



# Sayt-K'ilim-Goot

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Nisga'a Lisims Government

January 2013

## President's Message /

This past year has been very busy to say the least. The elections are over and in the New Year we begin again with a renewed focus. We are seeing some real interest from outside parties who wish to connect with and do business with our Nation. The Nisga'a Museum has received much outside media interest and we hope it will be one of the main drivers of tourism in the valley as people from all over BC, Canada and the world become more aware of it and the natural beauty found here. We expect many more visitors and we want to be able to welcome them and provide them with a memorable visit.

Also on the economic front, the Northwest Transmission Line (NTL) project has created jobs for our people and has aligned well within our Nass Area Strategy. We have always stated and held fast in our belief that economic development will not come at the expense of protecting our lands and natural resources. We understand our role

is to be worthy stewards and protect our resources for future generations. We are moving forward in the careful development of our economy and I think the New Year will bring many interesting new economic opportunities and synergetic connections. Creating employment and business development opportunity is of primary importance to all of us at NLG – our future depends on it.

As a reminder, we are now all subject to taxation as the personal income tax exemptions have expired. We have previously invited Revenue Canada to visit each of our communities to provide information to our communities about filing their individual tax returns. Remember, if you reside on Nisga'a Lands, tick the box on your tax form – this will ensure that the amount of any income tax you pay is shared back by the federal government with the Nisga'a Nation.

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## BC Court of Appeal Upholds Constitutionality of the Nisga'a Treaty

Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC, February 5, 2013 – The British Columbia Court of Appeal handed down its decision today upholding the constitutional validity of the Nisga'a Treaty.

The Court of Appeal ruled that "The Treaty has been carefully crafted to respect constitutional principle and to fit

into the wider constitutional fabric of Canada. It is what it purports to be: an honourable attempt to resolve important but disputed claims, to achieve reconciliation, and to lay the foundation for a productive and harmonious future relationship between the Nisga'a Nation and the non-Aboriginal population of Canada."

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Mitchell Stevens, President of the Nisga'a Nation, stated "We are delighted that the British Columbia Court of Appeal has arrived at the same result as the British Columbia Supreme Court. The Nisga'a Nation has never doubted that our Treaty is consistent with the Canadian constitution."

In October 2011, the British Columbia Supreme Court ruled that the challenge to the legal validity of the Nisga'a Treaty by James Robinson and Mercy Thomas failed because the Treaty is consistent with the Canadian constitution. A similar challenge to the validity of the Treaty by Gordon Campbell and others was dismissed in 2001 by the BC Supreme Court. After losing their case in Supreme Court, Robinson and Thomas appealed that decision to the Court of Appeal.

Today the Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal and affirmed the constitutionality of the Nisga'a Treaty and the self-government provisions of the Treaty.

The Court of Appeal also ruled that Robinson and Thomas "mischaracterize the effect of the Treaty in material ways. Their misinterpretation of the legal effect of the Treaty substantially undercuts the merits of the core arguments they advance on this appeal. To put the matter baldly, the Treaty does not do what they say it does."

President Stevens went on to say "The right of Nisga'a self-government is at the heart of our Treaty. Our elders have always said that not only must our ownership of Nisga'a Lands be recognized, but we must also have the right to make decisions for ourselves about our lands and our people. This is the meaning of Nisga'a government – having the right to determine our path towards a better quality of life within Canada. This is the right the Court has re-affirmed today."

The reasons for the judgment can be found at <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdb-txt/CA/13/00/2013BCCA0049.htm>

## Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act / Community Information Session 2013

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.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 27, 2013

**Time:** 7pm

**Location:** Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC / Gitmidiik Auditorium

This session will be of interest to Nisga'a citizens that are 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:

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# Angaye'e / Chairperson, Council of Elders

Angaye'e (Shirley Morven) was born at Gitlaxt'aamiks. Delivered by her paternal jiits, Emily Morven (Ganada from the house of Ksim Xsaan). Welcomed by her ye'e, Charles Morven, (Laxgibuu from the house of Duuk') with the command, "Y'aga uxt! /Throw her in the river!" This was his way of deceiving the evil ones who, it was believed, perennially stood by to take away what was of great value, a brand new baby Nisga'a, especially a Ksim Nisga'a. Both her Ye'e Charlie and Jiits Emily were early converts into the Church of England denomination. Her Ye'e taken by JB McCullagh, a missionary, when he had not yet reached puberty.



