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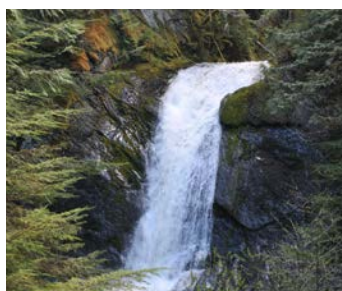
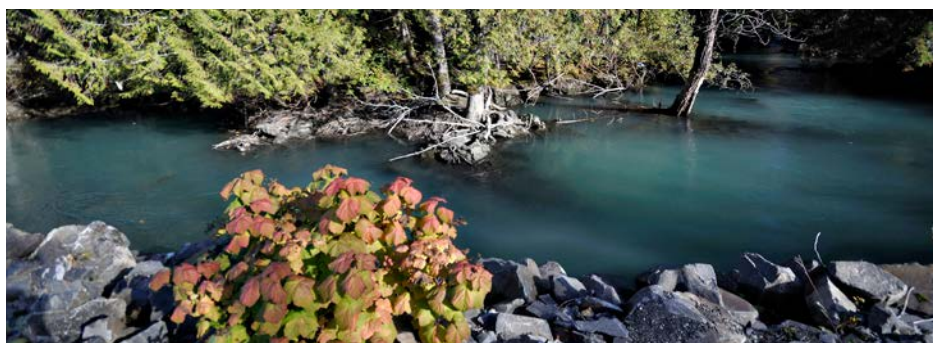
HOBIYEE 2018  
Honouring our Ancestors





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# President's Message

Hoobiye! Congratulations to the Nisga'a Urban Local of Ts'amiks Vancouver and the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap for hosting excellent Hoobiye celebrations in February. It is incredible to witness the unity and camaraderie when we come together to celebrate in song and dance. It was also so very nice to witness the unveiling of the hoobix – wooden spoons that were returned to us as part of a shared custodial agreement with the Canadian Museum of History.

I would like to congratulate all of our Nisga'a athletes that participated in the annual All Native Basketball Tournament in Prince Rupert. A special congratulations to the Gitlaxt'aamiks Masters who placed second in their division. Si'aamhl wilsirh!



Nisga'a Government is currently in the provisional budget process. Each year, NLG directorates, Nisga'a Villages, Nisga'a Urban Locals and Nisga'a Institutions present their budget proposals to the Nisga'a Finance Committee. Ultimately, these budgets will be tabled, debated and voted on by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) at the end of March.

In the early part of February I took the opportunity to write an open letter of support to the family of Colten Boushie. In my letter I stated that there is a need for the federal government to review the Canadian justice system and its unfairness to Indigenous peoples.

The NLG Executive has struck a committee comprised of representatives from the Public Order Peace & Safety (POPS) and Programs and Services Committee. The mandate of this committee is to investigate ways and means to eliminate the illegal sales of alcohol and drugs in our communities. I fully support the work of this committee as we all should because of the negative impacts this activity has in our communities.

Much like January and February, the month of March is shaping up to be a busy one. I encourage all Nisga'a Citizens to actively participate in all opportunities provided to you. Particularly, the Open for Business Forum that will take place at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Recreation Centre (GRC) on March 19, 20 & 21, 2018. Visit [www.nisgaaopenforbusiness.ca](http://www.nisgaaopenforbusiness.ca) for more information on how you may participate.

Tooyaksiy nisirh ii si'aamhl wilsirh

Sincerely,  
**Noxs Wil-luu Gaamiks Hloks**  
**Eva Clayton, President**  
PRESIDENT

# Nisga'a Nation represented well in the 59th Annual All Native Basketball Tournament

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018** / The Gingolx Cultural Dancers did the Opening Ceremonies for the 59th Annual All Native Basketball Tournament (ANBT) with a powerful opening that some players from other nation teams expressed that their performance re-connected them with their cultural roots and reminded them of what this tournament is all about. Speakers included: Eva Spencer, ANBT Vice-President, Prince Rupert Mayor Lee Brian, Nathan Cullen, MP, Jennifer Rice, MLA – North Coast, Sim'oogit Luudisdoos – Harry Moore and Gingolx Chief Councilor George Moore. The ANBT Committee presented the Gingolx Cultural Dancers with a token of over \$6K to assist with their expenses to open the tournament.

