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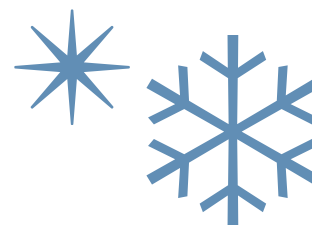
one heart, one path, one nation

President's Message /////

Our Unity as a People



The Christmas season and year end presents us all with an opportunity to rest, spend time with our cherished loves one, and reflect on our accomplishments as a Nation.



Certainly the members of the Executive of NLG took a moment to reflect on the nature of our Nisga'a governance by holding a special session of the executive

on the roles and responsibilities of the elected members of Executive as presented by our long time legal counsel, Jim Aldridge, QC (Queens Counsel).

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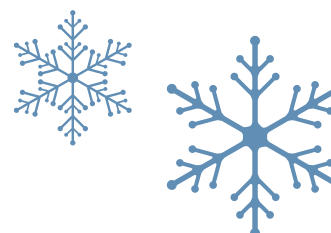
NVHA Christmas Good Food Box Program

Nisga'a Valley Health / Saksgum Gandidils / Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

Healthy: We provide healthy eating by providing healthy fruits & vegetables

Economical: The good food box is economical – eliminating the transportation to/from Terrace/Valley

Fresh: The fruits and vegetables are fresh and delivered to your home on a monthly basis



The Christmas Good Food Box drive was held in early December. It is a volunteer and non-profit, bulk produce buying initiative to help families include more fresh fruits and vegetables in their meals. The low cost of the Good Food Box is made possible because of group buying. By pooling their money, Good Food Box participants can buy food wholesale and get better prices. Volunteer labour for

sorting and packing keeps the prices down. The selection of produce changes according to the season, but basic items such as potatoes, carrots and onions are always included. Items are chosen according to what is good quality, in season and affordable at the time. This year's deliveries will start December 12. Contact your local Community Health Rep for more information.

Jim began by introducing himself in Nisga'a using his Nisga'a name. He then spoke about the history of the land question.

As Jim shared, the evolution of Nisga'a Government commenced long before the effective date of the Nisga'a Treaty. Since time immemorial the Nisga'a Nation governed itself in accordance with the Ayuukhl Nisga'a and through the authority of the Simigat and Sigidim haanak.

With the arrival of the K'amksiiwaa the struggle for a just settlement of the land question and for recognition of the Nisga'a Nation required the establishment of an additional body of Nisga'a government. The Canadian governments wished to unilaterally establish reserves, after consulting with each village or band.

But the Nisga'a chiefs and matriarchs refused to allow the Europeans to deal with them on a weakened, fragmented basis. Instead they united and organized themselves as the Nisga'a Land Committee. In no uncertain terms the newcomers were told that the land question must be settled with the Nisga'a Nation as a whole.

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philosophy where all the parts of government would come together as one to make decisions together. There is no us, no them – there is just we the Nisga'a Nation coming together as one government. That unity is reflected in the provisions of the Nisga'a Treaty and the Nisga'a Constitution which he reviewed in great detail.

Jim then summarized this relationship by stating that the idea was that through the Executive and our legislature, the Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN), we would achieve a unity that would respect the distinctive roles and decision-making authority of Nisga'a Villages, and also bring the Nation together at the Executive and WSN when all of the Nisga'a Villages and Urban Locals under our constitution come together to make decisions.

As Jim summarized, it was through our unity that the Nisga'a Nation so far is the only aboriginal people to have our inherent right of aboriginal self-government protected by and constitutionally entrenched within the Canadian constitution in the manner set out in our Treaty.

Once again, it is our unity as a people that brought us the benefits of governance; it is only our unity that will see us through the challenges that lie ahead.

On behalf of the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government, in the spirit of our unity as a people, we wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

How to Sell Your Art / Nisga'a Traditional Artists Workshop

On December 3rd we learned the business of art, how to wholesale our work, market and sell! We found out where we stood as artists, what our market is, and if our price points are correct. We learned this all from Larry Garfinkel, Native Northwest and Mike Dangeli, Nisga'a Artist.

Since 1990, Larry has established and operated Native Northwest, which develops and distributes cultural merchandise. Larry has produced the works of Nisga'a artists Mike Dangeli and Todd Stephens.



Mike Dangeli is a Nisga'a artist who founded the House of Culture, Art and Carving Studio in Vancouver. Mike is an exceptional artist and draws on his Nisga'a,

Tlingit, Tsetsaut and Tsimshian heritage, languages and culture in his work.