Shirley Morven at Swearing In of WSN members

Her other ye'e and jiits were (Paul McMillan) Jaalu, Laxsgiik entrepreneur, from the house of Gwiix Maaw', and Sarah, Laxgibuu, from the house of K'eexkw (her brother, Timothy Derrick, one of the original Land Committee members). This ye'e was one of the very last converts to the Christian religion. As a result he was maligned by those who no longer valued the old Nisga'a ways. He married Sarah shortly after the last great smokehouse opening at Sii Aks. When her Ye'e Jaalu held Bayt T'aa, as Angaye'e was first called, her mother Amelia told her he used to sing Nisga'a children's songs to her. He died when Bayt T'aa was 15 months old.

Angaye'e spoke only Nisga'a until she was sent to St. Michael's Indian Residential School at aged 10. She ended up at that institution because someone made a mistake in the spelling of a name. So a space was made for a female child instead of for the boy whose mother was terminally ill, and whose name was not Norma. It did not take.

Shirley did not take long to learn to feel ashamed and guilty when she spoke and thought in Nisga'a. Over time she concluded she was not entitled to sim'algaḡ. Today she is conscious that she has much to learn about speaking in Nisga'a although she has taught it, along with French and

English, to students at NESS, our high school in School District # 92, (Nisga'a). She learned to read English when she was in Grade 7 and basically thinks in our gwaas algaḡ.

Like other Nisga'a Angaye'e had many aunts and uncles. The most influential among the women were her Aunt Katherine (her mother's sister), her Aunt Ethel (her father Herbert's sister) who saw her through her rite of passage into womanhood; her Aunt Dorothy (her dad's sister) who was an interpreter at the courthouse in Prince Rupert, and her cousins Doris (Tait) who was the first woman to successfully run for council and who served as Dean at the UBC School of Theology; Phyllis (McMillan), forelady at Nelson Brothers, organist, and Lavinia (Azak) creative and generous. Loretta (Clayton) who cared for her at St. Mike's and parented her children when needed. All four are her dad's nieces. She admires the tenacity, loyalty, courage, resourcefulness, and generosity of these beautiful women. The male influences were her father, who defended her in her absence; her mother's three brothers Benjamin who loved music; Reuben who parented her in the traditional way and encouraged her mother to allow her to speak because he believed Angaye'e could learn to speak for

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our people; and Christopher, who spoke only Nisga'a to her all his life and who had such wit.

St. Mike's was not the only institution Shirley attended for her formal education. She is a graduate of Booth Memorial High School's University Entrance Program. She received her B. Ed. in Special Education from UBC, her M. Ed. in Multi-Cultural Education from the University of Washington, Seattle, and the theory towards her doctoral degree in Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Her sister, Dorothy, calls her "Half a Doctor" because she did not complete this program.

Public service, the principles and edicts that are the foundation of Nisga'a culture which she learned mainly from her mother and from those mentioned above are what motivates Angaye'e. Hers is not a unique life. During her years growing up, and resuming her traditional learning once she left off with her formal education, is very similar to those of others in her generation. She thanks those who voted for her in the last general election and looks forward to being one of the representatives for all Nisga'a during the next four years in the Nisga'a Lisims Government. She may be reached by contacting Ms. Bev Azak, Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department, 250 633 3017.

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## Corinne McKay / Secretary-Treasurer

The Nisga'a Nation elected its first female Secretary Treasurer in the November 2012 election.

Corinne is G̱anada (Frog/Raven), of the House of Hay'maas. Her Nisga'a name is Bilaam Neekhl, meaning "Pearly Fin". She is married to Alfred McKay of Laxgalts'ap and has two sons Will and Bertram, daughter Melissa and twin granddaughters.

She has a Business Administration Diploma; Bachelor of Commerce, major in Accounting; and a Masters Degree in Business Administration. She had the great opportunity to learn the Nisga'a Language and Nisga'a Culture as University Credit Courses by taking evening courses with late Dr. Bertram McKay and his wife Audrey.



Corinne McKay at Swearing In of WSN members

Corinne worked in the fishing industry, leaving a position of General Manager to take a health contract with Nisga'a Valley Health. She has worked as a Bookkeeper, Administrator, Referendum Commissioner, Chief Electoral Officer, Vocational /Technical Director, Instructor, Human Resources Manager and Director of Programs. She was a member of Gitwinksihlkw Village Government and Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a for 2004–2008 term.

