



Sayt-K'ilim-Goot

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President's Message /////

New CEO for NLG, Free Admission to Museum, Congratulations to WWNI Grads

As many of you may know by now, NLG has hired its new CEO – Collier Azak. Collier was there at Nisga'a Tribal Council before the Treaty as a Lands & Resources negotiator, and he has been continuing to implement the Nisga'a Treaty right up to the present day. So Collier brings to the position of CEO a wealth of experience in implementing the Nisga'a Treaty and many years of senior management experience. Moreover, Collier brings his natural leadership abilities and speaking on behalf of the Executive, I can say we are very pleased with Collier's appointment.

I am happy to see that Gary Patsey is the new ASET Employment and Readiness Manager/Technical Advisor – Fibre Optic Build. Gary brings a wealth of experience to this position.

We're also pleased to announce that the new Museum Director, Darrin Martens, has adopted a formal policy where admission to the Museum is free of charge to all Nisga'a citizens. Mr. Martens has great ambitions to move the museum from good to great, but he has brought to

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NLG supports Nisga'a Fishers through NLG initiative

NLG supports its Nisga'a citizens – just ask a Nisga'a vessel owner and fisher Russell Stewart.

"What do I think of the support by NLG to Nisga'a vessel owners and fishers? It's awesome," says Russell. "I got a brand new radar, depth chart sounder, pulled out the water pipes, and I have new pipes. I also have a new transducer, and we're getting new nets. It's now got everything to make my boat safe. And I launch my boat tomorrow," says Russell. His boat, called the *Serena B*, was a gift from his uncle.

An average of approximately \$30,000 was paid to 25 fishers. There were a total of 30 applicants to the program of which 25 were approved. NLG has provided total financial assistance in the amount of \$750,000.

This assistance will provide the financial means to Nisga'a fishers to continue to participate in the general commercial fishery and the Nisga'a fishery, which appears to be fairly healthy this year – one of the few healthy river systems due to our world class fisheries management.

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the forefront a very simple principle: the museum belongs to the Nisga'a people. This new policy reflects that reality, and we look forward to seeing more from Mr. Martens.

Once again it is fishing season, and so far, the early indications are that we are having a fairly good returns for sockeye this season. We have already had our first in-river Individual Sale fishery. I am also very pleased to report that we've undertaken an initiative to support our commercial fishers who continue to work in the Nisga'a fishery. \$750,000 has been provided to Nisga'a fishers to upgrade their vessels. In our newsletter, you can read the comments of one fisher who, as a result of this assistance, has already re-launched his boat by now. I want to thank the Finance Department for fully implementing this direction from the Executive so efficiently in time for fishing season. Si'aamhl wilsim'!

This month we were also very pleased to welcome a delegation from the Gwich'in people to the Nass Valley as they visited to see our experience under Nisga'a Government. The Gwich'in have had a comprehensive land agreement since 1992 and are now finalizing their

form of governance, so they were interested to see how our model works and share experiences.

The timing of the Gwich'in visit could not have been more appropriate as they were also in time to observe our celebrations of aboriginal day in Gitlaxt'aamiks. The dedicated staff at NLG entered in a float for the parade and so we are thankful for their efforts. We encourage you to visit our Facebook site to check out the photos we've posted.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the recent graduates from Wilp Wilxo'oskwahl Nisga'a Institute. Once again another group of educated Nisga'a go forward to show the world what our people can do. We celebrate your accomplishments and commend you for taking those next steps towards participating in the new developments in the Nass Area. The WWNI graduation also gave us an opportunity to take time for an interesting visit with Dr. David Suzuki who toured the NLG building and view our Nass River fishery.

Enjoy your summer.

Public Notice /////

Nisga'a Fisheries Amended Regulation

June 26, 2013 / This amended regulation revises the Nisga'a Fisheries Regulations, 2002, NLGSR 2002/11 to prohibit harvesting for an extended period prior to and following an individual sale ("IS") fishery.