Photos of the Opening Ceremonies can be found here: <http://nisgaanation.zenfolio.com/p759883061> or on the Nisga'a Lisims Government – Nisga'a Nation Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/pg/NLG.NisgaaNation/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=1...](https://www.facebook.com/pg/NLG.NisgaaNation/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1...)

The week was full of exciting basketball games played by our outstanding Nisga'a athletes. All of which played with a lot of pride and heart to represent their home Nisga'a Communities to the best of their ability. We want to encourage all Nisga'a athletes to continue to progress with your training and be the best contender you can be in the upcoming 60th Annual ANBT.

- The Nisga'a Ladies Division teams included: Greenville Aces, Ksihlkw (Canyon City) and Gitmidiik Thunder (New Aiyansh).
- The Nisga'a Intermediates Division Boys teams included: Gitmidiik Storm (New Aiyansh) and Kincolith Sons.
- The Nisga'a Senior Division Men's teams included: Gitmidiik Seniors (New Aiyansh), Gitwinksihlkw Lizards (Canyon City) and Kincolith Sons.
- The Nisga'a Masters Division teams included: Gitmidiik Masters (New Aiyansh), Greenville Masters and Kincolith Masters.
- **Total Nisga'a teams: 11**

The Nisga'a Nation would like to congratulate the Gitmidiik Masters for making it to the Championship Finals in the Masters Division and placing 2nd in the 59th Annual ANBT! The Nisga'a Nation is so proud including your hometown of Gitlaxt'aamiks! The team never gave up until the last buzzer and we want to commend the team for a job well done! You are all still #1 to us! *Si'aamhl Wilin!*





## Nisga'a Highway Closure Both Directions Gingolx to Laxgalts'ap

The highway was closed Feb 8 in both directions from Greenville to Gingolx (28.8 km) because of High Avalanche Hazard. No detour was available.

Please continue to monitor DriveBC for further updates before you travel and please travel with caution. [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca)



## Prince Rupert Highway Closure Due to High Avalanche Hazard

Feb 13 / High Avalanche Hazard – Highway 16 closed in both directions 13 km east of Port Edward Turnoff to 35 km west of Terrace (83.8 km). No detour available. Check [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca) for current and up to date road conditions.

## IDM Mountain Ltd. Red Mountain Underground Gold Project Community Newsletter



View Issue #4 of the IDM Mountain Ltd. Red Mountain Underground Gold Project Community Newsletter by [clicking here.](#)

## Ross Lake (Tseax 80) Bridge Replacement Construction

Construction related to the replacement of the one lane bridge at km 82 of the Nisga'a Highway 113 will commence the week of February 5, 2018.

The project will run until approximately September 2018. Construction initially involves creating a detour adjacent to the existing bridge. Once the detour is functional the existing bridge will be removed and a new two lane bridge will be built.

The contractor does not anticipate any lengthy highway closures. At times, there will be 20 minute delays. Please check [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca) for updates on any delays. In addition, the contractor will be accessing and removing gravel from the Ksi Tin gravel pit during this project.

## Nisga'a Elections Officer Proposes Series of Amendments to *Elections Act*

On January 24th, Nisga'a Elections Officer (the "NEO") Esther Adams tabled a report to the NLG Executive entitled, 'Proposed Amendments to the *Nisga'a Elections Act* & Nisga'a Elections Regulation'. The NEO conducted a detailed review of the 2016 election of Nisga'a Government which led to the comprehensive report on proposed amendments. As described in the NEO report, "These proposed legislative amendments are intended to better align our processes with other election processes with a goal to ensure effective and efficient administration of electoral events and to provide a more inclusive and accessible electoral process by continuing to develop best practices".

The proposed amendments for discussion include:

1. Changing the nomination meeting process to a 10 day nomination period (paper process)
2. Adjusting the date of the regular election to avoid conflict with statutory holidays
3. Revert Prince George voters to District 8 list where they would receive mail in ballots
4. Amend Qualifications to Stand for Office so that the rules are consistent for all nominees including the sitting members of the Council of Elders

Section 77(2) of the *Nisga'a Elections Act* prescribes that the NEO may suggest consideration of amendments to the *Elections Act* or other Nisga'a enactments affecting elections or referendums. The NLG Executive received the report and passed a resolution to further explore the proposed amendments for consideration by the Executive and Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a. The Executive also gave the NEO direction to further investigate electronic voting options for Nisga'a elections and to report back to Executive in due course. Once the amendments are considered and passed by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, the NEO will embark on a public education campaign to provide voters an overview of the amendments and the *Nisga'a Elections Act* in general.