In the early 1990s Corinne volunteered for the Prince Rupert/Port Edward Nisga'a Local as Secretary-Treasurer. When Corrine took over, the local only had \$42 in funds

and were scheduled to host the Annual Nisga'a Tribal Council Convention. So, Corrine began fund-raising, and along with committed members they were able to raise over \$22,000 for the event.

She readily acknowledges the tremendous efforts of those that made the Nisga'a Treaty a reality. The role of the Secretary-Treasurer is defined in the *Nisga'a Financial Administration Act*; she will ensure compliance with the legislation, and support the Nation in efforts of progress forward.

# Notice of Official Results

## For Village Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks

In the January 28, 2013 By-Election for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks.

The final count for the January 28, 2013 by-election for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks was completed on January 29, 2013, at 10:13 am. As Nisga'a Elections Officer, I declared the following final results for the elected office of Village Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks:

<b>Brent Adams</b>	69 accepted votes
<b>Alan Don Clayton</b>	61 accepted votes
<b>Eva Clayton</b>	130 accepted votes
<b>Clyde Gary Davis</b>	31 accepted votes
<b>Denise Rose Eli</b>	79 accepted votes
<b>Oscar Mercer</b>	43 accepted votes
<b>Herbert B. Morven</b>	37 accepted votes
<b>Sadie O'Donaghey</b>	57 accepted votes
<b>Floyd L. Percival</b>	36 accepted votes
<b>Brian M. Tait</b>	104 accepted votes
<b>Keith Tait</b>	118 accepted votes
<b>George Wilfred Williams</b>	37 accepted votes

Accordingly, under section 58 of the *Nisga'a Elections Act*, I declare elected the following persons to the elected office of Village Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks (three to be elected):

<b>Eva Clayton</b>	130 accepted votes
<b>Keith Tait</b>	118 accepted votes
<b>Brian M. Tait</b>	104 accepted votes

## For Village Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw

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The final count for the January 28, 2013 by-election for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw was completed on January 29, 2013, at 10:13 am. As Nisga'a Elections Officer, I declared the following final results for the elected office of Village Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw:

<b>Ronald Allan Azak</b>	36 accepted votes
<b>William Clyde Azak</b>	44 accepted votes
<b>Bruce John Haldane</b>	52 accepted votes
<b>Charles Matthew Morven</b>	56 accepted votes
<b>Chester Earl Nyce</b>	33 accepted votes
<b>Sally Ann Everard Nyce</b>	40 accepted votes

Accordingly, under section 58 of the *Nisga'a Elections Act*, I declare elected the following persons to the elected office of Village Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw (three to be elected):

<b>Charles Matthew Morven</b>	56 accepted votes
<b>Bruce John Haldane</b>	52 accepted votes
<b>William Clyde Azak</b>	44 accepted votes

January 29, 2013  
Jean Clayton  
Nisga'a Elections Officer

# A Career Helping Others



N'iiik'ankwsdins (Jerry Adams)

N'iiik'ankwsdins (Jerry Adams) of the Nisga'a Nation was recently informed that he was going to be a recipient of the "Queens Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Medal." This prestigious honor recognizes citizens who "have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region or community within Canada, or an achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada." The medal is presented in person on behalf of the Queen by Her Honour Judy Guichon, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

Jerry was honoured to be selected but upon personal reflection, he knew that he had to respectfully decline the honour. As you will see in the story and interview that follows, Jerry has dedicated his life helping people from all walks of life who have fallen on hard times. Jerry felt that with the groundswell of the "Idle No More" movement gaining momentum and its mandate to put pressure on the Government of Canada to address long-standing issues that could significantly improve the future of all First Nations people — he could not accept the award and needed to stand in solidarity with this movement.

## ABOUT JERRY ADAMS (ABRIDGED)

N'iiik'ankwsdins (Jerry Adams) is originally from the Nisga'a Village of Aiyansh. He is a member of the Wilps Minee'eskw Eagle Clan. Jerry has been in the social service field for over forty years and is currently the Executive Director of the Circle of Eagles Lodge Society. Jerry's post-secondary education started at Langara Community College where he studied Welfare Aid. He then attended the University of Victoria where he received a B.A. with an emphasis on child care and social work. Jerry followed that up by attending the University of British Columbia where he achieved his Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree.

Back when Jerry was attending university, he was one of only about a dozen First Nations students — so, quite an achievement.