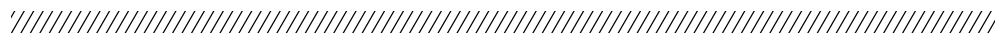
This free workshop was held in Gitwinksihlkw by Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute (WWNI).

Call for Nisga'a Artists



The Nisga'a Museum, in partnership with the Village of Laxgalts'ap, announces the Nisga'a Museum and Laxgalts'ap Cultural Village Gateway Project.

This new project gives Nisga'a artists the opportunity to create a public work of art for the entrance of the new Nisga'a Museum.



The artist, artist collective, or ad-hoc group of artisans selected will be engaged to develop a concept and a work to be located at the entrance to the Nisga'a Museum in Laxgalts'ap.

The project is imagined as an exceptional and welcoming public art project that seeks to engage, inspire and reflect the creativity, diversity and inherent inclusivity of the Nisga'a Nation within the Hli G'oothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a (Nisga'a Museum).

Artists are challenged to exceed the ordinary and inspire thought, reflection and vision with their ideas and concepts while respecting and responding to the nature of the community and local environment.

The Call for Expression of Interest package can be downloaded at www.nisgaamuseum.ca.

Deadline / Friday Jan 10, 2014 by 5pm / Submit to:

Museum Gateway Project
PO Box 300 – 810 Highway Drive
Laxgalts'ap, British Columbia, Canada V0J 1X0
Or by e-mail: nisgaamuseum@nisgaa.net

All questions regarding the project should be submitted in writing to Darrin Martens, Director, Nisga'a Museum at darrinm@nisgaa.net.

NEST Invites Nisga'a Entrepreneurs for Award-winning Training

Nisga'a Employment Services Training (NEST) invites Nisga'a Entrepreneurs living in our service area to register for an award-winning program: Aboriginal BEST.

Training Sessions begin January 6, 2014

New Aiyansh Auditorium

An information session was held December 13, 2013 in the Nisga'a Lisims Government Chambers.

Aboriginal BEST is targeted at all Aboriginal people who are interested and committed towards pursuing self-employment and entrepreneurship as a career option. Aboriginal BEST includes 12 training sessions and one-on-one business counselling.

Aboriginal BEST workshop sessions are designed to help participants identify viable business ideas and determine their feasibility. Participants will also conduct market research, write a business plan, and explore financing options.

The Sessions

- Entrepreneurship
- Market Research
- Competitors, Competition & Competitive Advantage
- Marketing
- Law & Insurance
- Operations (Tax, Suppliers, Staffing, Production Process, Professional Advisors, Financial Institutions)
- Funding
- Financials
- Costs & Pricing
- Start-up & Cash flow
- Technology
- Business Plan & Polishing your Presentation

Email: nest@nisgaa.net to register for the program or log on to the website: www.aboriginalbest.com. For more info visit: www.nisgaanation.ca.

For information regarding Aboriginal BEST programming elsewhere please visit Aboriginal BEST's website: www.aboriginalbest.com.



NEST Introduction to Technology

Nisga'a Employment Skills & Training (in partnership with Project Raven) hosted a three-day course that introduced participants to technologies in the workplace.

What did we learn?

- Technology & our future
- Basic Technology Skills
- Internet Use
- GPS
- Social Media
- Computer Hardware
- Windows Operating System
- Outlook
- Office 2010
- Computer Networks
- GIS
- Multimedia
- Mobile Devices
- Career Training for technology
- Course Details



The course was held on December 3, 4 and 5, 2013, at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Recreation Centre.



Nisga'a Valley Health Authority hosts week of Addictions Awareness activities

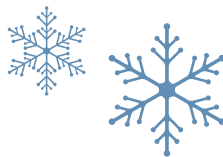


Nisga'a Addictions Awareness Campaign November 17–23, 2013

The harmful use of alcohol and other substances touches the lives of many Nisga'a community members, with often devastating consequences. Nisga'a Addictions Awareness Campaign (November 17–23, 2013) was a time to raise awareness and to showcase the work being done within the Nisga'a territories to battle problematic substance use.

In the spirit of our Nisga'a Feasting System — we hosted the Inter-Nation Tribal Picnic — in which we brought together Nisga'a citizens from our four communities (one heart, one path, one nation) to provide a platform to unite and share experiences which demonstrate how as community members we are "Arriving Alive/Staying Alive" (the theme for this year's event).

Those who benefited were elders, adults, youth, children and infants who would potentially be impacted by the possible deaths of those affected by citizens who choose to drink and drive — whether it be alcohol, drug or other mind altering substances.