To review the full report [click here](#).

## Bladerunners Observe Executive



Nine seats were filled in the public gallery of NLG's legislative chamber by Nisga'a youth observing the monthly meeting of the NLG Executive on January 24th.

The young Nisga'a are currently participating in the Nisga'a Employment Skills & Training (NEST) Bladerunners Program. A program funded by ACCESS to provide youth entry level training in the construction and mining industries.

"We involve cultural training as the baseline of all our programming", says NEST Pathways Coordinator Melissa McKay. Prior to obtaining certification in the field of study, the students complete one week of cultural training to learn more about Nisga'a culture and the Nisga'a Treaty. As part of their cultural training the cohort of youth received an overview of the Nisga'a Treaty from former President Mitchell Stevens. They then spent a half day observing the NLG Executive to learn more about government processes.

President Eva Clayton and members of the NLG Executive extended a warm welcome to the youth. "The reality is, you will be sitting here one day, so I am very encouraged to see that you are taking an interest in Nisga'a Government", said President Clayton.

This is the third group of youth to complete the Bladerunners program. Two other cohorts completed the training with a focus on hospitality and customer service in October and November 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** on Bladerunners and other employment and skills training provided by NEST, contact their office at 1 250 633 2210 or toll free: 1 844 633 2210, email [nest@nisgaa.net](mailto:nest@nisgaa.net)

# President Clayton Extends Support to the Family of Colten Boushie and the Red Pheasant Cree Nation

**WHILE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE** have been making progress over the years, the outcome of Colten's case brings a somber realization that our Indigenous people continue to face systemic injustices that go unaddressed. Colten's story has raised the need for change, and a call to the government of Canada to assess the Canadian judicial system.

Know that the grief and emotions of Colten's families are in the hearts of the Nisga'a Nation. The Nisga'a Nation will stand beside you, and we send you our heartfelt condolences and prayers.

We will write to Prime Minister Trudeau and other Ministers to support the call for a review of the Canadian justice system.

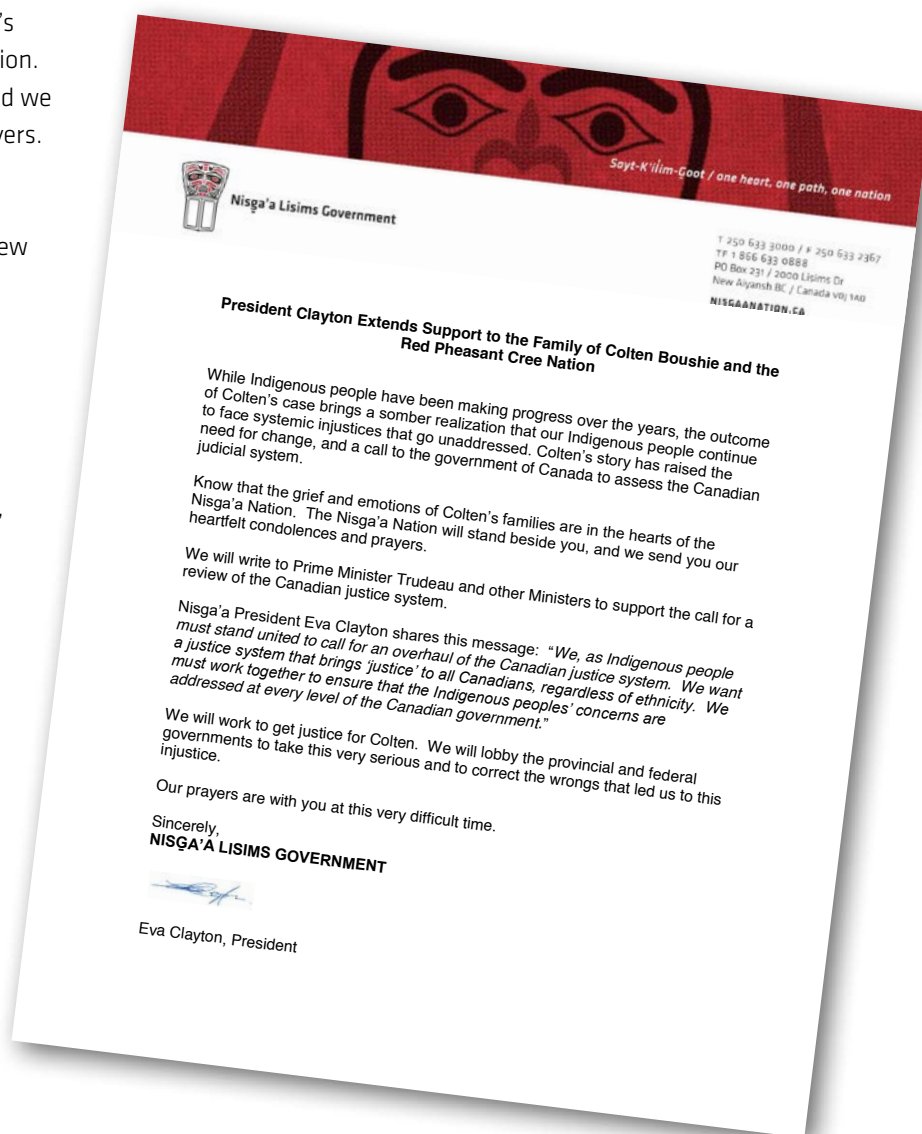
Nisga'a President Eva Clayton shares this message: "We, as Indigenous people must stand united to call for an overhaul of the Canadian justice system. We want a justice system that brings 'justice' to all Canadians, regardless of ethnicity. We must work together to ensure that the Indigenous peoples' concerns are addressed at every level of the Canadian government."