Jerry began his career as a Childcare Counselor at an Outreach Alternative School. He was a Social Worker with Inner City Family Services and then a Social Worker with the Adolescent Street Unit. That quickly covers the first 15 years of his work with people and community. Jerry really hit his stride as Services Manager/Youth Outreach for the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society (DEYAS) of Vancouver. It was here where Jerry was fortunate to be mentored further by the legendary street worker John Turvey.

## DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE YOUTH ACTIVITIES SOCIETY (DEYAS)

"Programs deliver harm reduction and health promotion services to high-risk, "street-involved" people throughout Vancouver. They promote the health and safety of those who aren't ready to change or are simply unable to do so. The driving objective of all DEYAS services is to provide windows of opportunity for individuals who want to escape the street and change their lives for the better, through a range of personal interventions."

Jerry worked for DEYAS for eight years. His contributions and achievements while at DEYAS are widely recognized.

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Jerry then went on to become the Executive Director at the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA) for 13 years.

### **ABOUT URBAN NATIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION (UNYA)**

"As Metro Vancouver's only Native youth program-providing organization, we work to empower Native youth through our 21 programs which include education & training, personal support, live-in programs, and sports & recreation... Our work also includes community development, training, research, educational materials, and advocacy. Our main goal is to provide opportunities that can help Native youth to reach their full potential and personal goals " The Association services different age groups.

Jerry was also the Urban Aboriginal Representative for the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre for three years.

N'iik'ankwsdins (Jerry Adams) has earned the respect of his community through his social work and tireless efforts on behalf of youth advocacy. He has served on the boards of and volunteered his time to — too many organizations to list here. He is a champion of the Native Youth Centre Capital Campaign. Jerry is married to Linda his lifelong sweetheart for 39 years and he is the proud father of three grown children. Jerry and Linda reside in Vancouver.

Along with being awarded the Queens Diamond Jubilee Award which we elaborated on earlier, Jerry is a recipient of the "Spirit of Crazy Horse Award" which recognizes inspirational leaders, from Reclaiming Youth International, an organization that works with youth issues throughout the world.

### **A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH JERRY**

*Where did you start out with your social work?*

I started out as a Youth Worker on the streets of Vancouver in (obviously) what some people would say were the rougher areas of the city. I was working to help get young exploited youth off of the streets. This involved everything from securing them food and safe accommodations — to providing them with access to someone they could talk to that they could trust. All of these are first steps towards ending a life on the streets.

*What motivated you to go down this career path?*

**Basically, a need for our young people to have a better quality of life.**

The history and affects of the residential schools are quite well documented now, but many youth were also sent to the city where they were boarded out. They often lost the connection to their brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and most importantly their parents and grandparents. What happens is a disconnect from their culture and family based way of life — traditional language, stories, singing, drumming, dance, etc. The youth often loose their way and fall in with the wrong crowd, which leads to a negative living environment that fosters a loss of self-esteem. It places youth in a situation where they sometimes can see no way out. I'm there to say "yes there is a way out and up."

*What are you presently working on?*

I was trying to retire (laughter), but I was convinced to help out with The Circle of Eagles Lodge Society where I am now the Executive Director. We work with formerly incarcerated people and help them transition back into what would be called "mainstream life".

### **ABOUT THE CIRCLE OF EAGLES LODGE SOCIETY (COELS)**

"The power to change. The freedom to choose one's own direction in life. The strength to overcome obstacles. As the Eagle represents strength & power to Aboriginal cultures, so does the Circle of Eagles Lodge Society (COELS) represent the opportunity for strength & independence to Aboriginals within the institutions in B.C.

An organization run by Aboriginals for Aboriginals, COELS assists ex-offenders in becoming more productive, contributing members of society. Recognized & respected for its work by both the Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal community, COELS helps to reduce the number of Aboriginal repeat offenders through its highly effective residential halfway house & rehabilitation services."

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*Do you see yourself as someone youth can aspire to be like?*

**I don't mind that if a young person or young adult can look and find strength in my life that is good, and yes we have to find good paths for our children so that they can find a better way for themselves.**

I was fortunate to have grown up when I did or I would have ended up in an adoption cycle. I had grandparents, aunts and uncles who all raised me and yes it was a village that cared for the little ones even though they got sent away to residential schools and boarded us out in the lower mainland.

