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# President's Message

## Amaa Sii K'uuhl as n̓isim̓ / Happy New Year!

As we begin this new year, I would first like to extend my well wishes to all Nisga'a citizens and offer my prayers to those enduring difficult times, battling cancer and experiencing the loss of a loved one.



As we embark on a new year and new beginnings may we always remember to be kind, compassionate and respectful with one another. Kindness can go a long way in impacting the lives of one another in a positive way.

Plans are well underway for the 2020 biennial Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation in Laxgalts'ap from May 11 – 15, 2020. I encourage all Nisga'a to participate as we gather to work together on important issues of the Nation.

May 11, 2020 will also mark the 20th anniversary of the effective date of the Nisga'a Treaty. As a self-governing nation we are in our infancy – we have achieved a lot and we have also endured many challenges. Together we will work to continue carving a positive path forward to discover our unrealized potential in the creation of a Nisga'a Economy, in Nisga'a language and culture and in health and education. Check [www.nisgaanation.ca](http://www.nisgaanation.ca) updates.

As the 61st Annual All Native Basketball Tournament approaches I wish every Nisga'a team and athletes participating well as you represent your home communities and indeed the Nisga'a Nation!

Si'aamhl̓ wilsim̓!

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

# Strong Nisga'a Presence at BC Court of Appeal



A delegation of Nisga'a simgigat, sigidimhaanak', elected members of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a and staff were in the BC Court of Appeal this week to observe the proceedings in the appeal of the Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs (the "Appellants") and intervenors – the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, Nak'azdli Whut'en First Nations and Lax Kw'alaams.

In November 2015, the Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs commenced proceedings in the Supreme Court of British Columbia against British Columbia, claiming the provincial Crown owed a duty to consult and accommodate the Gitanyow before making certain decisions under the Nisga'a Final Agreement in respect of wildlife harvesting.

On March 20, 2018, Sharma J. delivered her judgment in *Gamlaxyeltxw v. British Columbia* (Minister of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations), 2018 BCSC 440, and dismissed the claims of the Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs. The judgment was published on March 21, 2018.

In this weeks' 3-day proceedings the Appellants and Intervenor presented their factums, after which the respondents for the Minister of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and the Nisga'a Nation had opportunity to respond. Representing the Nisga'a Nation were General Counsel Jim Aldridge, QC and Micah Clark.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the 3 judges announced they reserve decision – which may take several months.



# Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation

## Mark Your Calendars!

Agenda, livestream and registration information may be found here as planning and coordination progresses. 20th Anniversary of the Nisga'a Treaty on May 11, 2020. For current and up to date information, please check [www.nisgaanation.ca](http://www.nisgaanation.ca) periodically.

### WHEN

Monday, May 11, 2020 – 09:00  
to Friday, May 15, 2020 – 17:00

### LOCATION

Laxgalts'ap  
Community Centre (LCC)

## 2020 Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation

May 11-15 / 2020  
Laxgalts'ap, BC

EXTENDING INVITATION  
TO ALL NISGA'A CITIZENS TO ATTEND



## Journey Home – Nisga'a Nation

**Dates:** February 20-22, 2020

**Suggested travel dates:** February 19 – 23, 2020

**Location:** Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC (formally New Aiyansh)

**Accommodation suggestions in Gitlaxt'aamiks:**

- Nass Valley Bed and Breakfast – P: 250-633-2202
- Vetter Falls Lodge – P: 250-633-3131
- Lorene's Lava Lodge – P: 250-633-2522

Draft agenda to be sent out to confirming participants on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Please confirm on participation with Kristy White ([kristyw@nisgaa.net](mailto:kristyw@nisgaa.net)) or Tanya Quock ([tanyaq@nisgaa.net](mailto:tanyaq@nisgaa.net)) as soon as possible.

Nisga'a Lisims Government is not responsible for costs related to travel, accommodations, meals. As per usual, MCFD/DAA offices will be responsible for those costs.

Any questions, please contact:

250-633-3135 or 250-633-3134

# Council of Elders take Oath of Office at the NLG Executive Meeting



On December 18, 2019, the newly appointed Council of Elders took Oath of Office at the NLG Executive meeting and was conducted by the Chairperson of the Council of Elders, Sim'oogit N'iisyyuus, Willard Martin.

In accordance with section 44(3) of the *Nisga'a Government Act*, the President of Nisga'a Lisims Government recommends the following individuals for appointment to the Council of Elders for the 2019–2021 term:

#### REGULAR MEMBERS:

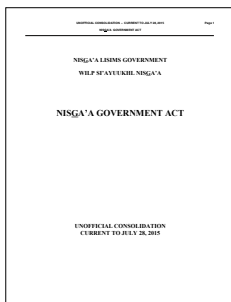
- Sim'oogit Wii Gilaxnamk'ap / Clyde Garret Davis Sr., Gitlaxt'aamiks / Laxsgiik
- Sim'oogit BaxKap / Jacob Nyce, Gitwinksihlkw / Laxgibuu
- Sim'oogit Laay / Hubert Haldane, Laxgalts'ap / Laxsgiik
- Sim'oogit Luudisdoos / Harry Moore Sr. / Canada

#### ALTERNATE MEMBERS:

- Sigidim-nak' Lootkw / Lorene Plante, Gitlaxt'aamiks / Laxgibuu
- Sim'oogit Gennuu-gaak / Arnold Harry Martin, Laxgalts'ap / Laxgibuu
- Sim'oogit K'eexkw / Herbert Morven, Gitlaxt'aamiks / Laxgibuu

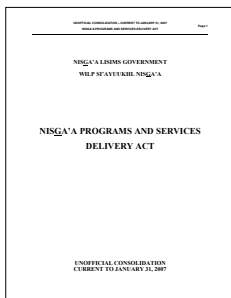
The Council is established pursuant to the Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation and the *Nisga'a Government Act* to nurture the spirit of the Nisga'a Nation; provide guidance to interpretation of the Ayuuk; and advise Nisga'a Government on matters relating to the traditional values of the Nisga'a Nation. The special ceremony photos can be found here: <https://nisgaanation.zenfolio.com/p485594884>.

## Nisga'a Government Act



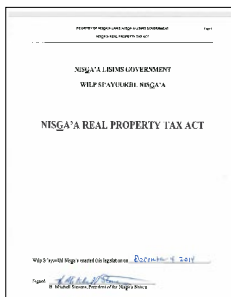
For the full documents of the Act and Regulations please check [www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-government-act](http://www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-government-act)

## Nisga'a Programs and Services Delivery Act



For the full documents of the Delivery Act, Regulations and Administration Regulations please check [www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-programs-and-services-delivery-act](http://www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-programs-and-services-delivery-act)

## Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act



For the full documents of the Act and Regulations please check [www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-real-property-tax-act](http://www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-real-property-tax-act)

## Reports and Graphics



For reports on various subjects, visit: [www.nisgaanation.ca/reports-and-graphics](http://www.nisgaanation.ca/reports-and-graphics)

Report Categories:

- Food security
- Labour market
- Health and wellness
- Economic development
- Lands, resources, environment
- Education
- Governance
- Culture, language, heritage
- Family
- Migration and mobility
- Context and history



# Gitlax̱dax Nisga'a Terrace Society hosts a strengthful membership welcoming feast and is now ready for the Nisga'a New Year



On January 17, 2020, the Gitlax̱dax Nisga'a Terrace Society hosted a membership welcoming feast to announce the inception of the society.

