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President's Message



Nisga'a Lisims Government has been busy over the last few weeks moving the nation forward in all departments, in Government and Nisga'a Culture.

On behalf of the Nisga'a Nation I would like to extend condolences to all of the families that are experiencing grief and loss. It is a difficult time for all of us.

It was great to witness the recent conference hosted by NEST that reached max capacity. Their theme was "Striving for Nisga'a Workforce Inclusion and Success" will prove that our people are ready and diligent to partake in the today's workforce. The event was livestreamed which enabled all Nisga'a Citizens to partake in the conference presentations and Q&A.

As you may know, Nisga'a Pacific Ventures Partnership Ltd. began the wiring of the houses for high speed internet, and Rogers Cell towers are now fully activated.

The Nisga'a New Year, Hobiye is approaching fast. Nisga'a Dance groups are preparing for the Hobiye event taking place in Gitwinksihlkw on the 24th & 25th, 2017, I look forward to seeing you at Hobiye on the ceremonial dance floor. Distribution of

complimentary limited Nisga'a Swag will commence on Day 1 of Hobiye in Gitwinksihlkw from 2-5pm by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department and the Nisga'a Citizenship Department.

The Nisga'a Citizenship Department has launched a campaign called Nisga'a N'uum', and will begin newly designed cards at upcoming major events, be sure to apply for your citizenship cards, baby registration, and address changes. You will find the Nisga'a Citizenship Department Staff and Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department Staff at an information booth that will be fully stocked with limited complimentary Nisga'a Swag in the Arena at the 58th Annual All Native Basketball Tournament from Feb 13-17, 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Nisga'a Teams participating in the 58th Annual All Native Basketball Tournament the best of luck and to represent your home communities and nation with pride.

As for those traveling the 113, continue to drive safe in the unpredictable winter conditions.

Thomas Berger addresses the Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a



On January 30, 2017, Thomas R. Berger, a long time friend of the Nisga'a Nation visits the Nisga'a Lisims Government for the Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a sitting. He was acknowledged as a former Leader of the BC NDP (alongside the Late Dr. Frank Calder), a former judge on BC's Supreme Court, a lawyer for more than five decades, and an author. Mr. Berger was given an opportunity at the table to share how he first began the argument of aboriginal land title, the history of the Calder Case, and about his experience working with past and present Nisga'a leaders such as the Late James Gosnell, the late Frank Calder, and many more thereof. The newly elected members of the Nisga'a Legislature heard first hand how the Calder Case took place and how it had impacted First Nations across Canada and other countries around the world.

Thomas R. Berger later concluded with gratitude, "You have honoured me in many ways for which I am grateful," said Mr. Berger. "I was honoured to receive the Nisga'a name Halaydim-Xlaawit, "I am proud of that name and I still recall the marvalous ceremony in Gitwinksihlkw." Mr. Berger concluded with; "You have honoured me with a Hayatskw and those honours to me are treasures."

Mr. Edmond Wright, one of the early negotiators who worked with Mr. Berger, was given the opportunity to respond and speak to the words of Mr. Berger; "I think it's very important to continue to see the venture that we had leading up to today," said Mr. Wright. He went on to say; "I think it is important to acknowledge the statements and stories you have shared, and on behalf the Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, Thank you very much." said Mr. Wright.

It truly was a day to remember at the Nisga'a Lisims Government legislative chambers. The newly elected were honoured to hear first hand the history of the Nisga'a Tribal Council, the work of Thomas R. Berger, and how the Calder case made impact across Canada and other countries. Executive Chairperson, Brian Tait concluded with; "Our former leaders are still with us here today, and as you can see, their children are now here today" said Mr. Tait. "We would like to show honour for all the great work that you do, not only for the Nisga'a Nation, but for all Aboriginals as well." said Mr. Tait.

Si'aamhl Wilin Halaydim-Xlaawit

From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

As the new term of office begins, I express appreciation for the vote of confidence for the second term Secretary Treasurer of the Nisga'a Nation. I remain committed to ensure our Nation's finances are in compliance with the Financial Administration Act, while continuing to seek out opportunities to ensure we use our resources wisely, while at the same time being resourceful.



time home owner grant towards a home in a Nisga'a Village to apply for a mortgage with any of the participating banks that are well versed in the Nisga'a Land Title system. This allows our nation to increase or improve housing, while allowing for available funds to be leveraged effectively.