I have always wondered how our parents survived with their broken hearts and really no children to raise once we reached a certain age. My mom and aunts and

grandmother never got to hear the apology, they had lost years that they could never get back, just as bad as their children's broken hearts. I never understood my mom's broken heart until after she passed away, when one of my younger sisters told me about her sadness and loss every September as we left to go to school.

So, when a whole village has all these sad moms, aunts and grandmothers, that is why I feel what I have done is right, for my mom and her sisters and all moms in Aiyansh and all the other moms in small villages across Canada.

*Thanks for your time Jerry.*

Jerry serves as an inspiration for our Nisga'a youth — a career focused on Social Work and helping community is a noble endeavor and one we are sure Jerry would agree is richly rewarding.

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## Village Councillors / Sworn In to Office



Following the release of the Notice of Official Results from the Nisga'a Elections Officer on the morning of Friday February 1, 2013, newly elected Village Councillors of Gitwinksihlkw and Gitlaxt'aamiks were sworn in to office at duly convened meetings of their respective Village Governments.

Chairperson of the Council of Elders, Sigidim-nak' Angaye'e (Shirley Morven) first administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members Clyde Azak, Bruce J. Haldane and Charles Morven at the Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw Village Government Chamber on Friday in the morning.

On Friday afternoon, the Oath of Office was then administered in the Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks for newly elected Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Councillors Eva Clayton, Brian Tait and Keith Tait.

The 6 newly elected Village Councillors have filled vacancies within their respective Village Governments in a by-election held on January 28, 2013.





## Nisga'a Museum

# Featured in Winter 2012 edition of British Columbia Magazine

*From British Columbia Magazine / Culture Section*

## Heart & soul

By Brian Payton

The people of the Nass Valley have reclaimed more than 330 precious cultural artifacts, from headdresses to masks, many of which are now on display at Hli G̱oothl Wilp-Adoḵshl Nisga'a — the new Nisga'a Museum.



The name given to a new museum in the Nass Valley — Hli G̱oothl Wilp-Adoḵshl Nisga'a — means “The Heart of Nisga'a House Crests” and celebrates the importance of Nisga'a tribes and tribal crests. With a design inspired by traditional Nisga'a longhouses, feast dishes, and canoes, the 929-square-metre Nisga'a Museum opened in Laxgalts'ap (Greenville), northwest of Terrace, in the spring of 2011. Its Ancestors' Collection contains exquisitely carved masks, bentwood boxes, headdresses, soul catchers, and other cultural artifacts acquired from Nisga'a people during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Many Nisga'a possessions were mistaken as idols and destroyed by missionaries who established themselves



along the Nass River. Others were given away or sold to private individuals or museum collectors. The treasures in the Ancestors' Collection were returned to the Nass Valley from museums in Ottawa and Victoria as part of the Nisga'a Final Agreement, a treaty that came into effect on May 11, 2000. Now, for the first time, they are displayed together in their place of origin.

“Hli G̱oothl Wilp-Adoḵshl Nisga'a is our gift to each other, our fellow Canadians, and all humanity,” says Mitchell Stevens, president of Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG). Read more in the current issue of British Columbia Magazine.



# All Native Basketball Tournament

Prince Rupert BC /  
Jim Ciccone Civic Centre  
Sunday Feb 10 – Saturday Feb 16, 2013



## ***Wishing teams, coaches and fans...***

a fun-filled week celebrating excellence in talent and good sportsmanship at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual All Native Basketball Tournament.

As ambassadors of your communities, take pride in the hard work and dedication you've invested in improving your game on the court and continue with the same positive influence off the courts and within your communities.

## ***Si'aamhl wilsim' / Continue to do well***

**PRESIDENT H. MITCHELL STEVENS  
AND NLG EXECUTIVE & STAFF**



**Nisga'a Lisims Government**  
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# Highlights from NLG Executive Meeting January 23 and 24, 2013

*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 January 23, 2013**

### **CFO – Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Revenue Sharing Agreement**

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga'a Nation to enter into an agreement with British Columbia in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Revenue Sharing Agreement");

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga'a Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Revenue Sharing Agreement;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive endorse the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Revenue Sharing Agreement and recommend its ratification to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.

## **Resolution / Adopted January 23, 2013**

### **CFO – Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement**

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga'a Nation to enter into an agreement with British Columbia in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement");

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga'a Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive endorse the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement and recommend its ratification to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.