Under the Nisga'a Fisheries Regulations as they currently read, no harvesting is permitted within 24 hours prior to or following an IS Fishery.

The Nisga'a Fisheries Amended Regulation, June 26th, 2013 revises Section 33(4) to reduce the closure from 24 to 12 hours following an IS fishery. Regulations now reads, no person harvesting will be permitted to have their fishing gear in the water within 24 hours before the opening of the IS fishery or within 12 hours after the closing of the IS fishery.

Harvesting Requirements
Section 33 Amended
(4) No person harvesting

(a) in an in river or a marine fishery may have their fishing gear in the water during the 24-hour period before the opening of the fishery or during the 12-hour period after the closing of the fishery, or

(b) for domestic purposes may have their fishing gear in the water during the 24-hour period before the opening of a fishery or during the 12-hour period after the closing of a fishery.

For information and hours of operation, call the Nisga'a Fisheries Program toll free number, 1 866 633 2145.



Lessons learned about Tsunamis

Gingolx, June 25, 2013 – Members of the Nisga'a Emergency Program Committee

met with Seismic specialist Teron Moore and Maurie Hurst from Emergency Management BC (EMBC) in Gingolx to receive information on Tsunamis and receive BC's draft Tsunami Emergency Plan. As part of the presentation, we revisited the lessons learned from the Haida Gwaii earthquake of October 2012.

The key lesson from Haida Gwaii is that an earthquake may be the only warning of a tsunami. Local emergency planners at NLG and the Nisga'a Village Government level should use their best judgment considering local conditions to determine whether to evacuate.

EMBC is improving the speed of passing on info about earthquakes, but if an earthquake appears to be large, emergency planners should not necessarily wait for confirmation from BC or Canadian officials, but use their best judgment considering local conditions to determine whether to evacuate.

Teron's presentation was sobering and the few facts that he did share about Tsunamis definitely left us feeling very surprised and concerned about the importance of being aware and prepared for Tsunamis:

- A tsunami can travel between 500-800 km/h in open ocean
- Tsunamis can last from minutes, up to days
- Visually, a tsunami looks like a rapidly rising tide that never stops
- The first tsunami wave is NOT necessarily the strongest; the second wave can be MORE destructive
- Most destructive tsunamis have a 7.0 magnitude or higher
- The October 2012 Haida Gwaii earthquake was initially estimated to be 7.1, but was later determined to be 7.7 in magnitude
- 90% of tsunamis are caused by earthquakes

If you want more information, EMBC has created a number of social media sites where you can obtain up to date information on seismic events, earthquakes and tsunamis: www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/info-pages/media-contacts.html. Our thanks to Teron and Maurie for taking the additional time to travel to Gingolx to see how close we live by the sea.

NLG supports Nisga'a Fishers... / continued from page 1

"This program shows how Nisga'a Nation is committed to providing our people a helping hand so they can continue in one of our most important economies – fishing," stated President Mitchell Stevens.

This program was approved by the executive in May, and has already been implemented by the end of June by the Finance Department working with the Economic Development Manager.

Russell concluded "I'm only 34 years old, and I've worked my whole life for everything I've ever had. This is the first time someone has really stepped forward to help me do something like this. I could not have gotten my boat ready without this assistance from NLG."

WWNI in 'UNBC: 10,000 Strong' promotional video

Celebrating its 20th year of operation in delivering university-accredited academic and vocational/technical programs in the Nass Valley, Wilp Wilx o'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute was more recently featured as part of the University of Northern British Columbia's (UNBC) promotional video UNBC: 10,000 Strong highlighting success stories of students realizing their academic achievements throughout northern BC as a result of UNBC and WWNI.

Doctor Suzuki Visits NLG

On June 4, 2013, Dr. David Suzuki and his wife Tara Cullis visited Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG) for a brief tour of the Nation's offices. Dr. Suzuki was in the Valley as part of the Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute's graduation celebrations where he was to give a stimulating speech later that afternoon. In the meantime, Dr. Suzuki wanted to observe the progress of Nisga'a government since his last visits during the early days of the Nisga'a Treaty.