The learning feast practiced Nisga'a cultural protocols and acknowledged the many important working relationships with special guest dignitary partners in the Northwest. Furthermore, CEO of the society, Ben Haizimsque and his team, saw that a blessing and a naming of the society would fit well to start off the Nisga'a New Year.

As many witnessed, Sim'oogit Hay'maas, Chester Moore and Sigidim Haanak' Louisa Gray did the naming of the society and Sim'oogit Hay'maas shared the story behind Gitlax̱dax (People of the Hills) as he named the Terrace Local. It was at a time of great loss to Sim'oogit Hay'maas when he felt the need to retire his profession early and gear strongly towards teaching the Nisga'a culture in 1989.





## Gitlax̱dax Nisga'a Terrace Society... / continued from page 8

As a result, many years later, the Gitlax̱dax Nisga'a dancers thrive on to this day singing many songs composed by Sim'oogit Hay'maas. A cultural song and dance performance then took place by the Gitlax̱dax Cultural Dancers and displayed true identity and great pride of the Gitlax̱dax. Many were taken back by the performance, "I am very proud of the dancers, their strength, and unity," said NLG Executive Chairperson Brian Tait.

The background work in the office. Executive Representative, Keith Azak was at the forefront many months alongside Marianne Stanley-Ward and Lyle Adams to see the establishment and transition of the new society. They were acknowledged for their hard work and had the opportunity to share what has been working best for the Urban Local alongside the Vancouver and Prince Rupert/Port Edward representatives with encouragement to share.

As the evening was coming to a conclusion, many stories were shared, song and dance performed, and the membership took full advantage to embrace the Nisga'a Cultural practices sharing a meal together. The Nisga'a Stew was well made by Nisga'a Elders of the Terrace Local. Partners and dignitary relationships more strengthened. We wish the Gitlax̱dax Nisga'a Terrace Society staff and its honorable members all the best and many more Nisga'a New Years to come. Si'aamhl wilsim, Si'aamhl wilsim. For more event photos go to: <https://nisaanation.zenfolio.com/p654922577/hE235D3C1#he235cfc9>



## Wilps Duuk' and family hold a procession ceremony at NESS with staff and students



On January 28, 2020, Wilps Duuk' and family held a procession ceremony for the Late Peter Goymer Cross at Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School prior to taking their loved one home to Laxgalts'ap. Peter had taught for many years for the School District #92 (Nisga'a) and has left a great legacy for staff and students to follow.

Nisga'a Cultural protocol took place and words of encouragement has been shared with staff, students, and to the grieving family by former colleague Edward McMillan, "Mr. Cross had an extensive career starting at Greenville Elementary, now known as Alvin. A. McKay Elementary," said Mr. McMillan, "He coached volley ball, basketball, and track and field, where he brought students to many heights in major competition." Former student, now Vice-Principal at N.E.S.S., shared: "We are deeply humbled by the presence that Mr. Cross carried into our schools. His enthusiasm, his gentle approach, his inclusiveness have inspired the students of our schools to be proactive with education. His leadership in our district was genuine and thoughtful. We will truly miss his regal presence. To his children, we say Thank You, for letting us borrow your dad, he has guided many children upon a pathway of inspiration that will shine brightly for many years to come. Haagwil heheesi'm," said Mr. McKay.

## Update on 2020 Commemorative Calendar Distribution



A general update on the distribution of the 2020 Commemorative Nisga'a Calendars:

Delivery to each household in the 4 Nisga'a Villages was completed in December. Delivery to each Nisga'a Urban Local Office was completed in December. Nisga'a families who live in the Nisga'a Urban Local areas of Gitlax̱dax (Terrace), Gitmaḡmaḡ'ay (Prince Rupert/Port Edward) and Ts'amiks (Greater Vancouver area) may pop in to your Nisga'a Urban Local Office to get your calendar! There will be limited Commemorative Calendar distribution at the 61st Annual All Native Basketball Tournament for those who didn't receive theirs via Canada Post.

Shipping to out of Province citizens was completed in December. Shipping to Province-wide citizens (outside of the 3 Nisga'a Urban Local Areas) will take place in the next two weeks. The calendars have to be processed individually as parcels from the Canada Post Terrace office which has proven to be a very time-consuming process.

For further information or general inquiries in relation to the Calendar distribution contact NLG's Communications team at [communications@niscgaa.net](mailto:communications@niscgaa.net). To update your address, or to verify that your address is current, contact NLG's Citizenship & Enrolment office at [nepid@niscgaa.net](mailto:nepid@niscgaa.net).

We thank you all for your patience and understanding and hope you've had a good start to 2020!

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## Cultural Calendar

### All Cultural Calendar Events Updates are 1st & 15th of Every Month

To have an event added to the Cultural Calendar, contact the Main Receptionist at Nisga'a Lisims Government for the application. Or download at [www.niscgaa.net/cultural-calendar](http://www.niscgaa.net/cultural-calendar)

Bring in person, fax or mail to:  
Main Reception / Dorothy Elliott

**EMAIL** [dorothy@niscgaa.net](mailto:dorothy@niscgaa.net)

#### MAIL

Nisga'a Lisims Government  
PO Box 231  
New Aiyansh BC V0J 1A0

**TEL** 250 633 3000

**FAX** 250 633 2367

**TF** 1 866 633 0888

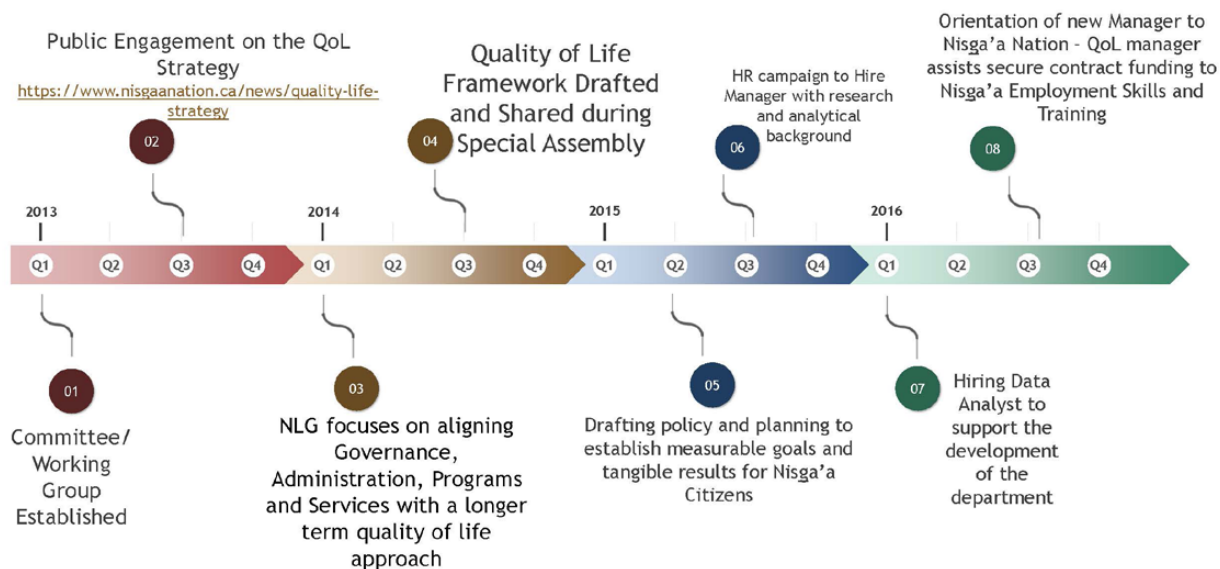
Please provide the date(s), name of event, location and if applicable – the tribe(s) and the Wilp(s) involved. Please also remember to have the location of your event secured or reserved only after approval has been received from your respective Village Government Office, prior to submitting your announcement to NLG.