Looking back, it was a privilege to serve with the former elected members and observe, in Committee and Executive meetings, as well as in Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, the commitment and service to the Nisga'a Nation. I witnessed the strength and conviction in issues that were shared with our government, it is this quality that allows us to continue forward from the leadership of the 1913 petition.

Looking forward, I congratulate all who have been elected to serve our nation. We have younger members along-side knowledgeable and experienced leaders – the mentorship (Luu-anyee – those that follow behind) will provide a lasting legacy to continue the aspirations of our former leaders.

“Motivated and optimistic people can literally change outcomes for the better” (Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, Government of Canada)



I extend special recognition for Sigidimnak' Angaye'e, Shirley Morven, the former Chairperson of the Council of Elders for the strength

Respectfully,

Corinne McKay, MBA, BComm
Secretary Treasurer

in advocating for our language, and for the kind and gentle spirit that guided the prayers of our deliberations and prayers of comfort in times of sadness. I will remember the openness in which you willingly shared your wisdom.



Looking to the present, in a positive step, Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a passed a resolution in the October 2016 sitting that amended the Temporary Housing Security Act and increased the Nisga'a Nation Loan Guarantee funding from \$3 million to \$5 million. This essentially allows for citizens that have secured a first

The work of Government cannot proceed without the lead of the Administrative team. From left to right: Secretary Treasurer, Corinne McKay; Director of Fish & Wildlife, Harry Nyce Sr; Chief Financial Officer, Terry Holt; Curator/Nisga'a Museum, Stephanie Halapija

Nisga'a Elder receives letter from the Royal Family



KENSINGTON PALACE

From: Mrs. Laura Baker,
Assistant Private Secretary to HR.H. The Duke of Cambridge

Private and Confidential

6th December, 2016

Dear Ms. Nyce,

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have asked me to write and thank you for the wonderful knitted hats that you so kindly gave to them during their recent tour of Canada.

Their Royal Highnesses were extremely grateful to you for taking the trouble to knit the four beautiful woollen hats for them, Prince George and Princess Charlotte. It really was most thoughtful of you.

The Duke and Duchess thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Canada, and were overwhelmed by the warm reception they received.

Their Royal Highnesses would have me send you their warmest thanks and very best wishes.

yours sincerely,

Laura Baker

Ms. Emma Alice Nyce

Emma Nyce recently received a letter of thanks from the Royal Family.

Emma received the letter this week from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge thanking her personally for gifting the Duke, the Duchess and their children Prince George and Princess Charlotte with her hand spun homemade knitted toques during their recent visit to British Columbia.

Congratulations Emma, Si'aamhl wilin!



NISGA'A NUUM' — WE ARE NISGA'A

58TH / ANNUAL ALL NATIVE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



IN THE SPIRIT OF SAYT-K'ILIM-GOOT, I congratulate all the Nisga'a teams participating in the 2017 All Native Basketball Tournament. All Nisga'a citizens can take pride in knowing that all of our Nisga'a Villages are once again represented in this year's tournament.

During the tournament, I encourage all Nisga'a citizens to drop by the Nisga'a Enrolment & Citizenship department display. Have your photo taken and update your contact information so our staff can renew your Nisga'a citizenship card, and keep you updated on what is happening within the Nisga'a Nation. You'll receive a Nisga'a Nuum' button – while supplies last!

SI'AAMHL WILSIM'



Nisga'a Lisims Government

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one heart, one path, one nation





Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshi Nisga'a



Call for Expressions of Interest - Nisga'a Museum Advisory Committee

The Nisga'a Museum is seeking expressions of interest from Nisga'a citizens primarily residing in the Nass Valley and/or from the regional Nisga'a urban locals (due to budgetary restrictions, please note that travel expenses may not be covered, or only partially covered) for voluntary service on the Museum's Advisory Committee.