First we toured the NLG building featuring the Calder room, and then brought David and Tara to the legislative chambers – the Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a (WSN) – the heart of the NLG building. When we entered the WSN chambers, the elders on the Enrolment and Eligibility Committee were meeting, and adjourned briefly to allow us to welcome Dr. Suzuki. The Committee even wanted a group photo with David, who graciously participated in a group shot. After overcoming some technical difficulties, the elders were very pleased to meet Dr. Suzuki and his wife. While in the WSN chambers, David paused to

admire the photos of many of our leaders of the past, many of whom David fondly remembered during his early days: Frank Calder, James Gosnell, Rod Robinson, Nelson Leeson, and Dr. Joseph Gosnell and Edmond Wright to name a few.

Afterwards, Dr. Suzuki viewed the framed version of the 1913 Petition here at NLG. He openly praised and marveled at the vision of our Nisga'a elders who had the foresight to clearly state over a century ago the principal demands of Nisga'a Nation for treaty, lands and self-government. Dr. Suzuki and Tara were greatly impressed.

After presenting Dr. Suzuki with small gifts (he liked the pins especially), Dr. Suzuki toured the rest of the building, at each part of the way, our NLG staff wanting to pose in pictures with him and Tara, with he and Tara graciously accommodating each of their requests. Finally, we stopped by our new CEO's office where Collier Azak took a few moments to meet with Dr. Suzuki and personally explain aspects of our Treaty to him.

Overall, it was brief but excellent visit. Dr. Suzuki, we look forward to welcoming you and your family back anytime.



National Aboriginal Day Celebration!

Canada's National Aboriginal Day is held every year on June 21. Its purpose is to celebrate the heritage, diverse cultures and achievements of Canada's Aboriginal Peoples. In Canada, there are three Aboriginal groups – First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. We Nisga'a take time on this day to celebrate and with respect recognize our achievements and the efforts of our ancestors.



NLG Job Appointments

ACCOUNTING CLERK

I am pleased to announce that Teniel Angus has joined the Nisga'a Lisims Government Team as our new Accounting Clerk!

Many of us know Teniel as she grew up in the Valley, graduating from NESS in 1998. Teniel has also worked with local Village Governments in Gitlaxt'aamiks and Laxgalts'ap over the years, most extensively the past few summers while she worked toward her Business Administration certificate at NWCC. With her certificate complete, Teniel is happy to have full time employment in the Valley . . . and we are happy to welcome her to NLG!

Teniel can be found in the Accounting Department on the upper level of the NLG building.

DIRECTOR OF LANDS AND RESOURCES

I am pleased to advise that the selection process for the above referenced competition has been concluded. Warren Fekete has been appointed as our new Director of Lands & Resources!

Warren has a varied and expansive 20-year career in the Forest Industry, the past 10+ years with Nisga'a Lisims Government as our Forest Resources Manager. Warren obtained his Diploma in Forest Technology from NAIT in 1991 and completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry at the University of Alberta in 1994. Warren is also a Registered Professional Forester with the Association of BC Forest Professionals. With a solid understanding of current initiatives and developments within the Lands and Resources Directorate and the Nisga'a Nation, Warren is well-equipped to strategically lead the Directorate through the next phase of growth and transition.

We will move quickly to post for the now vacant Forest Resources Manager position. As always, thank you everyone, for your continued patience and support during this time of transition for Nisga'a Lisims Government.

ASET EMPLOYMENT AND READINESS MANAGER

I am pleased to announce that Gary Patsey was the successful candidate for our posted opportunity of ASET Employment and Readiness Manager/Technical Advisor – Fibre Optic Build.

Gary brings to the position a unique blend of knowledge, skills, abilities and experience that directly relate to both distinct parts of this challenging role within Nisga'a Lisims Government. With over 10 years of managerial experience, Gary's leadership style includes fostering an environment of collaboration, continuous learning and capacity building. Gary studied Marketing Management at Douglas College, and is currently in the process of completing his Bachelor of Commerce Degree at Royal Roads University.