We will work to get justice for Colten. We will lobby the provincial and federal governments to take this very serious and to correct the wrongs that led us to this injustice.

Our prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

Nisga'a Lisims Government  
**EVA CLAYTON, PRESIDENT**



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# Essential Skills for New Managers and Supervisors 1-day Course / Feb 8

## Hosted by NEST

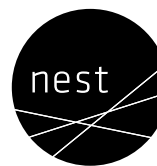
On February 8, 2018, NEST hosted a 1-day course to help participants learn how to adjust to the supervisor's role with confidence and how to identify key attitudes that develop and enhance supervisory skills. Participants learned methods of time management, planning techniques that maximize success, and also developed techniques for giving clear instructions. Some of the course highlights:

- Making the Transition
- Behaviours and Attitudes
- Planning for Success
- Communication and Listening Skills
- Giving Feedback

- Giving Instructions
- Delegation
- Managing Conflict and Challenging Situations
- Developing Relationships

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Skills &  
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## Opportunity for Nisga'a Artists

The Vetter Falls Lodge (the "Lodge"), expected to be operational in the Spring of 2018, is seeking interested Nisga'a artists to design, paint and finish:

- Red Cedar dining room table top – 14' X 40" X 4" (L/W/T)
- Design must include Txeemsim and 4 Nisga'a crests: Laxgibuu (wolf), Laxsgiik (eagle), Canada (Frog), Gisk'aast (killerwhale)

Interested Nisga'a artists may submit their expression of interests via email to Vetter Falls Lodge operators:

**MRC VENTURES**

Randy & Melanie Chalifoux

Email: [mrc\\_ventures@outlook.com](mailto:mrc_ventures@outlook.com)

Tel: 250 631 7102 or 250 631 7208

Submissions may include photographs of sample artwork completed by the Nisga'a artist.





# Council of Elders Appointees Take Oath of Office



**ON JANUARY 24, 2018**, first orders of business at the monthly NLG Executive meeting was a blessing of the Ganim Siwilyeenskwa, and a swearing-in ceremony for the Council of Elders.

The following are Regular and Alternate appointees that took Oath of Office administered by Noxs Wi-Luugaamiks Hloks, Eva Clayton, President of the Nisga'a Nation:

- Clyde Garret Davis / Sim'oogit W'ii Gilaxnamk'ap
- Jacob Nyce / Sim'oogit Baxk'ap
- Arnold Harry Martin / Sim'oogit Genuu-Gaak
- Harry Moore / Sim'oogit Luudisdoos
- Lorene Plante / Sigidim-nak' Lootkw
- Oliver McNeil / Sim'oogit Adaahlgan
- Wilma Moore / Sigidim-nak' Axdii Wil T'aa
- Lavinia Clayton / Sigidim-nak' Sim'oogidim Sigidim-nak'
- Jeffrey Clifford Azak / Sim'oogit Axxwindaskw

The Council is established pursuant to the Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation and the *Nisga'a Government Act* to nurture the spirit of the Nisga'a Nation; provide guidance to interpretation of the Ayuuk; and advise Nisga'a Government on matters relating to the traditional values of the Nisga'a Nation.

For more photos of the ceremony: [click here](#).