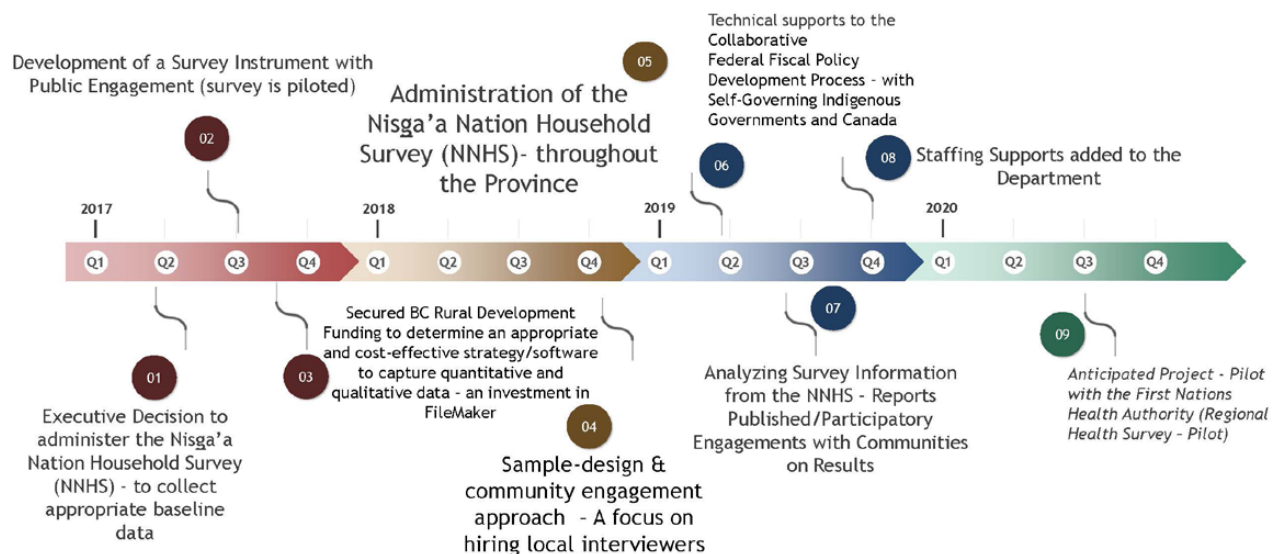


# Quality of Life / History and Highlights

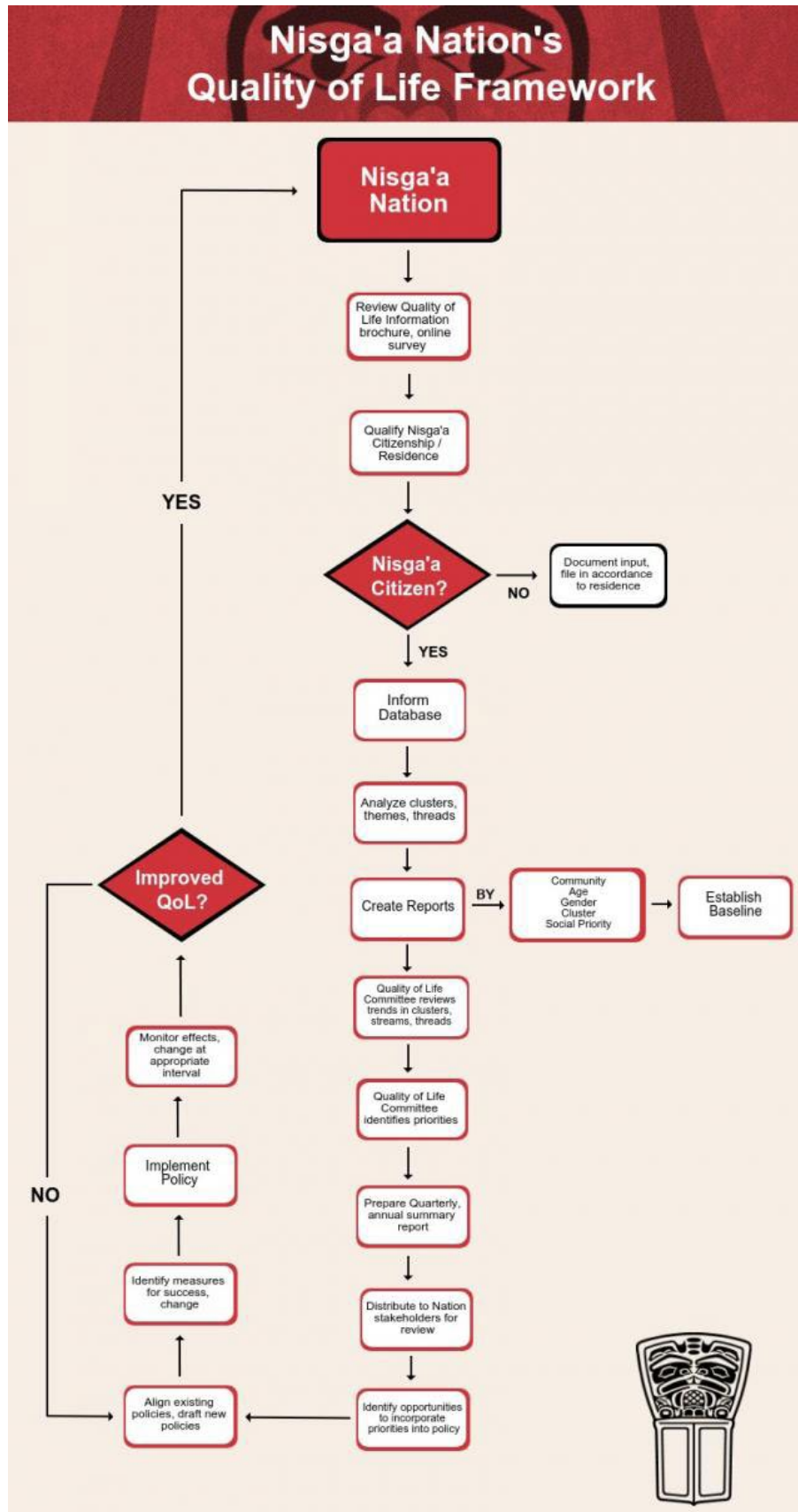
## Quality of Life (QOL) - History and highlights (2013-2016)



## Quality of Life - History and highlights (2017-2020)



# Framework History





# Nisga'a Youth Learn About the Nisga'a Treaty and Self-Government



Nisga'a Youth Logan Angus of Gingolx, Helina Stephens of Laxgalts'ap and Patrick Guno of New Aiyansh spent an afternoon with Secretary-Treasurer Corinne McKay and Legal Counsel Stephanie Lysyk learning about the history of the Nisga'a Treaty and Nisga'a Government.