Challenges: Promoting the idea that should you choose to drink and drive you not only endanger your own life, but the lives of others who may come in your path. Finding alternative activities that are safe and family-friendly.

Our goal is to increase awareness of potential dangers of alcohol & drug misuse/abuse; develop and strengthen the sense of belonging to individuals, families and communities; highlight or demonstrate how some young people are creative in filling their leisure time.

The Inter-Nation Tribal picnic was held in Gitlaxt'aamiks Gitmidiik Hall on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, doors opened at 4 pm, tribal picnic began at 5 pm, with presentations following. A Substance Abuse Awareness Walk occurred prior to the picnic.

A Hip Hop/Rap contest was arranged by Lydia Stephens, CWC Laxgalts'ap and the NVHA Youth Enrichment Workers (Agnes Doolan, Sharlene Wilson, Claudette Azak and Tabitha Munroe). Prizes for the Hip Hop/Rap contest were a 15" 2.3 GHz Macbook Pro; a Blue Microphone Yeti Pro USB and two 64 GB iPad minis.

Participate in the Nation's Quality of Life Survey!

The Nisga'a Nation Quality of Life Strategy will:

1. Engage Nisga'a citizens and resources through a Quality of Life Summit
2. Align Governance, Administration, Programs & Services with a quality of life approach
3. Develop a life-long quality of life policy
4. Document, measure and prove changes in quality of life

See the Nisga'a Nation Quality of Life informational video www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSj5L2pt2vo

Provide your input into the Quality of Life strategy by completing the online guided survey at www.nisgaanation.ca/qol/survey

Nisga'a Nation takes action

to prevent dissipation of funds by Terrace Nisga'a Society



Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC, November 13, 2013 – The Nisga'a Nation filed an application for an injunction in the British Columbia Supreme Court, seeking to prevent the Terrace Nisga'a Society (TNS) from further dissipating funds originally provided by the Nisga'a Nation for the provision of programs and services benefitting Nisga'a citizens in Terrace.

"We are obligated to seek an injunction from the court to protect these funds" stated Mitchell Stevens, President of the Nisga'a Nation.

"Instead of using these funds to provide programs and services for Nisga'a citizens in Terrace, as required by our funding agreement with TNS," continued President Stevens, "TNS used the funds to pay for lawsuits against the Nisga'a Nation, spending over \$110,000 in the last year alone. We are concerned (TNS) will continue to use funds in this manner going forward."

TNS has also failed to provide monthly and annual financial statements, detailing how TNS is using funds provided by the Nisga'a Nation.

In July, the Nisga'a Nation terminated its funding agreement with TNS, and according to its terms, any remaining funds TNS held as of July 31, 2013 were to be returned to the Nisga'a Nation. Despite three written requests by the Nisga'a Nation, TNS failed to return any remaining funds.

Since August 1, 2013, Nisga'a Lisims Government has, through the NLG-Terrace Office, been providing programs and services to Nisga'a citizens living in Terrace, and will continue to do so.

"Nisga'a citizens have been asking Nisga'a Lisims Government how it can be that (TNS) is using funds intended to be used to provide programs and services, to instead sue the Nisga'a Nation. The Nisga'a Nation is trying to get these funds back, so we can actually use the funds to continue providing programs and services through the NLG-Terrace Office. This injunction is the first step", stated President Stevens.

For further information, please contact Edward Allen, Director of Communications at 250 633 3007 or edwarda@nisgaa.net.

Court Issues Injunction Against Terrace Nisga'a Society to Prevent Dissipation of Funds



Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC, December 12, 2013 – Today the Supreme Court of British Columbia issued an injunction against the Terrace Nisga'a Society (TNS) to prevent TNS from further dissipating funds originally provided by the Nisga'a Nation for the provision of programs and services to benefit Nisga'a citizens in Terrace.

Over the past year, TNS commenced two lawsuits against the Nisga'a Nation. In response to these lawsuits, the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG), was compelled to bring an action against TNS. NLG's lawsuit alleges TNS was failing to properly utilize Nisga'a Nation funding, and was instead using the funds on matters which do not benefit Nisga'a citizens in Terrace – such as pursuing lawsuits against the Nisga'a Nation. NLG also sought an injunction prohibiting TNS

from dissipating these funds until the trial of the action. "As a first step, we sought to protect these funds, to ensure they are ultimately used for the benefit of Nisga'a citizens in Terrace. The Supreme Court has done so today by granting this injunction," stated Mitchell Stevens, President of the Nisga'a Nation.