PRESS RELEASE — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a

## **Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a – The Nisga'a Museum Activates Shared Custody Agreement**

**Laxgalts'ap, B.C. – February 21, 2018** - For the first time since the signing of the Nisga'a Treaty in 2000 and the initial repatriation of the *Anhooya'ahl Ga'angigatgum'* (the Ancestors' Collection) in 2010, the Nisga'a Museum will be welcoming seven new *hoobix* (spoons). On February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am, kicking off Hobiye 2018 in Laxgalts'ap, the Museum will host a re-blessing and unveiling ceremony to welcome these precious objects back to their home after 100+ years.

Through the initial Treaty process, the Nisga'a Nation and the Canadian Museum of History concluded a Custodial Agreement that provides for shared possession on a permanent and on-going basis of Nisga'a objects. For the first time since the Museum's opening in 2011, this agreement has been activated and seven new *hoobix* were selected, to begin the annual rotation of objects between the shared institutions and further the reconciliation work done by both organizations.

"The activation of the Custodial Agreement and the welcoming home of new objects for the first time in seven years, is not only an important step for the Nisga'a Museum but a tangible representation of reconciliation in action," states Nisga'a Museum Director Stephanie Halapija. "With the *Voices of the Nisga'a Treaty* exhibition entering its second year and Hobiye 2018 celebrations hosted in our home community of Laxgalts'ap, the Museum wanted to mark the occasion with a celebration of reconciliation and the unique relationship between ourselves and the Canadian Museum of History. To have the ability to welcome new objects home, for a predetermined period, without the burden of shipping costs or the worries surrounding long term storage is a powerful tool. It keeps our organization strong, fresh and most importantly allows for cultural exploration, preservation and for the stories of the Ancestors to be told again."

A representative from the Council of Elders, the Canadian Museum of History, the Nisga'a Museum, and the Nisga'a Museum Advisory Committee will offer their thoughts and officially unveil the *hoobix* to the public on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The *hoobix* will be at the Nisga'a Museum until February of 2019 and available for viewing during the summer operating season, after Hobiye weekend. Admission fees to the Nisga'a Museum will be waived for the ceremony. Regular admission rates will apply during Museum Hobiye hours: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT/ STEPHANIE HALAPIJA MUSEUM DIRECTOR/  
STEPHANIEH@NISGAA.NET/ TEL: 250-633-3050 X2009/ 810 HIGHWAY DRIVE, LAXGALTS'AP, B.C., V0J 1X0/



# Hoobiye /

## Ts'amiks Edition 2018 a Success

What began several years ago as an opportunity for Nisga'a citizens residing in the greater Vancouver area to celebrate Hoobiye together – has evolved into one of the City of Vancouver's largest Indigenous cultural festivals.

The 2018 Hoobiye / Ts'amiks Edition took place February 2 & 3rd at the PNE Forum – a larger venue chosen by Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society – since the celebration outgrew the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre.

The two day festival saw the convergence of Indigenous cultures from up and down the British Columbia coast – many who like the urban Nisga'a – have formed their own urban song and dance groups. Among the richly diverse groups were:

- > Chinook Song Catchers
- > Kwhlii Gibaygum Nisga'a
- > Urban Heiltsuk Dance Group
- > Lax Kxeen Dance Group

- > Iswalh Dance Group – Lilwat
- > Gidahmes Gitksan Dance Group
- > Git Hayetsk Dance Group

The Friday evening Grand Entry wowed the audience with the thunderous unified drum that welcomed each dance group who were colourful and equally as energetic as they danced in to the Forum. Once the dance groups assembled, they rendered the Nisga'a Nation chief's welcome song Ts'inin Sim'oogit to welcome chiefs including Sim'oogit Hayrhaas – Chester Moore, Sim'oogit Gitlaxsyoon – Russell Morven, matriarchs and visiting dignitaries that included Vancouver-Mount Pleasant MLA Melanie Mark, Mayor of the City of Vancouver Gregor Robertson.

To see more photos of Hoobiye / Ts'amiks Edition, visit our photo album at: <http://nisgaanation.zenfolio.com/p771846998>







## Nisga'a Family Wellness Strategy

The following outlines the schedule for the first series of community meetings that will take place from 6-8 PM on the following dates.

March 05	Gingolx Church Army Hall
March 06	Laxgaltsap Community Centre Cafeteria
March 07	Gitwinksihlkw Village Government Chambers
March 08	Gitlaxt'aamiks Auditorium

You are invited to an open community meeting to share your thoughts on the Family Wellness Strategy being developed for the Nisga'a Nation.