Logan, Helina and Patrick will be engaging in a series of information sessions with Nisga'a leaders and administrative staff at NLG to learn more about the Treaty and Governance in preparation for their journey to Ottawa in February 2020 to join other youth from across Canada who also belong to modern Treaty nations in a Modern Treaty Negotiation and Implementation Simulation hosted by the Land Claims Agreement Coalition and the Gordon Foundation.

The trio also observed the NLG Executive monthly meeting and the legislative session of Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a (WSN) in late October.

Nisga'a Youth interested in learning more about the Nisga'a Treaty and Nisga'a Government or wanting any general information or assistance with accessing programs or services can contact NLG's Nisga'a Youth Engagement Coordinator Leslie Robinson by telephone or email at [leslier@niscgaa.net](mailto:leslier@niscgaa.net).

# NLG at the BC Cabinet / First Nations Leaders Gathering



MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE OF BC MODERN TREATY NATIONS WITH PREMIER HORGAN.

Leaders of Nisga'a Lisims and Nisga'a Village Government met with Premier John Horgan and his Cabinet Ministers in Vancouver this week at the annual BC Cabinet / First Nations Leaders Gathering.



NISGA'A LEADERS MEETING WITH PREMIER HORGAN AND MINISTER OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS SCOTT FRASER.

Commonly referred to as "Speed Dating" by attendees due to the style, the short meetings were an opportunity for Nisga'a Government leaders to present issues and concerns in relation to the implementation of the Nisga'a Treaty and related matters such as health, education, tourism, environment, and transportation and infrastructure.

President Clayton and Secretary-Treasurer Corinne McKay also participated in meetings with the Premier as representatives of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations, where they requested the Premier consider an annual Premier's Forum with BC's Modern Treaty Nations.



SECRETARY-TREASURER CORINNE MCKAY AND MEMBERS OF GINGOLX VILLAGE GOVERNMENT WITH TWO NISGA'A YOUTH THAT ARE ENROLLED IN THE BC ABORIGINAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

In addition to the Executive's meetings, Economic Development Manager Bert Mercer and NLG overall were recognized for fostering and implementing good "open for business" initiatives during a breakout session titled "Economic Development and Inclusive Small Business". It was noted during this session that the Nisga'a Nation is a model of making a community more competitive, instilling a competitive edge that supports a community to thrive and being "Open for Business."

Collectively, NLG and Nisga'a Villages had 27 meetings with the Premier and Cabinet Ministers over the two day gathering.



# Nisga'a Valley Health Benefits Update

Benefits Update / December 4, 2019



## Nisga'a Valley Health Authority

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### Nisga'a Valley Health Benefits Update December 4, 2019

It has only recently come to the attention of NVHA that our Benefits Carrier: Great West Life (GWL) has started a system that flags the pharmacy to suspend medications (ONLY MEDICATIONS THAT ARE COVERED IN THE PHARMACARE PROGRAMS) until members have enrolled in the Provincial PharmaCare program.

NVHA want to assure Nisga'a Members that:

- NVHA was not made aware of the "Enhanced GWL Program" to withhold pharmacy cost coverage was initiated September 2019,
- NVHA is working with NLG to address the concerns with our benefits program, PharmaCare enrollment process and medication costs,
- GWL has agreed to extend the deadline for enrollment in the PharmaCare Program until December 31, 2019 to allow members to enroll in the Pharmacare process.
- ONLY MEMBERS WHOSE MEDICATIONS ARE COVERED UNDER THE PHARMACARE PROGRAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 1, 2020, not all medications covered through the NIHB program require PharmaCare enrollment, members will have continued coverage of medications NOT covered under the PharmaCare Program.
- We are working with our Insurance Broker and GWL to develop a process to ensure timely cost coverage for medications until enrollment is confirmed (enrollment is confirmed via an enrollment verification number immediately upon enrollment),
- GWL has been directed by NVHA to ensure that NVHA is made aware of which clients are being denied to provide support to members in the enrollment process.

Please contact NVHA at [Executiveassistant@nisgahealth.bc.ca](mailto:Executiveassistant@nisgahealth.bc.ca) if you or a family member are facing challenges in accessing cost coverage for medications and we will work to ensure that there is limited interruptions.

ONLY MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED MEDICATION COVERED BY PHARMACARE ARE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE

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#### CONTINUED PHARMACY COSTS ARE COVERED

##### NEXT STEPS:

We are encouraging all community members to register themselves, spouse and dependents. To enroll, members will need the following for all applicants (if applicable):

Personal Information (date of birth, address, contact information)  
Social Insurance Number  
Personal Health Number (Care Card)  
Income information from 2017 (Line 236 of Tax Assessment form)

NVHA recognizes that the enrollment process may be difficult for some members, therefore we are offering one on one and facilitated enrollment sessions with the NVHA CCHR staff. Please contact your Health Center to be put on the participant list.

Off Core Lands populations are welcome to contact their Urban Local or NVHA CCHR program in their Home community if supports are required to enroll.

If members do not have access to your income information, please contact Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) at 1 800 959 8281.

Representatives will try to verify information over the phone to provide tax information, or CRA online account registration information.

If CRA is unable to verify members during the call, they will provide contacts for member's Tax Processing Facility.

Members to contact their Tax Processing Facility and request tax information to be sent via the postal system.

Once all information is gathered members can register for Pharmacare or by phone at **1 800 663-7100** or online at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare-for-bc-residents/who-we-cover/fair-pharmacare-plan/register-for-fair-pharmacare>

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## NVHA / Non Insured Health Benefits Notice / Register for Pharmacare



### **Nisga'a Valley Health Board**

4920 Tait Avenue, New Aiyansh, BC, V0J 1A0  
(250) 633-5000 Fax (250) 633-2160

PLEASE NOTE THAT NVHA IS AWARE THAT SOME CLIENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN A MESSAGE FROM THEIR PHARMACIST, WHEN GETTING THEIR PRESCRIPTION PROCESSED, THAT THEY MUST REGISTERED WITH FAIR PHARMACARE.

NVHA HAS REACHED OUT TO GREAT WEST LIFE AND THEY HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO REGISTER FOR BC FAIR PHARMACARE SHOULD PROCEED TO DO SO. WE ARE ENCOURAGING ALL CLIENTS TO START THIS PROCESS AND REGISTER FOR FAIR PHARMACARE.

THE STANDARD PROCEDURE IS THAT THE MEMBERS' DRUG BENEFITS WILL BE ON HOLD, UNTIL GWL RECEIVES THEIR BC FAIR PHARMACARE REGISTRATION INFORMATION. ONCE MEMBERS HAVE REGISTERED, THEY CAN CONTACT GREAT WEST LIFE'S HEALTH AND DENTAL HELPLINE AT **1-800-957-9777** TO PROVIDE THE TEAM WITH THEIR BC FAIR PHARMACARE REGISTRATION NUMBER. FROM THERE, THE TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO LIFT THE HOLD.