## **Resolution / Adopted January 23, 2013**

### **CFO – Nisga'a Personal Income Tax Act**

CONSIDERING THAT the Personal Income Tax Administration Agreement between Canada and the Nisga'a Nation (the "Agreement") has been ratified by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, has been executed on behalf of Canada and the Nisga'a Nation, and contemplates that Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a will enact an Act that is the same as or similar in all material respects to the draft Act attached to the Agreement;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the form of Act attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Nisga'a Personal Income Tax Act") is the same as or similar in all material respects to the draft Act attached to the Agreement;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive endorse the *Nisga'a Personal Income Tax Act* and recommend its enactment to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.

## **Resolution / Adopted January 23, 2013**

### **CFO – Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement**

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

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga'a Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive endorse the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement and recommend its ratification to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.

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**Resolution / Adopted January 24, 2013**

**Programs and Services – Council of Elders**

CONSIDERING THAT:

under section 44(3) of the *Nisga'a Government Act*, the President of Nisga'a Lisims Government has provided to the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") a list of names of persons who the President recommends for appointment to the Council of Elders; and under section 44(4) of the *Nisga'a Government Act*, the Executive must, from the list provided by the President, appoint four regular members and four alternate members of the Council of Elders and designate the alternate members as alternates for particular regular members;

MOVED THAT:

(1) 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 January of 2013 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:

Joseph Gosnell, Sr. / Gitlaxt'aamiks / Laxsgiik  
Perry Azak / Gitwinksihlkw / Gisk'aast  
Alexander Angus / Laxgalts'ap / Ganaada  
Stuart Doolan / Gingolx / Laxgibuu;

(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 January of 2013 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:

Verna William / Gitlaxt'aamiks / Ganaada  
Emma Nyce / Gitwinksihlkw / Laxsgiik  
Elsie Campbell / Laxgalts'ap / Laxsgiik  
Chester Moore / Gingolx / Ganaada; and

(3) under section 44(4)(b) of the *Nisga'a Government Act*, the Executive designate

(a) alternate Council member Verna William as the alternate for regular Council member Joseph Gosnell,

(b) alternate Council member Emma Nyce as the alternate for regular Council member Perry Azak,

(c) alternate Council member Elsie Campbell as the alternate for regular Council member Alexander Angus, and

(d) alternate Council member Chester Moore as the alternate for regular Council member Stuart Doolan.

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**Resolution / Adopted January 23, 2013**

**Stipends and Honoraria**

CONSIDERING THAT it is advisable to amend the policy governing the remuneration of members of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, Bulletin FA-00001-Stipends and Honoraria dated December 21, 2004 and amended March 24, 2011 (the "Stipends Bulletin") for the reasons set out in the briefing note prepared by the Chief Financial Officer and attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

MOVED THAT under section 27 of the *Nisga'a Government Act* the Executive amend the Stipends Bulletin;

1. in accordance with the revised Stipends Bulletin set out as Appendix "B" to this motion, and

2. effective immediately

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**Resolution / Adopted January 24, 2013**

**Lands and Resources – Nisga'a Land Title Amendment Regulation**

MOVED THAT:

1. under the *Nisga'a Land Title Act*, NLGSR 2010/06, the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive enact the Nisga'a Land Title Amendment Regulation, 2013, attached to this motion as Appendix "A";

2. the Nisga'a Land Title Amendment Regulation, 2013 come into force on the date of this motion;

3. the Chairperson be authorized to sign the Nisga'a Land Title Amendment Regulation, 2013 to evidence its enactment.

**Resolution / Adopted January 24, 2013**  
**Fish and Wildlife – Annual Fishing Plan**

CONSIDERING THAT pursuant to section 22 of the *Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife Act*, the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") must adopt a draft annual fishing plan prepared by the Director of Fish and Wildlife (the "Director");

MOVED THAT the Executive:

1. approve and adopt the draft Nisga'a annual fishing plan for 2013 / 2014 prepared by the Director and attached to this resolution as Schedule "A" (the "Annual Fishing Plan");
2. direct the Director to forward the Annual Fishing Plan to the Joint Fisheries Management Committee; and
3. direct the Director to publish the Annual Fishing Plan in accordance with Nisga'a Law.