Working collaboratively representatives from each of the Village Governments, School District 92, NVHA, WNNI, RCMP, LELP and NLG have been exploring the creation of an integrated, comprehensive Family Wellness Strategy. The focus of this work has been to ensure all Nisga'a citizens have access to high quality services and programs that promote family wellness.

The goal is to create a system that sees each organization contributing to the strategy while maintaining their unique structure and responsibilities.

This will be the first of two community meetings being planned prior to the draft strategy being presented to the Nisga'a Nation as represented by Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive this spring.

The format will be a short presentation followed by members of the Family Wellness Strategy Large Working Group listening to the community's thoughts and insights as well as responding to questions.

Refreshments will also be provided.

# Notices from Nisga'a Valley Health Authority

Notices provided by Linda Morven, Chief Health Services Officer for Nisga'a Valley Health Authority.

For further information also visit Nisga'a Valley Health Authority's website at [www.nisgahealth.bc.ca](http://www.nisgahealth.bc.ca)



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February 13, 2018

## Extended Nurses Clinics

**Nurses Clinics will be open from  
8:30 am to 8:30 pm**

**Starting February 13, 2018**

Please book appointments for 5:00pm to 8:00pm through the receptionist during the day. *\*\*After 5:00, call the emergency line to speak directly to the nurse as clinic doors will be locked and the nurse can let you in.*

*Please call ahead to book your evening appointment. \*\**

Additionally: Extra Lab times are available  
Mondays and Wednesdays from 5pm-  
7:30pm. *Excludes: fasting labs and INRs.*

Thank you.

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## Non-Insured Health Benefits

The Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (NIHB) is the Nisga'a Nation's needs-based health benefit program that provides supplementary benefits for eligible Nisga'a people. The programs include:

- Medical Transportation (Patient Travel)
- Vision
- Medical Supplies & Equipment
- Short-term Crisis Intervention
- Mental Health Counselling
- Great West Life Cards (card orders are completed on Fridays)

Great West Life administers the following programs on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation:

- Pharmaceutical (prescription drugs)
- Dental

Please forward all dental and pharmaceutical requests directly to Great West Life at the following address:

Winnipeg Health & Dental Benefit Payment Office  
PO Box 3050  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0E6

If you need to speak to Great West Life directly regarding dental or pharmaceutical benefits, please call 1-800-957-9777. Please have your Great West Life number ready when you call.

The Non-Insured Health Benefits program is located in Gitwinksihlkw. Non-Insured Health Benefits staff include:

- Sandra Stephens, NIHB/Reception Clerk
- Renee' Morven, Patient Travel Clerk
- Trina Minshall, Patient Travel Clerk
- Claudette Azak, Patient Travel Clerk
- Karen Leeson, MS&E Claims Assessor (Medical Supplies & Equipment and Vision claims)

Each Non-Insured Health Benefits request is reviewed based on policy. NIHB policy is very specific about what's warranted, and what's not warranted (Section 6: Non-Benefits). If the request is a Non-Benefit, it will not qualify for the appeals process. If you have any questions on Non-Insured Health Benefits or Non-Benefits, please contact the Gitwinksihlkw Centre at 250-633-2611 or toll free at 1-800-993-3513. Thank you.



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## **Medical Transportation to the Nearest Appropriate Health Facility**

NIHB policy for medical transportation stipulates coverage to the nearest appropriate health facility. Please utilize the services available at the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority. If clients choose to acquire these services outside of the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority, patient travel will not be covered. Clients always have the option of acquiring these services outside of the Nass Valley at their own travel cost. The following services are available at the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority:

- Physician & Nursing Services
- Lab
- X-Ray
- Ultrasound (areas approved for ultrasound at NVHA include Abdomen, Renal/Bladder, Pelvis, Scrotal/Testes, Obstetric -- any trimester, Thyroid/neck, Leg DVT, Any body part for mass evaluation, Knee for popliteal cyst evaluation, Achilles tendon, Axilla for mass/lymphadenopathy)
- ECG's
- Holter Monitor
- Grief & Loss Counselling
- Alcohol & Drug Counselling
- Child & Youth Counselling
- Mammography

For services not available at the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority, coverage will be in accordance with NIHB policy to the nearest available service, for example, Terrace (ECHO, MRI's, CT Scan, Sleep Apnea). Thank you.

