

Nisga'a Lisims Government Newsletter / February 2014



## Sayt-K'ilim-Goot

one heart, one path, one nation

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## **President's Comments**

We have experienced some trying times lately with untimely passing of community members in the Valley. In accordance with our Ayuuk, we have cultural obligations which we must respect, and our thoughts are with the families and friends of those who have lost their loved ones. Thanks to those who have stepped in — as provided for in our Alternative Representation Act.

In alignment with our Nass Area Strategy, we continue to explore business synergies and opportunities that will benefit our people and the Nisga'a Nation — now and well into the future. We have sent out information packages to interested corporations abroad. We recently received an invitation to visit China but, the timing does not work with the Gas Tech Conference in Korea that we are attending — so at present, we will focus our efforts there.

We have met with a major North American shipper who is known as a marketer of LNG. We had a meeting with a leading mining company as well.

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## 2014 Nisga'a Nation Hobiyee

The Nisga'a Nation Hobiyee is an annual event of cultural dancing and feasting of traditional Nisga'a food that commemorates the start of a new harvest season.

Hobiyee 2014 was hosted by the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap at the Laxgalts'ap Community Centre on Friday 21, 2014 (all day) through Saturday, February 22, 2014 (all day).

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#### President's Message... / continued from page 1

It's important to always keep the following in mind: these meetings we are attending are just that — meetings, and nothing more. As we have said before, a meeting should not by any means be construed as a negotiation. It is important to sift through and listen to any legitimate and viable opportunities that are presented to us in accordance with our Vision Statement which is to strive for sustainable prosperity and self-reliance.

I have spoken with the Premier's Chief of Staff regarding our Property Tax issues which we are hoping to have resolved soon. I'd like to acknowledge the Communications department for their efficient work during the recent power outage.

As far as Nisga'a Lisims Government funding is concerned, we prefer not to draw down from our Trust. Our stated goal has always been to preserve and grow it for future generations, and indeed it has. As we proceed during FFA negotiations, we can show Canada that there is a definite need for proper funding. The costs of federal budget cutbacks are being borne by Aboriginal peoples – which amount to nearly a 12% cut to funding for aboriginal peoples. Of course, Nisga'a Nation remains unaffected due to our secured funding under our FFA.

With respect to the Nass Area Strategy, we encourage Nisga'a Village Governments to continue to attend meetings NLG has with proponents.

We recently received a request for a meeting from a major financial institution who want to be involved in developments in our area. The Villages are also reminded to ensure that Finance Committee members are in attendance for all meetings to avoid any delays in the provisional budget process.

I was pleased to see the interview with the *Financial Post*, posted to our web page. As a reminder to all Nisga'a citizens — if it is not on the Nisga'a Government web page, its not official Nisga'a Government information.

As we move further down this road of developing our economic base — we have to continue practising our unity, more than ever. For example, the Chinese as part of their business query inquired about former President Dr. Joseph Gosnell. I relayed this to Joe and spoke to him about these opportunities coming our way. Joe responded in Nisga'a — encouraging us to stay the course.

We realize no one is ever completely satisfied with budgets. Bear in mind, we want to ensure that our funds align completely with our needs going into the FFA negotiations.

This year will really set the tone for financial management going into the future. We are ready!

## 2nd Annual Salmon Festival / Prince Rupert

Celebrate with us the arrival of the Salmon. The Festival celebration will provide an opportunity bear witness to the culture through singing, dancing, and drumming.

For more information: Sabrina Clifton, Prince Rupert/

Port Edward Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Society

Phone: 250 627 1595, or email: salmonfestival@gitmaxmakay.ca

When: Saturday, May 24, 2014 / 9am to 9pm

Location: Jim Ciccone Civic Centre

Location: Gitmaxmak'ay (Prince Rupert/Port Edward)



#### 2014 Nisga'a Nation Hobiyee... / continued from page 1

Hobiyee celebrations returned to Laxgalts'ap after five years of rotating through the other Nisga'a communities.

All four of the Nisga'a villages had groups performing during the two-day event along with Nisga'a groups from Vancouver, Prince Rupert, and Terrace.