MEMBERS CAN REGISTER FOR BC PHARMACARE EITHER ONLINE OR VIA PHONE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE GOVERNMENT'S WEBSITE.

[HTTPS://WWW2.GOV.BC.CA/GOV/CONTENT/HEALTH/HEALTH-DRUG-COVERAGE/PHARMACARE-FOR-BC-RESIDENTS/WHO-WE-COVER/FAIR-PHARMACARE-PLAN/REGISTER-FOR-FAIR-PHARMACARE](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare-for-bc-residents/who-we-cover/fair-pharmacare-plan/register-for-fair-pharmacare)

AT THE TIME OF ONLINE REGISTRATION, CLIENTS WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HANDY FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR SPOUSE IF APPLICABLE:

- DATE OF BIRTH
- SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER
- PERSONAL HEALTH NUMBER
- LINE 236 AMOUNT (INCOME) OF THEIR CRA ASSESSMENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR
- ADDRESS

# Nisga'a Fisheries & Wildlife Employee Recognition Event



The Nisga'a Fisheries & Wildlife Department held its annual year-end dinner on Nov 8, 2019. According to Fisheries Manager, Edward Desson, the event was to acknowledge the contributions made by the many field and office employees who help to make the fisheries program such an overwhelming success. This year, the Director, Harry Nyce Sr., was happy to recognize a number of long-term employees for their dedication to the program. Among these were:

Tanya Clayton – 20 years

Niva Percival – 20 years

Simon Haldane – 20 years

Isaac Guno – 20 years

Kirby Guno – 20 years

Gary Gonu – 10 years

Amber McKay – 5 years

Vern McKay Sr. – 5 years

Phillip Azak – 5 years

The Department is extremely grateful for the contributions that these and other long standing employees have made to the excellent management of Nass River salmon stocks.

Of particular note, Tim Angus received the Leonard Squires Memorial Award for outstanding performance and dedication in 2019.

Congratulations to the Fisheries & Wildlife staff for their many years of hard work!

## Terrace Nisga'a Urban Local



EXECUTIVE URBAN LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE: KEITH AZAK.



URBAN LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE: MARYANNE STANLEY.

Ben Haizimsque / Chief Executive Officer

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Gitlaxdax Nisga'a Terrace Society

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Terrace, BC Canada V8G 1P1

The Terrace Nisga'a Urban Local is recognized under the Nisga'a Constitution for the purpose of providing political representation for Nisga'a citizens living in Terrace to NLG through the election of two Nisga'a Urban Local representatives.

Effective November 1, 2019 the delivery of programs and services to Nisga'a citizens in the Terrace Urban Local area transitioned from the NLG Programs & Services Terrace Office to the newly established Gitlaxdax Nisga'a Terrace Society. For more information: [www.nisgaanation.ca/terrace-o](http://www.nisgaanation.ca/terrace-o).



# Nisga'a Urban Housing Renovation Grant Program

## 1. PURPOSE

1.1 The Nisga'a Urban Home Renovation Grant Program (the "Program") is intended to provide grant funding ("Grants") for eligible home renovations to residential real property ("Property") for Nisga'a citizens living in Canada who do not reside on Nisga'a Lands.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

2.1 To be eligible for a Grant a Nisga'a citizen must

- (a) be at least 19 years of age,
- (b) reside in Canada but not on Nisga'a Lands,
- (c) be registered on title as the owner of, or be named in a registered mortgage as a mortgagor of, the Property in respect of which the Nisga'a citizen applies for a Grant,
- (d) use the Property as their primary residence,
- (e) not use the Property as a rental property, and
- (f) not have previously received grant funding under the Nisga'a Urban Homeowner's Grant Program.

## 3. LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS OF GRANT

3.1 Grants are subject to the following limits and restrictions:

- (a) the maximum Grant available is \$10,000 per Property;
- (b) the number of Grants available in any year will be contingent upon the Program budget appropriation by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a for that year;
- (c) a Nisga'a citizen awarded a Grant under the Program will not be eligible for any further Grant under the Program for a period of five years after the date on which that Grant is received by that Nisga'a citizen;
- (d) regardless of a Nisga'a citizen's eligibility to receive a Grant, a Property in respect of which a Grant is awarded under the Program may not be the subject of a further Grant under the Program for a period of five years after the date on which that Grant is received by a Nisga'a citizen.

3.2 The following is a list of home renovations which may be approved for a Grant under the Program:

- (a) furnace replacement;
- (b) roof replacement or repair (including eave troughs and downspouts);
- (c) handicap / wheelchair access upgrade;
- (d) insulation upgrade;
- (e) window and exterior door replacement / upgrade;
- (f) plumbing upgrade;
- (g) electrical upgrade;
- (h) ventilation upgrade (indoor air quality);
- (i) porch, stairway and walkway repair;
- (j) bathroom upgrade;
- (k) general repairs.

3.3 A Nisga'a citizen receiving a Grant under the Program will be solely responsible for the completion of the eligible home renovations for which the Grant is provided ("Funded Renovations") and must commence the Funded Renovations within six months after receiving the Grant.

3.4 Neither the Nisga'a Nation nor any of its employees, agents or contractors nor any department or agency of Nisga'a Lisims Government will

- (a) be a party to or assume any responsibility or liability in relation to any contract or agreement in connection with Funded Renovations which a Nisga'a citizen who receives a Grant may enter into with a vendor, contractor, inspector or other person, or
- (b) assume any responsibility or liability for the actions or omissions of or materials or works provided by any vendor, contractor, inspector or other person which a Nisga'a citizen who receives a Grant may retain in connection with Funded Renovations.

## 4. TERMS OF GRANT

4.1 Before receiving a Grant, a successful applicant must sign and submit to the Capital Projects Coordinator of Nisga'a Lisims Government a Nisga'a Urban Home Renovation Grant Program Declaration and Agreement.

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4.2 On each anniversary of the date on which a Nisga'a citizen receives a Grant under the Program, \$2,000 of the Grant (or such lesser portion of the Grant as remains unforgiven on that date) will be forgiven to the Nisga'a citizen by the Nisga'a Nation, until the entirety of the Grant is forgiven, provided that the Nisga'a citizen

- (a) has commenced the Funded Renovations within six months of receiving the Grant, and
- (b) has not
  - (i) used any part of the Grant for a purpose other than the completion of the eligible home renovations for which the Grant was provided,
  - (ii) sold the Property in respect of which the Grant was awarded, or
  - (iii) ceased to reside at the Property in respect of which the Grant was awarded prior to that anniversary.

4.3 A Nisga'a citizen who receives a Grant under the Program and who does not commence the Funded Renovations within six months of receiving the Grant must repay to the Nisga'a Nation the Grant in its entirety.

4.4 A Nisga'a citizen who receives a Grant under the Program and who

- (a) uses any part of the Grant for a purpose other than the completion of the eligible home renovations for which the Grant was provided,
- (b) sells the Property in respect of which the Grant was awarded, or
- (c) ceases to reside in the Property in respect of which the Grant was awarded before the entirety of the Grant is forgiven under section 4.2, must repay to the Nisga'a Nation the portion of the Grant which remained unforgiven at the time of that use, sale or cessation of residence.