# OPEN FOR BUSINESS FORUM

*Building our Economic Roadmap*

**MARCH 19, 20, 21**

**GITLAXT'AAMIKS RECREATION CENTRE**

**PRESENTATIONS / FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITIES DURING BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
TRADESHOW FEATURING LOCAL BUSINESSES / DOOR PRIZES**

**EVERYONE WELCOME** – Hear from Nisga'a Nation leaders, mining and tourism companies, individual/  
community development funding source experts, local businesses, and much more.

**Keynote presentations and discussions will focus on:**

- > Economic development and capacity-building opportunities
- > Highlighting key Nisga'a Nation projects and programs
- > Tourism and mining industry
- > Small business and community development funding sources
- > Supporting local entrepreneurs
- > Developing synergies among like-minded forum attendees
- > Paths to reducing unemployment

**OTHER INFORMATION** – Lunches and snacks will be provided / Nisga'a and/or Nass Valley  
businesses / artisans / entrepreneurs / start-ups are invited to set up a booth

**Full agenda, request booth space or more info at [www.nisgaaopenforbusiness.ca](http://www.nisgaaopenforbusiness.ca)**



# Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting / January 24-26, 2018

*The following is a summary, and is not an exhaustive list of all Executive Resolutions e.g. "Adoption of the Agenda" is not included.*

### Resolution

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed and provided its comments on the report submitted by the Nisga'a Elections Officer outlining proposed changes to the Nisga'a Elections regime (the "NEO January 2018 report");

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Elections Officer advance the proposed changes contained in the NEO January 2018 report by preparing, alongside legal counsel, a draft of proposed amendments to the *Nisga'a Elections Act* and Nisga'a Elections Regulation for the Executive's consideration at a future sitting.

### Resolution

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has heard a presentation by the Nisga'a Elections Officer raising the possibility of introducing electronic voting in Nisga'a elections;

MOVED THAT the Executive direct the Nisga'a Elections Officer to

1. further investigate electronic voting options; and
2. if the initial investigation suggests that electronic voting may be feasible in the Nisga'a elections context, invite a representative from One Feather voting services to present information on options for electronic voting to the Executive at a future sitting.

### Resolution

CONSIDERING THAT the members of the Public Order Peace and Safety Committee and the Programs & Services Committee (the "joint committee") have met jointly to discuss the impact of bootlegging and the illegal sale of alcohol and mugs in Nisga'a communities as described in the memorandum entitled "Recommendation re

subcommittee on illegal alcohol and drug sales" dated January 24, 2018 (the "Joint Committee Recommendation memorandum") attached to this motion as Appendix A;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT as described in the Joint Committee Recommendation memorandum, the joint committee is recommending that the Executive of the Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") strike a subcommittee with members from both the Public Order, Peace & Safety Committee and the Programs & Services Committee to develop a strategic plan to understand and combat the issues of illegal alcohol and drug sales in the Nass Valley;

MOVED THAT the Executive

1. strike a subcommittee as described in the Joint Committee Recommendation memorandum with the following members:
  - Denise Eli (alternate Floyd Davis) / Gitlaxt'aamiks
  - Christina Bolton (alternate Tina Bolton) / Gitwinksihlkw
  - Matthew Bright (alternate Peter Leeson) / Laxgalts'ap
  - John Moore (alternate Steven Doolan) / Gingolx
  - Maryanne Stanley (alternate Sheldon Martin) / Urban Local Areas, and
2. direct the subcommittee to propose a more specific mandate, terms of reference and detailed workplan for the subcommittee, including any budget requirements, and to bring these back to the Executive for its consideration by the end of April, 2018.

### Resolution

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed a briefing note entitled "Provincial exemptions – Child support and Child Benefits; Updated Rate table" dated January 16, 2018, provided by the Social Development Policy Analyst & Support (the "Provincial exemptions briefing note");

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MOVED THAT the Executive receive the recommendations and amend the Social Development Policy & Procedures Manual, 2017, in accordance with the Provincial exemptions briefing note.

## Resolution

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

MOVED THAT the Executive:

1. approve and adopt the proposed Nisga'a Annual Fishing Plan for 2018/2019 prepared by the Director, substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "proposed Annual Fishing Plan"), and
2. direct the Director to forward the Proposed Annual Fishing Plan to the Joint Fisheries Management Committee.

## Resolution

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government receive the Nisga'a Fish & Wildlife Committee's recommendation that the Executive consider adding the commercial crab fishery boundary issue to the Officers' agenda for discussion in Ottawa.