Four Nisga'a school groups opened the event on Friday Feb. 21 at 10am: New Aiyansh Senior Secondary, Gitwinksihlkw Elementary, Alvin A. McKay Middle School and Nathan Barton Elementary.

The host Laxgalts'ap Cultural dancers closed off the first day at 10pm. Different groups took part on day two, and a great time was had by all participants.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

One of the highlights of Hobiyee this year was the presentation to the Nisga'a Museum of Nisga'a artifacts by Clarence Martin. Martin, who lives in Port Edward and

is from the Village of Laxgalts'ap inherited the collection from his late uncle. In a very moving ceremony, these artifacts (a group of ancient stone tools) were presented to the Nisga'a Museum — for safekeeping, and so they can be seen by all. They were placed on a table so everyone in attendance could view them. It was really quite an inspiring visual to see these artifacts and listen as Clarence told the story about them and how they came to be discovered.

Nisga'a Museum Director Darrin Martens already has them displayed at the Museum.

Another successful Hobiyee 2014 officially ended at about 11pm on Saturday, February 22. In the official passing of the Hobiyee moon ceremony, the Simgigat of Laxgalts'ap formally handed the moon over to the Simgigat of Gingolx – the 2015 Hobiyee hosts. See everyone next year in the Nisga'a Village of Gingolx!













Photos clockwise from top left: 1. Janice Stephens, Nisga'a Museum Advisory Committee Member; Zora McMillan, Nisga'a Museum Advisory Committee Member; Shirley Morven, Chairperson of the Council of Elders, Nisga'a Museum Advisory Committee Member listening to Clarence Martin tell the story of the stone artifacts. 2. Harry Martin and nephew observing the artifacts. 3. Henry Moore, Chief Councillor of Laxgalts'ap. 4. Shirley Morven. 5. Clarence Martin. 6. Darrin Martens, Nisga'a Museum Director; Shirley Morven; Zora McMillan.

## 2014 Hobiyee

























## Nass Valley Power Outage / February 11-15, 2014

#### THE INCIDENT

On Tuesday February 11, 2014 at approximately 4:30pm electricity failure occurred in all four Nisga'a Villages. Immediately following the outage, we made contact with the BC Hydro power outage information line. Information received from BC Hydro was that they were aware of the outage and that it was a result of a power circuit failure. Estimated time of power restoration was then 6:30pm.

Further calls to the Outage Information line provided updates of prolonged periods (ie. 6:30pm was then extended to 2am and 2am was then extended to 6pm). Growing frustration with the lack of any detailed information and continual extensions of restoration times by BC Hydro led us to contact BC Hydro's Aboriginal Relations Manager Jeremy Higham on Wednesday February 12, 2014.

Jeremy confirmed that the cause of the outage was a downed tower on the south side of Lava Lake that would take some time to restore given the remote location accessible only by helicopter and that it required a careful engineered approach to replace the structure.

#### **NLG EOC ACTIVATION**

An Emergency Management BC Task # was issued on Wednesday February 12. The Task # was issued to allow for each Nisga'a Village to establish Warming Centres for community members to gather. Gitlaxt'aamiks, Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx each established Warming Centres.

Warming Centres were identified simply as places residents can go for a meal, to keep warm and to socialize in a community environment. Since Nisga'a residents were not displaced from their homes, Reception Centres were not necessary.

We then coordinated daily morning (11am) and afternoon (4pm) teleconference calls with BC Hydro (Jeremy H) and each of the four Nisga'a Village senior administrators were invited, along with representatives from Nisga'a Valley Health Authority, School District #92 (Nisga'a) and Nass Valley RCMP.



The primary purpose of the teleconference calls was to receive updates from BC Hydro on the status of their restoration efforts and also to receive updates from

other agencies (NVHA, RCMP, SD#92) and from each Nisga'a Village with respect to their response efforts with community members and provide support and suggestions and referrals for resources.

Nisga'a Villages were encouraged to refer to their Reception Centre Plans for guidance with establishing Warming Centres. Gitlaxt'aamiks, Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx each provided daily reports with respect to status of operating their Warming Centres and distribution of fuel, propane, wood and candles to those in need.

Following each call, NLG produced public messaging updates twice daily internally to all staff at NLG and externally via <u>nisgaanation.ca</u> and Facebook and Twitter. Nisga'a Villages also relayed the information updates to community members at the local warming centres and via VHF radio.