## **5. APPLICATION PROCESS**

5.1 Each applicant for a Grant under the Program must submit a completed Application Form to:

Nisga'a Lisims Government  
c/o Capital Projects Coordinator  
PO Box 231 / 2000 Lisims Drive  
Gitlaxt'aamiks BC (formerly New Aiyansh) V0J 1A0  
**FAX** 250 633 2367

5.2 Each application for a Grant under the Program will be reviewed by the Capital Projects Coordinator, who will make a recommendation in respect of the application to the Director of Finance of Nisga'a Lisims Government.

## **6. CRITERIA AND EVALUATION**

6.1 The following information will be considered in evaluating an application for a Grant under the Program:

- (a) the applicant's current household income;
- (b) the applicant's current living conditions;
- (c) the overall benefit of the proposed renovation project to the safety and comfort of the applicant;
- (d) the overall long-term impact of the proposed renovation project to the Property in respect of which the application is submitted;
- (e) the number of permanent occupants of the Property in respect of which the application is submitted;
- (f) the overall value and cost-effectiveness of the proposed project.

6.2 Nisga'a citizens are encouraged to seek other sources of financial assistance prior to applying for a Grant under the Program.

6.3 A Nisga'a citizen who applies for but does not receive a Grant under the Program during a fiscal year may re-apply for a Grant under the Program during the following fiscal year.

## **7. PRE-QUALIFICATION AND INSPECTION**

7.1 A Property which is the subject of an application for a Grant is subject to inspection by an inspector retained by Nisga'a Lisims Government, prior to the making of a decision in respect of the application under the Program.

## **8. COMMUNICATION OF DECISION**

8.1 A Nisga'a citizen who applies for a Grant under the Program will be advised in writing whether or not they will receive a Grant.



# Notice of By-Election / For the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw



## NISGA'A ELECTIONS OFFICE

*An Independent Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government*

4723 Gosnell Crescent  
PO Box 223  
New Aiyansh, BC  
V0J 1A0

Telephone: 250 633-2715  
Toll free: 1-866-633-2715  
Facsimile: 250 633-2719  
email: [esthera@nsgaelections.ca](mailto:esthera@nsgaelections.ca)

January 27, 2020

*Notice in accordance with Nisga'a Law*

### **NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION For the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw**

In accordance with the *Nisga'a Elections Act*, the general voting day for the by-election for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw will be on

**April 15, 2020**

The following elected offices will be filled in this by-election:

**One (1) position of Village Councillor  
For the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw**

This by-election will take place in the following voting area:

**Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw**

For more information contact:

Esther Adams, Nisga'a Elections Officer  
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E-mail: [esthera@nisgaaelections.ca](mailto:esthera@nisgaaelections.ca)

February 4, 2020

### NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NISGA'A LAW

#### NOTICE OF NOMINATION PERIOD FOR THE APRIL 15, 2020 BY-ELECTION FOR THE THE NISGA'A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITWINKSIHLKW

In accordance with the *Nisga'a Elections Act* and *Nisga'a Elections Regulation (as amended)*, the **nomination period** for the by-election for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw will occur as follows:

**Nomination Period begins at 9:00 am - Tuesday February 18, 2020**  
**Nomination Period ends at 5:00 pm – Tuesday March 3, 2020**

Nominations will be received during regular office hours. Nominations may be made only for the following elected office:

**Village Councillor – One (1) to be elected for the  
Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw**

Beginning at 9:00 am on February 18, 2020 a Nisga'a citizen listed on the list of voters as ordinarily residing in the Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw may pick up or request an emailed nomination package by phoning 250-633-2715.

During the nomination period, a Nisga'a citizen listed on the list of voters as ordinarily residing in the Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw may be nominated or may nominate or second the nomination of a person for the above elected office.


**Before 5:00 pm on March 3, 2020 the nominee must return to the Nisga'a Elections Officer the completed nomination package containing the following:**

- The required nomination documents
- A current criminal records check
- Payment of the nomination deposit of \$100 cash, money order or a certified cheque payable to the Nisga'a Nation; and
- Written certification from the Nisga'a Lisims Government Chief Financial Officer that the name of the person nominated was not included on the register of prescribed debts as of the date of nomination.

**For more information please contact:**

**Esther Adams, Nisga'a Elections Officer**  
**Telephone: 250-633-2715 or 1-866-633-2715**  
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# Notice from Compliance & Enforcement

**Nisga'a Lisims Government**

*Sayt-K'ilim-Goot / one heart, one path, one nation*

T 250 633 3000 / F 250 633 2367  
TF 1 866 633 0888  
PO Box 231 / 2000 Lisims Dr  
New Aiyansh BC / Canada V0J 1A0  
**NISGAANATION.CA**

ATTENTION; Aggressive Black bear removed in Gitlaxt'aamiks.

On November 22 at 7:30am NLG Compliance & Enforcement Department has captured and removed one large male black bear from the Community of Gitlaxt'aamiks.

The Compliance and Enforcement team would like to thank the community for their assistance.

In addition, we remind you to call the RAPP line when needed.

**For immediate assistance, please contact the RAPP Line at 1-877-952-7277**

## Arrears or Delinquent Taxes Due to the Nisga'a Nation

Taxes in arrear are outstanding property taxes plus applicable penalties and interest that are unpaid on December 31 in the year they were imposed. Delinquent taxes are any taxes in arrears remaining unpaid on December 31 in the year following the year in which they became taxes in arrear.

### OVERDUE PROPERTY TAXES

Unpaid property taxes become taxes in arrear after December 31st of the current taxation year, and interest starts to accrue on the total unpaid amount. After a further year, if still unpaid, these property taxes and accrued interest become delinquent after December 31st. A property with delinquent taxes is subject to tax sale if those taxes are unpaid by the statutory tax sale date which is on the first Monday in October each year.

The following is an example time line using the general tax collection scheme:

Taxes are levied and billed in spring 2018 with a due date of **Jul 3, 2018** (1st business day in July).

**Jul 4, 2018** A 10% penalty is applied to your unpaid account balance, including any unclaimed home owner grant.

**Jan 1, 2019** Taxes, penalties and interest accrued and still unpaid become taxes in arrears. Interest on the unpaid account starts accruing.

**Jan 1, 2020** Taxes, penalties and interest accrued and still unpaid become delinquent taxes. Interest continues to accrue.

**Oct 5, 2020** If delinquent taxes are still unpaid, the property must be taken to tax sale on the first Monday in October.

**QUESTIONS?** Visit the links for more information:

[www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-real-property-tax-act](http://www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-real-property-tax-act)

[www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-real-property-tax-enforcement-act](http://www.nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-real-property-tax-enforcement-act)



# NVHA / Emergency Phone Number Use



## Nisga'a Valley Health Authority



November 6, 2019

### Re: Emergency Phone Number Use

Nisga'a Valley Health Authority has been receiving high volume calls to our Emergency number for non-emergencies.

NVH has Emergency numbers at each center, you can call these numbers before 8:30am and after 5pm Monday - Sunday. We kindly ask the public to use these numbers for emergencies only.