Gary is well connected having established relationships with key partners such as telecommunications providers, related societies and councils, as well as public sector agencies.

Having filled this role at NLG on a temporary assignment basis for the past few months, Gary is well underway with plans and timelines for rolling out 'next steps' in both of his key responsibility areas.

Please join me in wishing Gary continued success with Nisga'a Lisims Government.



I congratulate and welcome everyone to their respective positions within Nisga'a Lisims Government.

Cheryl Pelletier, CHRP / Manager, Human Resources / Nisga'a Lisims Government

The Gwich'in People Visit the Nisga'a Nation

Gitlaxt'aamiks, June 21, 2013 – Norman Snowshoe, Vice-President of the Gwich'in Tribal Council, along with four other members of their Nation, paid a visit to the Nisga'a Nation as part of a province-wide tour of modern treaty groups which included visits to the Maa-nulth and Tsawwassen First Nations.

The Gwich'in people have over 7,000 members who live in the McKenzie Delta, and have a land claims settlement which took effect in 1992. They are now working to finalize their governance, jurisdictions, and develop their own Constitution. Their group wanted to see how we have governed ourselves for 13 years under our Treaty and Nisga'a Constitution. The Gwich'in are also our coalition partners in the Land Claims Agreement Coalition, www.nisgaanation.ca/land-claims-agreement-coalition which is why we were happy to accommodate their request on short notice.

On Thursday morning, we met their delegation at the airport and travelled up the valley along Nisga'a Highway 113. We stopped by Lava Lake and photographed the scenic beauty of the land. We then proceeded to the offices of Nisga'a Lisims Government for lunch where they were greeted by the Officers of Nisga'a Nation: President Mitchell Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer Corinne McKay, Chairperson Kevin McKay and Chair of the Council of Elders Shirley Morven. The representatives shared how smoked salmon is a highly coveted delicacy in their culture, so we ensured they got plenty of spring and even some sockeye during their trip.

Chairperson Kevin McKay then gave a presentation with the assistance of Bobby Clark on Nisga'a governance which covered the Nisga'a Treaty, the Nisga'a Constitution, our law-making processes and the jurisdictions we have under our Treaty. The representatives of the Gwich'in were inquisitive and peppered our team with questions: How did we achieve ratification? How did we develop a constitution for the Nisga'a Nation and Charters for the Nisga'a Village Governments? How did we prepare for the effective date of our Treaty? The discussion went on for several hours until finally the Vice President Norman Snowshoe asked 'Do you think you are better off after the Treaty?' To this, Chairperson McKay resoundingly replied 'Yes!'



Chairperson Kevin McKay presents guest Norman Snowshoe with a copy of our hardcover book "Nisga'a: People of the Nass River" in front of the Speaker's Chair in Chambers

We then shared the resources on our website they could access. Chairperson McKay then presented our guests with gifts. At the end of the day, our guests drove to Gingolx where they would stay the night at Lavinia's B&B. In one day – this delegation had travelled from Vancouver, travelled through the entire valley, ate more seafood, and slept by the sea.