The teleconference calls took place daily from Wednesday to Saturday until the BC Hydro lines were fully restored. BC Hydro was restored at approximately 3pm on Saturday February 15, 2014.

#### WHAT WAS GOOD

- Nisga'a Villages fostered a sense of community with Warming Centres
- Volunteers were mobilized
- Fuel, candles, propane, wood and food were provided to community members
- The willingness of BC Hydro to meet with us daily to provide information and to hear the frustration from communities first hand
- Daily updates were provided to community members based on the information provided on daily teleconference calls

## Notice of Official Results for Village Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks

Notice in Accordance with Nisga'a Law

NOTICE OF OFFICIAL RESULTS FOR VILLAGE COUNCILLOR OF THE NISGA'A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS

IN THE FEBRUARY 25, 2014 BY-ELECTION FOR THE NISGA'A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS

As Nisga'a Elections Officer, under section 65 of the *Nisga'a Elections Act* I hereby declare the following official results for the elected office of Village Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks:

CALVIN H. MORVEN - 115 VOTES SADIE H. PARNELL - 64 VOTES

Accordingly, the following person is elected to the office of Village Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks:

**CALVIN H. MORVEN** 

February 28, 2014 Jean Clayton Nisga'a Elections Officer



NLG staff in unity for Anti-Bullying Campaign.

## NLG Staff Participates in the National Anti-Bullying Campaign

"Gilo mi ji haanwilaagwihl silgadin: Do not torment [bully, intimidate] your fellow people"

While the Anti-Bullying campaign was 'officially' recognized on February 26th this year, we appreciate that zero tolerance to bullying should be a way of life every day. All staff were encouraged to show their support by wearing a pink t-shirt. A community event for the national Antibullying campaign took place in Laxgalts'ap, BC on the evening of February 26th starting at 5pm and all were encouraged to attend and participate!

## AMTA expands services from mining to all resource sectors

Aboriginal Mentoring and Training Association services all sectors in BC

www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/AMTA Announcement 250214 Final.pdf

## Health Liaison / Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Society

POSITION TITLE: Health Liaison

**CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT:** Part-time permanent **SALARY:** Commensurate with qualifications/experience.

**PURPOSE:** As the main point of contact for health services of the Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Prince Rupert/
Port Edward Society ("the Society"), the Health Liaison is responsible for advocacy, facilitating connections between membership and existing health services and delivering health programming for the Society.

**FUNCTION:** The Health Liaison is responsible for enhancing Society health programming and services and connecting membership with external health services.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** The Health Liaison is accountable to the Chief Operating Officer.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Under the direction of the Chief Operating Officer.

#### 1. Advocacy

- a. To support members to access Nisga'a Valley Health (NVH) services;
- b. To advocate for urban members for health programs;

#### 2. Facilitating Health Service Connections

- a. To offer referrals to membership to access appropriate health services;
- b. To work cooperatively with other related programs and service providers;
- c. To facilitate groups.

#### 3. Health Programming Delivery

- a. To handle membership inquiries and details of NVH program intakes;
- b. To oversee membership fulfill patient travel administration;
- c. To monitor plans of healthcare for members related to NVH;

#### 4. Tracking and Reporting

 a. To maintain accurate documentation to fulfill reporting requirements as required by the Director of Programs & Services.

#### 5. Other

- a. To work with Society staff as required;
- b. To build relationships and partnerships with other service providers;

- c. To coordinate and recruit volunteers;
- d. To perform other duties as required.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITIES:**

**Advocacy** – membership is supported in better accessing NVH services, NVH has better understanding of health issues related to urban membership.

**Facilitating Health Service Connections –** members are provided referrals to appropriate service providers in a timely manner, partnerships with other service providers are formed and maintained.

Health Programming Delivery – membership complete patient travel requirements and access the service effectively, membership inquiries related to NVH are dealt with in an effective and timely manner, healthcare plans of members are tracked in a concise and informative manner.