Please phone our main receptionists to book with Nurse or Physician at the following numbers:

Gitlaxt'aamiks – April Parenteau	250-633-5000	TF 1-888-233-2212
Doctor Office – Darlene Sampare	250-633-5026	
Gitwinksihlkw – Lori Squires	250-633-2611	TF 1-800-993-3513
Laxgalts'ap – Brenda Stevens	250-621-3274	TF 1-800-991-5667
Gingolx – Agnes Doolan	250-326-4258	TF 1-800-991-5671

Sincerely,

Administration

# Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations

## Press Release



### MEDIA RELEASE

**Nisga'a Nation joins Tsawwassen First Nation, Tla'amin Nation, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Chek'tles7et'h' First Nations, Toquaht Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, and Yuułu?ił?ath Government in the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations**

*The Alliance now represents all modern treaty nations in British Columbia and is committed to working to advance and advocate for areas of shared interest relating to the implementation of modern treaties in the province.*

November 4, 2019

**TSAWWASSEN LANDS, BC** — Today, the Nisga'a Nation joined Tsawwassen First Nation, Tla'amin Nation, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Chek'tles7et'h' First Nations, Toquaht Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, and Yuułu?ił?ath Government by becoming a member of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations. Each member of the Alliance signed an updated Memorandum of Cooperation which formalizes the Nisga'a Nation's membership in the Alliance and reiterates the Alliance's commitment to collaboratively address challenges in the ongoing work of treaty implementation in British Columbia.

Under our modern treaties, our nations have clear, unique, and constitutionally protected rights which are fundamentally different from indigenous groups with asserted rights.

The Alliance will continue its work to collectively address a wide range of priority issues requiring joint action, including prioritizing appropriate fiscal arrangements, emphasizing the constitutional nature of our treaty rights, and improving our government-to-government relationship.

The Alliance has been established for treaty-holding Nations in BC to collectively engage at the provincial level; a Canada-wide coalition (Land Claims Agreements Coalition) of modern treaty holders has been in place since 2003 to advocate for improved treaty implementation at the federal level.

*"We are excited and pleased to be joining the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations. While the Alliance does not replace the government-to-government relationship that each modern treaty holder has with the Province, there are some matters on which our collective strength and experience will benefit us all when working to resolve issues." —President Eva Clayton, Nisga'a Nation.*

*"The Nisga'a Nation has led the way in many ways when it comes to treaty work in British Columbia," says Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr. "Having another strong nation join the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations will give us a stronger voice and will help us continue to advance our treaty work with the Province."*

*"Nisga'a is a welcome addition to the Alliance, they bring a wealth of knowledge and governance experience to our group as the first comprehensive claims agreement in BC. We*



*look forward to the work we can accomplish together.” Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes, Uchucklesaht Tribe.*

The Nisga'a Treaty came into effect in 2000, the Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty in 2009, the Maa-nulth Treaty (Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka'yuu'k't'h'/Chek'tles7et'h' First Nations, Toquaht Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, and Yuulu7i7ath Government) in 2011, and the Tla'amin Treaty in 2016.

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# Resolutions from Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a Meeting / October 28-29, 2019

## Resolution 2019 / 19

MOVED THAT the Speaker invite visiting dignitary the Right Reverend David TJ Lehmann, Bishop, to address Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a at a time convenient to the members and to Bishop Lehmann during this sitting.

## Resolution 2019 / 20

CONSIDERING THAT it is desirable for Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a to enact certain amendments to the *Nisga'a Elections Act* and the *Nisga'a Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a enact the *Nisga'a Elections Amendment Act*, 2019 attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

## Resolution 2019 / 21

CONSIDERING THAT Councillor Keith Clayton raised as an urgent matter at this sitting of Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a the concern shared by all Nisga'a representatives of the harm caused by drugs and alcohol in our communities and to our citizens;

AND CONSIDERING THAT Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a will pursue eradicating illicit sales of drugs and alcohol, but at the same time recognizes that addiction needs to be understood and support plans need to be developed to assist those affected by alcohol and drug addiction;

AND CONSIDERING THAT Nisga'a representatives need to take the lead by introducing mandatory drug testing;

AND CONSIDERING THAT a joint committee combining members of the Programs and Services Committee and the Public Order, Peace and Safety Committee (the "Joint Committee") is currently tasked with investigating and bringing recommendations to their parent committees and Executive concerning illicit sales of drugs and alcohol;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Village Governments and the Nisga'a Urban Local Societies

1. commit to developing concrete steps in an action plan to understand addictions and to combat illicit sales of drugs and alcohol; and
2. report their discussions and recommendations for action both to the Joint Committee and through their Executive member to the next meeting of the Executive.

## Resolution 2019 / 22

CONSIDERING THAT pursuant to Section 32 of the *Nisga'a Financial Administration Act*, the Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a must adopt a final budget for the Nisga'a Nation for the current fiscal year; and

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Executive has adopted and recommended for adoption by the Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a the draft final budget for the Nisga'a Nation for the 2019/2020 fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a hereby adopts the final budget for the Nisga'a Nation for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, attached as Appendix "A" to this motion.

## Resolution 2019 / 23

MOVED THAT the debate on the proposed *Nisga'a Elections Amendment Act*, 2019 be carried over to the next sitting of Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a.

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

# Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting / November 26-28, 2019

*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 2019 / 159

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government has considered a briefing note provided by the Department of Lands and Resources, dated November 19, 2019, which recommends that the Nisga'a Nation enter into a lease extension and amending agreement with Suncor Energy Productions Partnership, substantially in the form attached as Appendix "A" (the "Lease extension and amending agreement"), for the site occupied by the cardlock facilities at Nass Camp as described in the accompanying materials;

MOVED THAT the Executive authorize the Chief Executive Officer or the Lands Manager of Nisga'a Lisims Government to sign, on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation, the Lease extension and amending agreement substantially in the form attached, or with such modifications as may be deemed advisable by the Chief Executive Officer working in conjunction with the Director of Lands and Resources or legal counsel.

### Resolution 2019 / 160

CONSIDERING THAT the Emergency Response Services Manager has prepared on behalf of Nisga'a Lisims Government an application to the Indigenous Community Boat Volunteer Pilot Program for funding to purchase a search and rescue capable boat and associated equipment in order to enhance the Nisga'a Nation's search and rescue capability, which application is attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "ICBVPP application for search and rescue capacity funding");

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the ICBVPP application for search and rescue capacity funding requests funding in the amount of \$347,300.00;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed the ICBVPP application for search and rescue capacity funding;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the submission of ICBVPP application for search and rescue capacity funding.

### Resolution 2019 / 161

CONSIDERING THAT the Emergency Response Services Manager has prepared on behalf of Nisga'a Lisims Government an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – 2020, entitled "Adaptation of the Nisga'a Nation to the Impacts of Climate Change Project" for flood mapping funding, which application is attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "UBCM flood mapping grant application");

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the UBCM flood mapping grant application requests funding in the amount of \$150,000;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed the UBCM flood mapping grant application, including a draft letter of support that would be signed by the Chief Executive Officer, the Lands Manager and the Emergency Response Services Manager (the "letter of support");

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the submission of the UBCM flood mapping grant application, and authorize the signing of the letter of support in relation to the application.