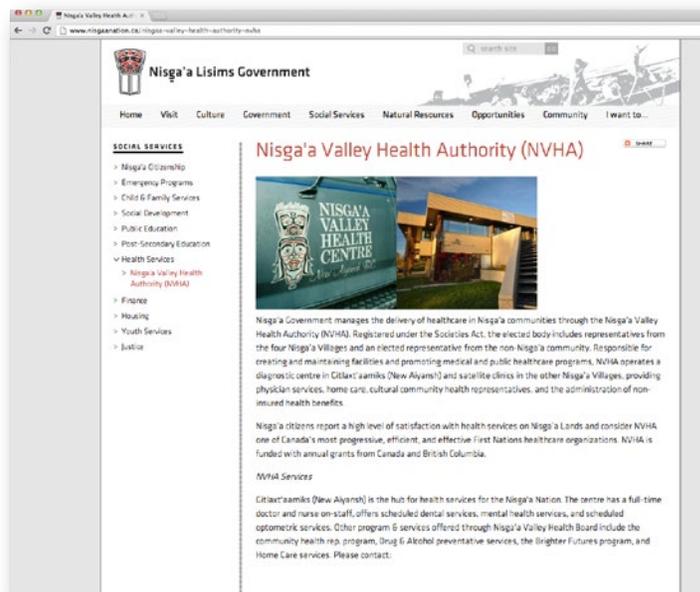
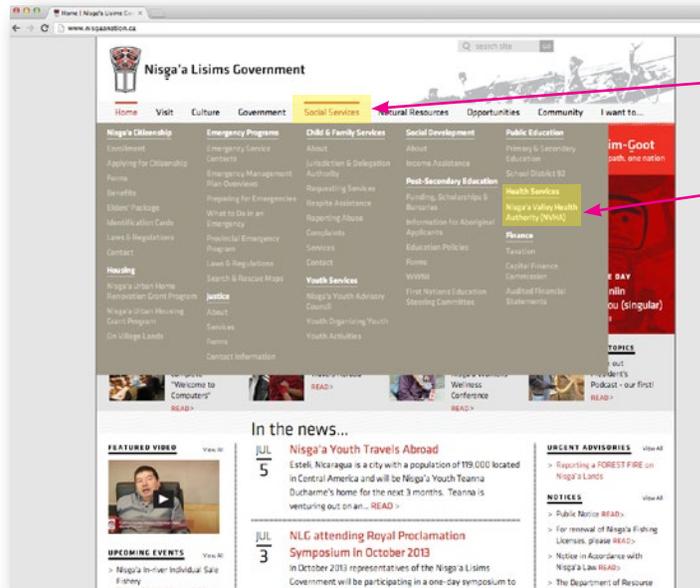
On Friday, the delegation visited our Nisga'a Museum. They shared how deeply moved they were to see so many of our beautiful and historic artifacts on display, with the photos of our elders in the Museum, Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a www.nisgaamuseum.ca

Finally, the delegation returned to Gitlaxt'aamiks to participate in the Aboriginal Day celebrations where they had one more opportunity to eat salmon before travelling home, although one of their delegation asked if anyone had any smoked t'ibin. As they were preparing to leave, I said to Norman "Dim Huwx ga'ay' n'iin" (see you later) to which he replied "We don't have a word for good-bye in our language coincidentally, neither do we." So, until we meet again Vice-President Snowshoe.

NLG Website

As everyone continues to familiarize themselves with the new NLG website, we thought it would be beneficial to periodically point out certain sections that are important and/or may be of interest. A healthy community is important to all of us and we all benefit from the many services provided by Nisga'a Valley Health Authority (NVHA).

On the top navigation bar on www.nisgaanation.ca homepage, hover your mouse over **Social Services**. In the drop down box that appears, you will see the heading **Health Services** listed. Click on **Nisga'a Valley Health Authority** just below Health Services. This will take you to the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority page. There is a description of what NVHA does and importantly a list of all contact numbers in the Villages for both emergency and non emergency purposes.



Nisga'a Museum / Admission-free for Nisga'a citizens!



Among other improvements being implemented under new Museum Director Darrin Martens' leadership, the Nisga'a Museum is now admission-free for Nisga'a Citizens! So if you haven't already, be sure to stop in the Nisga'a Museum in the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap. Keep an eye out for further stories on the Nisga'a Museum in the near future!

For further information, visit the museum website at www.nisgaamuseum.ca.

Highlights from NLG Executive Meeting

June 26, 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 June 26, 2013 **Director of Programs and Services**

CONSIDERING THAT:

a vacancy has occurred in the position of Director of Programs and Services for Nisga'a Lisims Government; the Chief Executive Officer of Nisga'a Lisims Government, having accepted the recommendation of the selection committee struck to consider the qualifications of the candidates for the position of Director of Programs and Services, now seeks to appoint Ms. Roberta Stewart to this position;

MOVED THAT

1. the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government approve the appointment of Ms. Stewart to the position of Director of Programs and Services established under section 5 of the *Nisga'a Programs and Services Delivery Act*, and
2. Ms. Stewart's position be made effective June 3, 2013.