Since August 1, 2013, NLG has, through the NLG-Terrace Office, been providing programs and services to Nisga'a citizens living in Terrace, and the NLG-Terrace Office will continue to do so.

"This injunction makes sure the funds will still be available to NLG, so that NLG can use them to benefit Nisga'a citizens in Terrace," stated President Stevens.

Lest We Forget / Remembrance Day

November 8, 2013 marked National Aboriginal Veterans Day in Canada. A day to honour and remember the thousands of Indian, Inuit and Métis Canadians that served in World War I forward. Many Nisga'a citizens proudly contributed to Canadian wartime efforts, among them we remember and honour:

The late Thomas "Tommy" Dennis who served in World War II. After basic training Mr. Dennis actively served in England from 1941–1945 and was awarded 5 medals.



A number of young men from Gitlaxt'aamiks proudly volunteered during World War II for Canada's home guard, the Pacific Coast Rangers



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The late Reginald Dangeli – World War II, Master Sergeant who served in the Asian Pacific Campaign/Philippines.

We also remember the countless young Nisga'a who have served and are currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces across the country and around the world.



The late Reginald Dangeli served in World War II.

In honour and support of the many Canadian veterans, Nisga'a Lisims Government participated in the Royal Canadian Legion's annual

The late Hector Gurney – World War II. Mr. Gurney served in Alberta in 1945.

A number of young men from Gitlaxt'aamiks proudly volunteered during World War II for Canada's home guard, the Pacific Coast Rangers, among them we remember and honour;

Reginald Percival, Sr.; Herbert Pollard; Jacob Davis; Eli Gosnell; Chris Clayton; Roy Azak; Herbert Morven, Sr.



The late Hector Gurney served in World War II.

Remembrance Day campaign. \$71.80 in monetary donations were collected by NLG and will be donated to the Royal Canada Legion – Terrace branch.

The Nisga'a Nation proudly honours and remembers the contributions of all of our beloved Nisga'a veterans on this Remembrance Day.

CBC's The Current airs documentary on Nisga'a land ownership

CBC's radio program *The Current* aired a documentary entitled 'This Land Is My Land' on Monday November 4 which resulted in additional media coverage with respect to the Nisga'a individual landholding project. Listen online: <http://www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/episode/2013/11/04/nisgaa-first-nation-this-land-is-my-land/>



Check out the media coverage:

CBC News:

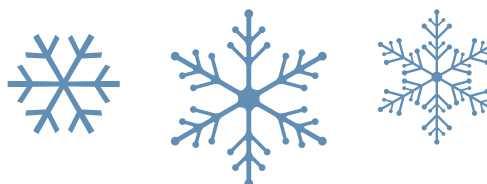
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/b-c-s-nisga-a-becomes-only-first-nation-to-privatize-land-1.2355794>

Vancouver Sun:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Nisga+make+history+through+simple+title/9126021/story.html>

Huffington Post:

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2013/11/04/nisgaa-nation-private-land_n_4214591.html



Nisga'a Employment Skills & Training Office opens its doors

Aboriginal Skills, Employment and Training program more accessible for Nisga'a Citizens in the northwest

Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC, November 1, 2013 – Skills, employment and training services will now be more accessible for Nisga'a citizens in the northwest as Nisga'a Lisims Government entered into an agreement with Employment & Social Development Canada ("ESDC") for the delivery of ESDC's Aboriginal Skills, Employment and Training program.

The Nisga'a Employment, Skills & Training ("NEST") department officially opened its doors to Nisga'a citizens to provide employment advisory services including job coaching, resume writing, active job search skills and positive engagement with employers.

With offices in Terrace and New Aiyansh, Nisga'a Employment Skills and Training was created as a result of priorities identified in the Nisga'a Sustainable

Employment Plan. NEST will use an integrated approach to link Nisga'a citizens' training needs to labour market demands in the region.

"In general ASETS agreement holders design and deliver employment programs and services best suited to the unique needs of their clients," explained NLG NEST Manager Gary Patsey. "The services were previously provided by Tricorp based in Prince Rupert, making accessibility of services challenging for Nass Valley residents."

NEST services will be provided to Nisga'a citizens residing in the Nass Valley, Terrace, Thornhill, Kitimat, Prince Rupert, Port Edward and their outlying areas.

For further information about NEST, contact NEST Manager Gary Patsey at 1 866 633 0888, or check out the program information on our website at www.nisgaanation.ca/employment-resources.

This new section will provide highlights from the most recent meetings of the Executive and/or Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.