Tracking & Reporting – all reporting requirements are fulfilled.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

**Education –** Post-secondary degree or diploma in the social service sector, preferably related to health program implementation and coordination

**Experience** – At least two (2) years related experience **Skills and Abilities** – sound understanding and appreciation of Nisga'a culture and health issues, interpersonal communication – written and verbal, problem solving, ability to work independently as well as in a team, planning, organizing, scheduling, proficiency in MS Word, Excel and Outlook, critical thinking, budgeting, grant writing.

#### OTHER:

A minimum of three (3) work related references is preferred. Applicants are required to submit a resume and cover letter describing their qualifications and experience. Resumes will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis until an appropriate candidate is selected.

#### All resume packages may be directed to:

Attn: Zora McMillan, Chief Operating Officer Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a PR/PE Society 301 – 860 3rd Ave W. Prince Rupert BC V8J 1M6 Phone: 250 627 1595 Fax: 250 627 1575

Toll-free: 1 866 624 1590

## Program Assistant / Gitmaxmak'ay

**POSITION TITLE:** Programs Assistant

**CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT:** Part-time temporary

(contract position)

**DURATION:** Approximately one (1) month with

the possibility of extension

**SALARY:** Commensurate with qualifications and

experience.

PURPOSE: As the assistant to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Prince Rupert/Port Edward Society ("the Society"), the Programs Assistant is responsible for completing all delegated tasks relating to program administration, office administration, and events coordination.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** The Programs Assistant is accountable to the COO.

**DUTIES:** Under the direction of the Chief Operating Officer.

- a. To provide support to the COO on Society programs and services delivery;
- b. To support the operations of Society groups including organizing and participation in meetings;
- c. To answer the Society phone and direct member inquiries;
- d. To maintain accurate documentation to fulfill reporting requirements;
- e. To provide support in organizing, marketing and planning events;
- f. To recruit and coordinate volunteers;
- g. To perform related duties such as typing, photocopying, filing, etc.
- h. To assist other Society staff as required;
- i. To perform other duties as required;

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

**Education** – Minimum grade 12 completion, preferably with a diploma or certificate in business administration, certified office assistant, or related discipline.

**Experience –** Minimum three (3) years in an office environment. Previous experience in clerical and

administration roles and/or social service delivery is required. Experience with Quickbooks software is considered an asset.

**Skills and Abilities –** interpersonal and written communication, public speaking and meeting facilitation, partnership and relationship building, proficiency in Microsoft Office suite, planning and organization, familiarity with Nisga'a culture, and a valid Class 5 B.C. Driver's License.

**OTHER:** A minimum of three (3) work related references is preferred.

Applicants are required to submit a resume and cover letter describing their qualifications and experience. Resumes will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis until an appropriate candidate is selected.

#### All resume packages may be directed to:

Attn: Zora McMillan, Chief Operating Officer Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Society 301-860 3rd Ave W. Prince Rupert BC V8J1M6

Fax: 250 627 1575

Email: zora@gitmaxmakay.ca

#### **ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:**

Located in the Nisga'a Hall in downtown Prince Rupert, the Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a PR/PE Society is a not-for-profit organization responsible for delivering programs and services for the approximately 1400 Nisga'a citizens living within the City of Prince Rupert and the District of Port Edward on behalf of Nisga'a Lisims Government.

The vision and mandate of the Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Society is to enhance the social, economic, physical, cultural, and spiritual well-being of Nisga'a citizens residing in Prince Rupert and Port Edward. To achieve this objective, the Gitmaxmak'ay Society administers programs and services in the areas of education, youth, language, culture, health, economic development, and community protective services.

**LOCATION** Prince Rupert / Nisga'a Hall **DATE POSTED**: Monday, February 3rd, 2014

## Casual Labour / Gitmaxmak'ay

**POSITION TITLE:** Casual labour

**CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT:** Casual, on call **DURATION:** This opportunity will typically run from

mid-March to mid-September.

**OPENINGS:** up to 3

**EXPERIENCE LEVEL:** 2+ years

**SALARY:** the base salary for these positions is \$15.00 per hour. However, training may be available that leads to work assignments of up to \$25.00 per hour.

**TYPICAL DUTIES INCLUDE:** Operation of equipment including mowers, weed whackers, leaf blowers, and thatchers/mulchers, hedge trimmers, chain saws, hand saws and wood splitters performing various physical labour tasks such as lawn mowing, stacking soil bales, shovelling, wood chopping, and other duties as required maintaining daily records of relevant activities for reporting purposes.

