisims Government to the Coast Sustainability Trust for funding in the amount of \$103,000 for the project entitled "Vetter Falls Lodge Business and Re-Investment Plan - Energy Infrastructure Focus."

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## **Resolution / Adopted Jun 26, 2014 Funding from Community Opportunity Readiness Program of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada**

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive endorse the application submitted by the Manager for Economic Development on behalf of Nisga'a Lisims Government to the Community Opportunity Readiness Program of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for funding in the amount of \$75,000 for the project entitled "Vetter Falls Lodge Business and Re-Investment Plan-Energy Infrastructure Focus."

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## **Resolution / Adopted Jun 26, 2014 Approval of the Vetter Falls Business and Re-Investment Plan 2014 Project**

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the Vetter Falls Business and Re-Investment Plan 2014 project application.

## **Resolution / Adopted Jun 26, 2014 Approval of the Nisga'a Tourism Strategy Implementation 2014 Project**

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the Nisga'a Tourism Strategy Implementation 2014 project application.

## **Resolution / Adopted Jun 26, 2014 Nisga'a Fisheries Licence Bank Plan**

MOVED THAT the Executive

1. adopt the Nisga'a Fisheries Licence Bank Plan with the Revised Recommendations as reviewed by the Economic Development Manager and Executive Director;
2. direct the Economic Development Manager to work with the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director to begin implementing the Nisga'a Fisheries Licence Bank Plan.

## **Resolution / Adopted Jun 26, 2014 Nisga'a Annual Wildlife Management Plan**

MOVED THAT the Executive:

1. approve and adopt the draft Nisga'a annual wildlife management plan for 2014/2016 prepared by the Director, attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Annual

Wildlife Management Plan");

2. direct the Director to forward the Annual Wildlife Management Plan to the Wildlife Committee; and
3. direct the Director to publish the Annual Wildlife Management Plan in accordance with Nisga'a Law.

## **Resolution / Adopted Jun 27, 2014 Nisga'a Post-Secondary Education Funding Program Policy**

MOVED THAT the Executive adopt the Nisga'a Post-Secondary Education Funding Program Policy 2014 attached to this motion as Appendix "A."

## **Resolution / Adopted Jun 27, 2014 Distribution of Publication**

MOVED THAT the Executive direct the Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department to distribute the Publication ("Lock, Stock and Barrel: Nisga'a Ownership Statement," together with the Memorandum (supporting Memorandum Appendix "A").

*In addition to the items referenced above, regular business carried out by the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government includes opening prayer, adoption of agenda, minutes and financial statements.*

## Newsletter to Nisga'a Nation from Avanti Kitsault Mine Ltd.

To view the newsletter, please go to

[http://www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/  
Avanti%20Newsletter\\_PRESS.pdf](http://www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/Avanti%20Newsletter_PRESS.pdf).



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