**Resolution / Adopted January 24, 2013**  
**Fish and Wildlife – Recommendation of F&W Committee on Moose Harvesting Timing**

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Fish and Wildlife Committee has recommended that the Draft Nisga'a Wildlife Management Plan for 2013-2014 be amended to replace, in the section entitled "Moose" under "Harvest Timing", the phrase "Moose can be harvested from 20 October through 26 October of each year" with the phrase "Moose can be harvested from 1 December to 15 January of each year";

MOVED THAT the Executive accept the recommendation to change the Harvest Timing of Moose as outlined above, and direct the Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Committee to communication with British Columbia as necessary in order to achieve this intended change to the Draft Nisga'a Wildlife Management Plan for 2013-20.

**Resolution / Adopted January 24, 2013**  
**Fish and Wildlife – Recommendation of F&W Committee on Draft Addendum to MOU**

CONSIDERING THAT the Lisims Government Fish and Wildlife Committee has recommended that the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive approve the signing of the DRAFT Addendum to the December 11, 2008 "Memorandum of Understanding on Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area Collaborative Oceans Governance" attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Draft Addendum to the PNCIMA Collaborative Oceans Governance MOU");

MOVED THAT the Executive authorize the President to sign the "Draft Addendum to the PNCIMA Collaborative Oceans Governance MOU" on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation.

*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.*

# Highlights from Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a, January 30–31, 2013

*The following is a summary, and for certain resolutions an excerpt, of Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) resolutions from the most recent meeting of the WSN.*

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## Resolution / Adopted January 30, 2013

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga'a Nation to enter into an agreement with Canada and British Columbia to amend the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement, in the form attached as Appendix "A" to this motion ("the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Amendment Agreement");

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a request and consider a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement.

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## Resolution / Adopted January 30, 2013

CONSIDERING THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a has requested and considered a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on a proposed agreement with Canada and British Columbia to amend the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement, substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement");

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a ratify the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement and recommend that the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive"), enter into an agreement with Canada and British Columbia substantially in the form of the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement, including as it may be translated into French to the satisfaction of the Executive.

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## Resolution / Adopted January 30, 2013

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga'a Nation to enter into an agreement with British Columbia under which British Columbia will pay to the Nisga'a Nation, the Nisga'a Villages and other eligible claimants amounts equivalent to certain consumption taxes paid by those claimants, in the form attached

as Appendix "A" to this motion (the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement");

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a request and consider a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement.

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## Resolution / Adopted January 30, 2013

CONSIDERING THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a has requested and considered a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on a proposed agreement between the Nisga'a Nation and British Columbia under which British Columbia will pay to the Nisga'a Nation, the Nisga'a Villages and other eligible claimants amounts equivalent to certain consumption taxes paid by those claimants, in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement);

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a ratify the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement and recommend that the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, enter into an agreement with British Columbia substantially in the form of the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement.

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## Resolution / Adopted January 30, 2013

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga'a Nation to enter into an agreement with British Columbia under which British Columbia will share revenues from certain consumption taxes with the Nisga'a Nation, in the form attached as Appendix "A" to this motion ("the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Revenue Sharing Agreement);

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a request and consider a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Revenue Sharing Agreement.



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**Resolution / Adopted January 30, 2013**

CONSIDERING THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a has requested and considered a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on a proposed agreement between the Nisga'a Nation and British Columbia under which British Columbia will share revenues from certain consumption taxes with the Nisga'a Nation, in the form attached as Appendix "A" to this motion (Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Revenue Sharing Agreement");

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a ratify the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Revenue Sharing Agreement and recommend that the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, enter into an agreement with British Columbia substantially in the form of the Nisga'a Nation Consumption Taxes Revenue Sharing Agreement.

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**Resolution / Adopted January 30, 2013**

CONSIDERING THAT it is desirable for Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a to enact legislation contemplated by the Personal

Income Tax Administration Agreement now in effect between the Government of Canada and the Nisga'a Nation;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a enact the *Nisga'a Personal Income Tax Act* attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

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**Resolution / Adopted January 30, 2013**

CONSIDERING THAT it was intended that Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a consider a motion in relation to the Nisga'a Settlement Trust which was contemplated by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive in December of 2012, but which was inadvertently not included in the agenda prepared for this sitting of Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT under Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure of Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a (the "Rules"), the Rules be suspended to the extent necessary to permit the Secretary Treasurer to move, and Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a to consider, the motion now provided to the members as Motion 2013/10.

*In addition to the items referenced above, regular business carried out by the members of Wilp Si'yayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) includes opening prayer and adoption of agenda.*



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