The Nisga'a Advisory Committee's main purpose, acting at arm's length, assists in the development of the Nisga'a Museum with a focus on the following duties:

- To act as an advocate for the Nisga'a Museum and enhance public awareness
- To provide direction and assistance related to the museum's governance, collections management, exhibition development, education and community engagement, and capital project portfolios
- To assist in the development of volunteer services
- To assist in the development of partnership and fundraising opportunities
- To provide direction and guidance related to strategic planning
- To collaborate with individual and institutional stakeholders in order to promote a greater understanding of Nisga'a art and culture in and outside the Nation

Interested Nisga'a citizens may forward letter of interest with most recent curriculum vitae (or resume) by 4:30pm on February 15, 2017 to:

Stephanie Halapija, Museum Curator
810 Highway Drive
Laxgalts'ap, B.C. V0J 1X0
Email: stephanieh@nisgaa.net
Fax: 250.621.3305

We thank all those who express an interest in serving the community through the museum advisory committee however space is limited. Individuals selected to be on the advisory committee will be notified on or before February 20, 2017.

For more information and to review the Nisga'a Museum Advisory Committee Terms of Reference please visit www.nisgaamuseum.ca or phone the Museum at 250-633-3050.

Sincerely,

The Nisga'a Museum



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Tel 250 633 3050 / nisgaamuseum.ca



2017 Photo Contest

The contest is for photos taken while Harvesting/Fishing in the following 3 categories (Pref. photos featuring Nisga'a, but open to all)



- *Oolichan
- *Salmon
- *Seafood



How to enter: email jpg. file format to Jolene Sampare, Museum Coordinator at jolenes@nisgaa.net

- *drop them off at the Nisga'a Museum
- * Or by calling 250.633.3050 ext 2011 for pick up, your photo will be scanned and returned

How it works: submit a photo or photo(s) and for every one photo your name will be entered into the draw.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS
Friday March 31, 2017 at 5:00 pm

***like and post your photo to our Facebook page for an extra entry to the contest!!!**





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ELECTION RESULTS

January 23, 2017

CANDIDATES for School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) Laxgalts'ap Trustee Bi-Election

One (1) to be elected

Surname	Usual Names	Votes: 46
DAVIS	Elsie Belinda	33 ELECTED
BARTON	Clint Shannon	13

Sharlene Grandison
Sharlene Grandison,
Chief Election Officer

Some of the Winners for the 'My Health Survey and my Health Services: Nisga'a Nation Health Survey

We are happy to announce some of the 15 winners of the My Health Survey prize random draw.

Congratulations to:

- Drae Azak, Gitwinksihlkw
- Edgar Guno, Gitlaxt'aamiks
- Lana Lincoln, Gingolx
- Gerald Nisyok, Gitlaxt'aamiks
- Shirley Young, Alberta
- Walter Woods, Alberta



If you completed a survey and entered the prize draw, be sure to check your email, including junk mail to see if you've been recently contacted as a winner. Thank you for being among 800 Nisga'a and others who shared your feedback in the survey.

Updated Cultural Calendar available on website



NISGA'A NATION CULTURAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Announcements courtesy of Nisga'a Lisims Government

Please provide the details of your Event such as the date(s), name of event, location and if applicable the tribe(s) and the Wilp(s) involved. Please provide all necessary information for your booking. If your event is not in the Cultural Calendar the event maybe missing information or incomplete application.

Please also remember to have the location of your event secured or reserved only after approval has been received from your respective Village Government Office, prior to submitting your announcement to NLG.

Submit to: Joanie McKay, Main Receptionist, Joaniem@niscгаа.net
Nisga'a Lisims Government
2000 Lisims Drive, PO Box 231,
New Aiyansh, BC V0J 1A0
Tel: 250/633-3000 Toll Free: 1-866-633-0888
Fax: 250-633-2367 Website: www.niscгааnation.ca