## Resolution

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government receive the Nisga'a Fish & Wildlife Committee's recommendation that the Executive consider inviting the governments of British Columbia and Canada to join Nisga'a Lisims Government in a meeting with the Governor of Alaska to express concerns over the harvest of Nass River salmon.

## Resolution

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government accept the Nisga'a Fish & Wildlife Committee's recommendation that the Executive consider organizing a field trip to 'Namgis Nation to better understand that community's approach to land based fish farming.

## Resolution

MOVED THAT the quorum for any Executive standing committee established under section 35(1) of the *Nisga'a Government Act* will be a majority (50% plus one) of the Nisga'a representatives appointed by the Executive to that Executive standing committee for the current term.

## Resolution

CONSIDERING THAT:

- the Nisga'a Nation as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") is the sole member of the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority (the "Society");
- Amy Nyce has resigned as a director of the Society; and
- the Executive has determined that Roberta Stewart is qualified under the bylaws of the Society to be appointed as a director of the Society

MOVED THAT the Executive:

1. Appoint Roberta Stewart as a director of the Society for a term commencing on the date of these resolutions and ending at the close of the 2019 general meeting of the Society or upon the appointment of [his/her] successor.
2. Authorize and direct the President of Nisga'a Lisims Government to execute and deliver to the Society resolutions of the Executive giving effect to these resolutions.

*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.*

# Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting / February 21-22, 2018

*The following is a summary, and is not an exhaustive list of all Executive Resolutions e.g. "Adoption of the Agenda" is not included.*

### Resolution

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap has requested that Telus provide copper wire to residences located along Poplar Place and Cedar Crescent within Laxgalts'ap Village Lands (the "Cable Extension").

AND CONSIDERING THAT Telus has requested a letter of support from the Nisga'a Nation to attach the new copper wire to the existing cable conduit prior to commencing the Cable Extension.

MOVED THAT the Executive direct the Chief Executive Officer, to execute a letter of support for the Cable Extension in the substantially the form of the draft letter attached as "Schedule "A").

### Resolution

CONSIDERING THAT pursuant to Executive resolution 2015/61 the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") established an Interim Nisga'a Language and Culture Authority;

MOVED THAT the Executive now appoint three new members, namely, Diana Rai, Rose Oscar and D. Shirley Morven, to the Interim Nisga'a Language and Culture Authority.

### Resolution

CONSIDERING THAT Nisga'a Lisims Government has submitted an application for funding to the Union of BC Municipalities ("UBCM") – Emergency Operations Centres & Training Grant Application attached as Appendix "A" hereto (the "Equipment Funding Proposal").

AND CONSIDERING THAT UBCM has requested a letter of support for the Monitoring Proposal from the Nisga'a Nation (the "Support Letter").

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive approve the Equipment Funding Proposal and direct that:

1. the Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to execute the Support Letter substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "B" or with such modifications as may be determined appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer;
2. the Emergency Response & Health & Safety Coordinator, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver the signed Support Letter to UBCM; and
3. the Emergency Response & Health & Safety Coordinator, in consultation with the Director of Lands and Resources, be authorized to prepare and submit any additional documents required by UBCM to facilitate the assessment or implementation of the Equipment Funding Proposal.

### Resolution

CONSIDERING THAT Nisga'a Lisims Government has prepared an application for funding under the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's (INAC) Indigenous Community-Based Climate Monitoring Program attached as Appendix "A" hereto (the "Monitoring Proposal").

AND CONSIDERING THAT INAC has requested a letter of support for the Monitoring Proposal from the Nisga'a Nation (the "Support Letter").

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MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive approve the Monitoring Proposal and direct that:

1. the Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to execute the Support Letter substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "B" or with such modifications as may be determined appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer;
2. the Director of Lands and Resources, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver the Monitoring Proposal and the signed Support Letter to INAC; and
3. the Director of Lands and Resources, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, to prepare and submit any additional documents required by INAC to facilitate the assessment or implementation of the Monitoring Proposal.

## Resolution

MOVED THAT

1. Mr. Art Mercer and Mr. Warren Fekete be removed as members representing Nisga'a Lisims Government at the Joint Park Management Committee; and
2. Mr. Bert Mercer and Mr. Mansell Griffin be appointed as members representing Nisga'a Lisims Government at the Joint Park Management Committee.

## Resolution

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign the small vessel registration application in the name of Nisga'a Lisims Government or Nisga'a Nation as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government in accordance with the direction of Legal Counsel.

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