## CANDIDATES WILL BE SCREENED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- must possess a valid Class 5 driver's license with a clean driver's abstract
- must have or be willing to obtain Occupational First Aid and CPR

- · ability to work independently and as part of a team
- ability to perform strenuous physical labour in all types of weather
- · must have customer service skills
- ability to work evenings and weekends

#### PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO:

- applicants with relevant training and experience in landscaping, horticulture, or arboriculture
- · applicants of First Nations ancestry

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please **submit your resume along with three work-related references to:** 

Blair Mirau, Economic Development Officer Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Economic Development Corporation

301-860 3rd Ave W. Prince Rupert BC V8J1M6 blair@gitmaxmakay.ca

Positions will remain open until filled by suitable candidates. We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

## 38th Annual BC Elder's Gathering

The Penticton Indian Band has the honour of being selected as the host community for the 2014 BC Elders Gathering. From July 7th to the 9th, please come and join us as we celebrate our elders and stories.

"We are honoured to host the Elders Gathering in Penticton, SnPink'tn "A place to stay forever". We hope that you come here to have a good time, meet new friends and enjoy our beautiful land."

For complete information and to access registration forms go to the official website <a href="http://pentictonelders2014.com">http://pentictonelders2014.com</a>

## Nisga'a Nation in the News

The Terrace Standard reported on NLG's efforts to explore LNG opportunities overseas.

Read about Executive Chairperson **Kevin McKay's** interview:

www.terracestandard.com/news/246706701.html

## Gitmaxmak'ay / Request for Logo Design

**REQUEST FOR LOGO DESIGN:** The Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Economic Development Corporation (GNEDC) is currently accepting logo designs from First Nations artists.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Entries must be submitted by email to <u>blair@gitmaxmakay.ca</u> or in person to the Society office at 301-860 3rd Avenue W.

**INTENDED USE:** The winning logo will be used on the GNEDC website, public communications, sponsorships, and endorsements in print and online.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

- designs may be sketched by hand or designed electronically
- logo must not use more than three (3) colours
- must contain either "Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Economic Development Corporation" or the acronym "GNEDC" with no other text
- the logo should signify traditional Nisga'a values and business

**PRIZE:** The winning design will be announced on the Society website: <a href="www.gitmaxmakay.ca">www.gitmaxmakay.ca</a> and the Society Facebook page.

The winning designer will receive a \$200 cash prize and a free full day Nisga'a Hall rental (\$420 value)

#### OTHER:

- designs may be modified by a professional graphic designer to be usable across all spectrums
- the winning design will be selected by staff in consultation with Society members
- logo submissions become the property of the Society and its subsidiaries
- all questions can be directed to: blair@gitmaxmakay.ca

#### **DEADLINE:**

Submissions will not be accepted after Friday, March 14th, 2014.

## Nisga'a Youth & Elders Workshop / April 15 & 16, 2014

NLG Council of Elders and Nisga'a Youth Council will be hosting Nisga'a Youth and Elders Workshops on Tuesday, April 15 and 16, 2014 at Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School in the Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks.

More information to follow as the workshop details emerge. If you have any questions, please contact NYAC, your Youth Council Leadership or the office of the Youth Organizing Youth.





# LNG / Nisga'a Nation Strives for Sustainable Prosperity and Self-Reliance

To achieve this goal, Nisga'a Nation wishes to attract sustainable economic development, including LNG projects, to our area. The package attached is a preliminary description of available LNG sites on the Portland Inlet waterway, near the Nass River, on Canada's west coast, north of Prince Rupert.

For more info: www.nisgaanation.ca/opportunities/LNG

# Osgoode Hall Law School Comes to Nisga'a Nation / Erica Stahl

NLG is fortunate to have a student from one of the top law schools in Canada (Osgoode Hall) to participate in a co-operative program where a law student is placed at no cost with an aboriginal community to work on projects for that organization. Erica has been placed with NLG and is working out of the NLG Legal Group. We had a chance to speak to Erica and ask her about her work with NLG.