Revised: February 02nd, 2017

<p>February 2017</p> <p>24 & 25 HOBIYEE CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 2017 HOSTED BY Gitwinksihlkw, BC</p> <p>March 2017</p> <p>4 Celebration of life FOR THE LATE: Peter Hoedt (Husband of Gwen Hoedt (Gurney)) Canada Wilps Sim'oogit Luudisdoos, Harry Moore Sr. Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC Auditorium</p> <p>24-25 STONE MOVING FOR THE LATE: Daphne V. Robinson Ronald Mueller Laxgik Wilps Minee'eskw Gitlaxt'aamiks, B.C.</p>	<p>April 2017</p> <p>1 Settlement Feast FOR THE LATE: Michelle Allen Laxgik Wilps Luuya'as Gingolx, B.C.</p> <p>29 STONE MOVING FOR THE LATE: John Denis Nyce Edward Plante Laxgik Wilps Hieek' Gitwinksihlkw, B.C. Ts'ooht Ts'ap Memorial Centre</p> <p>May 2017</p> <p>5-6 Totem Pole Raising Laxgibuu Wilps W'ii N'aa-Buxw Gitlaxt'aamiks, B.C. Recreation Centre</p>	<p>13 WEDDING Earl Hill / Loretta Mercer Son of the Late George Woods & Annabelle Wood Daughter Cecil Mercer & Lillian Tait Laxgik / Laxgibuu Kikatta / Wilps Duuk' Gitlaxt'aamiks, B.C.</p> <p>19-20 STONE MOVING FOR THE LATE: Willis Bright Marcus Bright Laxgibuu Wilps Duuk' Laxgalt'sap, B.C.</p> <p>26-27 STONE MOVING FOR THE LATE: Phillip Clark Gisk'aast Wilps Wisin Xbill'ikw Laxgalt'sap, B.C.</p> <p>29 WWNI CONVOCATION Gitwinksihlkw, B.C.</p>
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Updated versions of the Nisga'a Nation Cultural Events Calendar is always uploaded to the website on the 1st and 15th of each month.

To access the cultural calendar online please go to this link: <http://www.niscгааnation.ca/cultural-calendar>

If you are unable to access the cultural calendar on the website, there are hard copies available for pick-up at the Nisga'a Lisims Government Office.

To add an event to the cultural calendar please call Joanie McKay at the NLG Main Reception at tel: 250-633-3000 or email joaniem@niscгаа.net.



NLG January 2017 Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a Resolutions

Resolution 2017/1/ January 31, 2017

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a adopt the proposed agenda for this sitting included in the notice of the sitting issued by the Speaker.

Resolution 2017/2/ January 31, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga'a Nation to enter into the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement Extension Agreement with Canada and British Columbia substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Extension Agreement");

AND CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Programs and Services Delivery Act provides that:

- (i) the Executive is responsible for the negotiation of an extension of a fiscal agreement;
- (ii) an extension of a fiscal agreement for longer than 6 months must be ratified by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a; and
- (iii) before ratifying the extension, Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a must request and consider a report from the finance committee summarizing the significant financial and legal implications of extending the fiscal agreement;

MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a request and consider a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the Extension Agreement.

Resolution 2017/3/ January 31, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive has recommended that the Nisga'a Nation enter into a Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement Extension Agreement with Canada and British Columbia substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Extension Agreement");

AND CONSIDERING THAT, as required by section 12 of the Nisga'a Programs and Services Delivery Act, Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a has requested and considered a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the Extension Agreement;

MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a ratify the Extension Agreement.

Resolution 2017/3/ January 31, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive has recommended that the Nisga'a Nation enter into a Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement Extension Agreement with Canada and British Columbia substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Extension Agreement");

AND CONSIDERING THAT, as required by section 12 of the Nisga'a Programs and Services Delivery Act, Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a has requested and considered a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the Extension Agreement;

MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a ratify the Extension Agreement.

NLG January 2017 Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a Resolutions

Resolution 2017/4/ January 31, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT it is desirable for Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a to enact certain amendments to the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a enact the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Amendment Act, 2017 attached to this motion as Appendix "A".



Resolution 2017/5/ January 31, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT it is desirable for there to be expedited consideration of the proposed Nisga'a Real Property Tax Amendment Act, 2017 by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a consider the proposed Nisga'a Real Property Tax Amendment Act, 2017 by expedited procedure, as referred to in section 22(3) of the Nisga'a Government Act.



NLG January 2017 Executive Resolutions

Resolution 2017/04/ January 26, 2017

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive adopt the financial statements for the periods ending October 31, November 30, and December 31, 2016, each as presented by the Chief Financial Officer and attached to this motion.



Resolution 2017/05/ January 26, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT it is desirable that the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement be extended to March 31, 2019, or such earlier time that a new fiscal financing agreement is in force;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive recommend to Wilp Si'ayuuḵhl Nisga'a the ratification of the agreement substantially in the form of the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement Extension Agreement attached to this motion as Appendix "A".



Resolution 2017/06/ January 26, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT that the enactment of legislation respecting the amendment of certain provisions of the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act is desirable;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive recommend to Wilp Si'ayuuḵhl Nisga'a the enactment of legislation substantially in the form of the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Amendment Act, 2017 attached to this motion as Appendix "A".



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