Resolution / Adopted June 26, 2013 **Director of Lands and Resources**

CONSIDERING THAT

under section 10 of the *Nisga'a Effective Date Procedures Act*, NLGSR 2000/18, Mr. Collier Azak was appointed the Director of Lands and Resources of Nisga'a Lisims Government;

under Executive Resolution 2013/57 the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") appointed Mr. Azak to the position of Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Azak's appointment as Chief Executive Officer has created a vacancy in the position of Director of Lands and Resources;

the Chief Executive Officer, having accepted the recommendation of the selection committee struck to consider the qualifications of the candidates for the position of Director of Lands and Resources, now seeks to appoint Mr. Warren Fekete to this position;

MOVED THAT

1. the Executive approve the appointment of Mr. Warren Fekete to the position of Director of Lands and Resources established under section 3 of the *Nisga'a Land Act*; and
2. Mr. Fekete's appointment be made effective June 19, 2013.

Resolution / Adopted June 26, 2013 **Administrative Review Officer Report**

CONSIDERING THAT:

section 23(1) of the *Nisga'a Administrative Decisions Review Act* (the "Act") requires the administrative review officer to make a written report to the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") on an annual basis;

the administrative review officer of the Nisga'a Administrative Decisions Review Board has prepared an annual report for the 2012–2013 fiscal year, which report is attached as Appendix A to this motion (the "ARO Annual Report");

MOVED THAT the Executive

1. receive the ARO Annual Report;
2. take the necessary steps to lay the ARO Annual Report before Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a, as required by section 23(2) of the Act,
3. recommend to Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a that the ARO Annual Report be forwarded to Nisga'a Lisims Government Committees, Nisga'a Village Governments, Nisga'a Valley Health Authority, and Nisga'a Urban Locals, to review the ARO Annual Report and act on those areas within their respective jurisdictions.

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Resolution / Adopted June 26, 2013
Nisga'a Language and Culture Committee

CONSIDERING THAT

1. the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") by Resolution 2008/71 directed the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Programs and Services to explore the feasibility of establishing a Nisga'a Language and Culture Committee or Authority and a framework for the work to be undertaken by such a committee or authority;
2. the tasks set by Executive Resolution 2008/71 have not reached fruition;
3. the Council of Elders, in view of the urgency of revitalizing the Nisga'a Language, has passed a resolution recognizing the need to revive the project of a Nisga'a Language and Culture Committee or Authority and recommending that Executive now move forward with Resolution 2008/71;

MOVED THAT the Executive direct the Manager of the Ayuukwhl Nisga'a Department to work with the Council of Elders and Director of Programs and Services to consider the nature, scope and duties of a Nisga'a Language and Culture Committee or Authority, together with the cost implications of creating such a new body, and report to Executive regarding the same.

Resolution / Adopted June 26, 2013
Documentary of the Nisga'a People

CONSIDERING THAT the Council of Elders recommends that a documentary be produced about the history of the Nisga'a people;

MOVED THAT the Executive direct the Manager of the Ayuukwhl Nisga'a Department to work with the Council of Elders and the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Director to consider the possible content of and cost implications of producing such a documentary, and report to Executive regarding the same.

Resolution / Adopted June 26, 2013
Amended Fisheries Regulation

CONSIDERING THAT it is desirable to amend the current Nisga'a Fisheries Regulations, NLGSR 2002/11;

MOVED THAT:

the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive enact, under the *Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife Act*, the Nisga'a Fisheries Amendment Regulation, 2013 attached to this motion as Appendix HA" (the "Regulation");
the Regulation come into force on the date that it is signed in accordance with this motion;
the Chairperson of Nisga'a Lisims Government be authorized to sign the Regulation to evidence its enactment.

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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