"I am doing a seven-week internship with In-House Legal Counsel for the Nisga'a Lisims Government, where I am working to develop a law to protect Nisga'a culture, heritage, and language. It's a very exciting project and one that I am proud to contribute to." Erica was born and raised in Vancouver and moved to Toronto for law school. She is doing a dual degree (Law and a Masters of Environmental Studies) at Osgoode Hall Law School and York University's Faculty of Environmental Studies. Before starting this program she used to have spare time, and would ski, dance salsa, and travel. Erica has lived in Mexico, El Salvador, and Burkina Faso.

In closing, Erica shared the following message, "Thank you for hosting me on your land; it is an honour to be here."



### Tick the Box /////

The cover page of the **2013 T1** Tax Form will include two questions where eligible individuals need to tick the box marked **"YES"** indicating that they are residents on Nisga'a Lands **OR** are a Nisga'a citizen resident on Nisga'a Lands.



## TICK YES ON YOUR T1 TAX FORM

#### At tax time, if you are

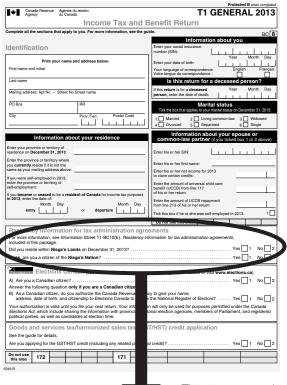
- a. a resident on Nisga'a Lands, OR
- b. a Nisga'a citizen resident on Nisga'a Lands

Remember to TICK YES ON YOUR T1 TAX FORM.

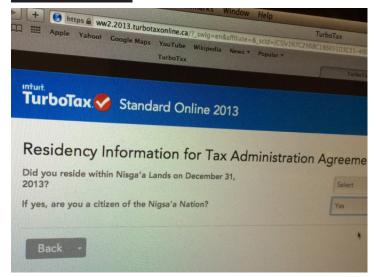
If you TICK YES ON YOUR T1 TAX FORM, the taxes you pay will benefit the NISGA'A NATION and ALL RESIDENTS ON NISGA'A LANDS.

Based upon revenue sharing agreements between the Nisga'a Nation, Canada and BC, taxes paid to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) are returned to the Nisga'a Nation.

#### Filing on paper:



#### Filing online:





#### Nisga'a Lisims Government

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This is on page 1 of your T1 tax form

Residency information for tax administration agreements

For more information, see Information Sheet T1-BC10(E), Residency information for tax administration agreements, included in this package.

Did you reside within Nisga'a Lands on December 31, 2013?

If yes, are you a citizen of the Nisga'a Nation?

Yes 1 No 2

TICK THE BOX =
TAXES BACK TO THE
NISGA'A NATION

\* Keep a copy of your T1 form as NLG may hold a "Tick the Box Contest" with prizes. Details to come.

### Executive Highlights ///

#### **BRIEFING REPORTS**

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

We met with a global LNG producer and shipping company.

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

Continuing to work on Implementation and Transition Planning move to C-6. Continue to review any incoming Nass Area Strategy referrals.

Continue oversight of the Fibre Optic project under the NTL IBA.

#### LANDS & RESOURCES / WARREN FEKETE

Pipeline, benefit agreement/permitting/engineering Environmental Assessment discussions – involves permit administration, timber valuation, drill site inspections, and file management.

LNG: helicopter site evaluation, information gathering.

MOTI: pipeline interactions with Nisga'a Highway, processes for sharing pipeline.

#### FINANCE / HENRY ROY

Our Fund is valued at \$208,195,831 with a gain from December of \$13,232,319.

CFO Transition: Jason Chan is continuing transition process with new Chief Financial Officer Henry Roy – tremendous amount of info and files to become familiar with.

MIS: new staff person in place, and reviewed security in the network – additional challenges during power outage.

Capital Finance: CFC approved new projects in the amount of \$700,011.

Power outage - the staff performed well. The building was open during entire outage, except for 2 hours.

Tick the box campaign was included in the T4 and information was posted to our website.

#### FISHERIES & WILDLIFE / BLAIR STEWART

Began preparations for the upcoming 2014 season.

With oolichan season, we are looking into monitoring and enforcement issues.

NNFC meeting in Prince Rupert.

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

Access to Justice: capacity building funds for circle of courage to train 20 members in the Nass. Goals to enhance communications skills when resolving conflict.