*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 / December 17-18, 2019

*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 2019 / 164

CONSIDERING THAT

- A. Under Schedule H of the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement (No. 3), Canada will transfer \$8,708,016 (the "Gap Closing Funds") to the Nisga'a Nation for gap closing initiatives if the Nisga'a Nation submits one or more "gap closing plans" as defined in that Schedule;
- B. Two gap closing plans, attached to this resolution as Appendices A and B (together, the "Plans"), have been submitted to Executive for approval and include specific allocations of the Gap Closing Funds for capital construction and for operational costs;

MOVED THAT Executive approves the Plans and authorizes and directs that the Chief Executive Officer submit the Plans, substantially in the form attached as Appendices A and B, to Canada as soon as possible.

### Resolution 2019 / 166

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Land and Resources Directorate has produced a plan to guide the management of Ksi Sii Aks property (the "Ksi Sii Aks Management Plan"); and

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Lands and Resources Committee has reviewed the Ksi Sii Aks Management Plan and recommended that the Executive adopts the Ksi Sii Aks Management Plan;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive adopt the Ksi Sii Aks Management Plan as attached as Schedule "A" to this motion.

### Resolution 2019 / 167

CONSIDERING THAT under section 44(3) of the *Nisga'a Government Act* (the "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 whom the President recommends for appointment to the Council of Elders; and

under section 44(4) of the 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 Act, the Executive reappoint the following persons as regular members of the Council of Elders, each for a term of office to commence when he/she takes the oath of office following this appointment and to expire when any member of the Council who is appointed under section 44(4) in November of 2019 takes the oath of office:

- Sim'oogit Wii Gilaxnamk'ap / Clyde Garret Davis Sr., Gitlaxt'aamiks / Laxsgiik
- Sim'oogit BaxKap / Jacob Nyce, Gitwinksihlkw / Laxgibuu
- Sim'oogit Laay' / Hubert Haldane, Laxgalts'ap / Laxsgiik
- Sim'oogit Luudisdoos / Harry Moore Sr. / Canada

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2. under section 44(4)(a) of the Act, the Executive appoint the following persons as alternate members of the Council of Elders, each for a term to commence when he or she takes the oath of office following this appointment and to expire when any member of the Council who is appointed under section 44(4) in November of 2019 takes the oath of office:

- Sigidim-naḵ' Lootkw / Lorene Plante, Gitlaxt'aamiks / Laxgibuu
- Sim'oogit Ni'iswalks / Oliver McNeil, Gitwinksihlkw / ᑕanada
- Sim'oogit Gennuu-gaak / Arnold Harry Martin, Laxgalts'ap / Laxgibuu
- Sigidim-naḵ' Sim'oogidim Sigidim-naḵ' / Lavinia Clayton, Gingolx / Laxsgiik

3. under section 44(4)(b) of the *Nisga'a Government Act*, the Executive designate: Lorene Plante as the alternate member for regular Council member Clyde Garrett Davis; Oliver McNeil as the alternate member for regular Council member Jacob Nyce; Arnold Harry Martin as the alternate member for regular Council member Hubert Haldane; and Lavinia Clayton as the alternate member for regular Council member Harry Moore, Sr.

of office following his appointment 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 following his appointment in December of 2019; and

2. designate Sim'oogit K'eexkw as the alternate for the regular Council of Elders member Sim'oogit Hleek, Dr. Joseph Gosnell.

*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.*

## Resolution 2019 / 168

CONSIDERING THAT a vacancy has occurred in the office of an alternate member of the Council of Elders for the term ending December 2020;

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

1. appoint Sim'oogit K'eexkw, Herbert Morven, New Aiyansh (Laxgibuu), to fill the current vacancy that exists in the office of the alternate member of the Council of Elders for the remainder of that term of office, to commence when Mr. Morven takes the oath

# Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting / January 22-23, 2020

*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 2020 / 03

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government has reviewed a letter from the Honorable Claire Trevana, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, addressed to the Chairperson of Nisga'a Lisims Government, dated December 11, 2019, attached to this motion as Appendix "A";

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government direct the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a letter for the President's signature to be addressed to the Minister of Transportation in order to request a meeting as soon as possible with the Minister for discussion of the Cranberry Connector and other issues of immediate concern to the Nisga'a Nation.

### Resolution 2020 / 05

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government adopt the report entitled Unrealized Potential from the Wilp Si'ayuuḵhl Nisga'a strategic planning session held in New Aiyansh on September 11-13, 2019.

### Resolution 2020 / 07

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 proposed annual fishing plan prepared by the Director of Fish and Wildlife (the "Director");

MOVED THAT the Executive:

1. approve and adopt the proposed Nisga'a Annual Fishing Plan for 2020 / 2021 prepared by the Director, substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "proposed Annual Fishing Plan"),

with such modifications as may be determined to be appropriate by the Director in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of Nisga'a Lisims Government, and

2. direct the Director to forward the proposed Annual Fishing Plan to the Joint Fisheries Management Committee.

### Resolution 2020 / 08

CONSIDERING THAT:

- the Nisga'a Fish and Wildlife Committee has expressed a desire for the Committee's Chair and Co-Chair, as well as the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife, to meet with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (the "Meeting") to discuss the conservation concerns and the potential closure of the commercial Sockeye fishery for Areas 3-12 in 2020 (the "Concerns"); and
- the closure of any fishery for conservation concerns may have broader implications for fishing rights set out in Chapter 8 – Fisheries of the Nisga'a Treaty,

MOVED THAT the outcome of the Review, the Nisga'a Fish and Wildlife Committee, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and In-House Legal Counsel, prepare options and recommendations for the Executive's consideration in respect of the Meeting.

### Resolution 2020 / 09

CONSIDERING THAT the Director of Enforcement and Emergency Services (the "Director") has provided a briefing to the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") dated January 22, 2020 proposing a new Security division within the Director's department (the "Security Division proposal");

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MOVED THAT the Executive adopt the proposal, and direct the Director to prepare a work plan and budget for the development of a new security division for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

## Resolution 2020 / 10

CONSIDERING THAT Wilp Si'ayuuḵhl Nisga'a enacted the *Nisga'a Elections Amendment Act, 2019*, NLGSR 2019/05 (the "Act"), on October 29, 2019; and the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive now wishes to bring the Act into force,

MOVED THAT:

1. the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive enact the *Nisga'a Elections Amendment Act, 2019* In Force Regulation attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Regulation");
2. the Regulation come into force on the date that it is signed in accordance with this motion;
3. the Chairperson of Nisga'a Lisims Government be authorized to sign the Regulation to evidence its enactment.

## Resolution 2020 / 11

CONSIDERING THAT certain amendments to the Nisga'a Elections Regulation, NLGSR 2008/09, are desirable,

MOVED THAT:

1. the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive enact the Nisga'a Elections Amendment Regulation, 2020 attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Regulation");

2. the Regulation come into force on the date that it is signed in accordance with this motion;
3. the Chairperson of Nisga'a Lisims Government be authorized to sign the Regulation to evidence its enactment.

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CONSIDERING THAT

1. a vacancy occurred on January 10, 2020 in one of the Village Councillor offices within the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw; and
2. section 4 of the *Nisga'a Elections Act* provides that, if a vacancy occurs between regular elections, the Executive must determine a date for an election to fill the vacancy that is not more than 150 days after the occurrence of the vacancy;

MOVED THAT the Executive declare April 15, 2020 to be the by-election date for the current vacancy in one of the Village Councillor offices within the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw.

*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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