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## Executive Highlights ///

Victims Service initiative to stop exploitation of children and youth with materials available. Next court sitting in Gitlaxt'aamiks is March 10.

Ayuukhl Nisga'a: continued work on curriculum development, marriage document, K'aats booklet and work on *Nisga'a Heritage Act* continues.

Enrolment: developing policies for applications, elder's package, renunciation, and change of address.

Have followed up. Met and reviewed 29 applications, 22 approved.

\$40, 000 grants was awarded to NCFS by MCFSD for cultural programs for children and families, anti-bullying, and fetal alcohol syndrome disorder.

C-6: NCFS will require 2 positions before assessment can begin. C-5 Social workers are nearing completion of C-6 training. Social Development: policy review continues, pilot program to enhance life Skills.

Post- Sec: regular audit is in progress, funding policy under review.

Terrace office: Job posting for Youth Recreation Leader. YOY: establish a Nisga'a Nation national youth council – will hire new coordinator.

NVHA: will continue recruitment. Continuing to reinstate medical health premiums of Nisga'a Citizens who are not registered in Indian Registry.

Revise FFA so it is no longer Nisga'a "Indian" because it causes confusion and is respectful.

#### IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL / STEPHANIE LYSYK

Erica Stahl is the Osgoode Hall student who has been with NLG for 4 weeks and is assisting with planning of the Nisga'a Heritage legislation.

Participated in budget process. Preparing for next WSN in March.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES / CHERYL PELLETIER**

HR manager gave provided a monthly report of hires and other activities.

### Executive Highlights ///

## Summary of Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting

February 19-20, 2014

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

## Resolution / Adopted February 19, 2014 Trust Fund

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, acting under section 4.3 of the Trust Agreement, notify the Trustee that it is anticipated that Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a may at its next sitting pass a resolution directing the Trustee to make a distribution from the Trust Fund to the Nisga'a Nation:

- 1. in the total amount of\$6,350,000; and
- 2. to be paid in one instalment on March 31, 2014.

#### Resolution / Adopted February 19, 2014 Council of Elders

#### MOVED THAT:

 under section 44(4)(a) of the Nisga'a Government Act, the Executive appoint the following persons as regular members of the Council of Elders, each for a term of office of two years, more or less, to commence when they take the oath of office in March of 2014 and to expire when any new member of the Council appointed under section 44(4) of the Nisga'a Government Act takes the oath of office;

Clyde Ganet Davis	Gitla <u>x</u> ťaamiks	Laxsgiik
Jacob Nyce	Gitwinksihklw	Laxgibuu
Alan Moore	Laxgalts'ap	Laxgibuu
Harry Moore	Gingolx	Ganada

2. under section 44(4)(a) of the *Nisga'a Government Act*, the Executive appoint the following persons as alternate members of the Council of Elders, each for a term of two years, more or less, to commence when they take the oath of office in March of 2014 and to

expire when any new member of the Council appointed under section 44(4) of the *Nisga'a Government Act* takes the oath of office;

Lorene Plante	Gitla <u>x</u> t'aamiks	Laxgibuu
Mercy Moore	Gitwinksihlkw	Laxsgiik
Hester Mckay	Laxgalts'ap	Laxgibuu
P. John Stewart	Gingolx	Ganada

3. under section 44(4)(b) of the Nisga'a Government Act, the Executive designate: Lorene Plante as the alternate member for regular Council member Clyde Ganet Davis, Mercy Moore as the alternate member for regular Council member Jacob Nyce, Hester McKay as the alternate member for regular Council member Alan Moore, and P. John Stewart as the alternate member for regular Council member Harry Moore.

#### Resolution / Adopted February 19, 2014 Council of Elders

MOVED THAT under section 44(6)(b)(i) of the *Nisga'a* Government Act, the Executive:

- appoint Nelson Clayton to fill the current vacancy that exists in the office of the regular member of the Council of Elders for the remainder of that term of office, to commence when Mr. Clayton takes the oath of office in March of 2014 and to expire when any member of the Council appointed under section 44(4) of the Nisga'a Government Act takes the oath of office in December of 2014; and
- 2. designate Chester Moore as the alternate member for regular Council member Nelson Clayton.

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.



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