Day 1

The November 2013 monthly Executive meeting began with a moment of silence in honour and memory of Nisga'a citizens that have passed in the month prior followed by an opening prayer by the Chairperson of the Council of Sigidimnak' Angaye'e (Shirley Morven).

President H. Mitchell Stevens then provided the Executive with the President's opening comments which included highlights of activity during the month, namely in the areas of the Nass Area Strategy and the tripartite implementation and tripartite finance committee meeting that took place in early November.

BRIEFING REPORTS

The senior management then provided briefing reports that included the following highlights:

Chief Executive Officer Collier Azak provided an update on the dispute resolution proceedings with respect to the Kitsault Mine, currently in Stage 2: facilitate process.

Executive Director Cheryl Stephens reported that a stakeholder institution meeting was held in Gitwinksihlkw on November 19 with respect to the Quality of Life (QoL) strategy. The QoL on line survey is also still available at www.nisgaanation.ca/qol/survey for Nisga'a citizens to provide feedback.

In House Legal Counsel reported that NLG will host a practicum student from Osgoode law school. The student will assist NLG with the design and initial drafting legislation in respect of Nisga'a heritage.

Acting Chief Financial Officer Jason Chan reported that NLG will initiate a 'Tick the Box' campaign with respect to Income Tax, so Nisga'a citizens may self-identify when filing their T1 forms. Doing so will ensure that revenue generated from income tax on Nisga'a lands will flow back to the Nisga'a Nation under the revenue sharing agreements with Canada and BC.

For the Director of Lands & Resources, Mansell Griffin provided briefing report on Day 2.

Director of Fisheries & Wildlife reported that Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife staff are completing year end reports and will be meeting in December to plan for the 2014 season with the JTC.

Director of Programs & Services reported about a Nisga'a Village Education Coordinator's meeting on November 25–26 to outline recommendation for policy amendments and a plan for the review and evaluation of the post-secondary program between December 2013 – March 2014.

For the Director of Communications & Intergovernmental Relations, Bobby Clark reported on various activities in respect of emergency preparedness, namely the completion of the Village Emergency Plans project, issuance of Christmas cards to promote new brand, and the distribution of fridge magnets with Emergency Contacts to each Nass Valley resident.

DETAILED REPORTS**CEO**

Following briefing reports, the Chief Executive Officer then provided his detailed report which included the tabling of a motion for the adoption of the summary of resolutions and proceedings from the October 2013 NLG Executive meeting. The CEO also provided the Executive with a letter received from the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government advising the Executive of village government member portfolio changes to NLG Executive standing committees.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director then provided her detailed report which included an activity report from the Human Resource Manager which included selection and recruitment highlights and an update on recent training initiatives for the organization in the area of occupational health and safety and occupational first aid. The Executive Director then welcomed the Nisga'a Employment and Skills Training (NEST) Manager to provide the Executive with an activity report of the NEST program which opened its doors to Nisga'a citizens on November 1, 2013. A report was also provided on the fibre optic project for the Nass Valley. The installation of the line, which will see improved capacity between Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx is scheduled to be completed by May 2014.

CFO

The Acting Chief Financial Officer tabled a motion for the adoption of the October 2013 financial statements (see resolutions). The CFO then provided the Executive a detailed report on proceedings of the November 4, 2013 Tripartite Finance Committee in Victoria.

LANDS & RESOURCES

Day 1 ended with a detailed report from the Registrar of Land Title, particularly in the area of the Nisga'a Individual Landholding Project in the areas of legislative, administrative and educational activities undertaken in support of giving Nisga'a citizens the option to own residential lands in fee simple

Day 2**PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

Director Roberta Stewart provided a report on local registrars and designation of registrar human resources.

COMMUNICATIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Executive discussed and adopted the Gingolx Emergency Plan. Now, all four Nisga'a Village Governments have Emergency Response plans to deal with emergency reception centres and evacuations (see resolutions). Director Allen presented the proceedings of the Emergency Preparedness Committee which carried out an exercise reviewing the emergency reception centres, identified communications as a training priority, and establishing communications during an emergency. Director Allen then presented the minutes of the most recent Land Claims Agreement Coalition (LCAC). In response, President Stevens affirmed that Nisga'a Nation would only continue to participate in the LCAC provided it remains a coalition dedicated to achieving a federal Implementation Policy, and does not attempt to become a political organization.

IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Stephanie Lysyk, Legal counsel presented an update on legal work for NLG on Village Laws Enforcement and how NLG is pursuing a different approach towards the prosecution of offences in a manner more consistent with Nisga'a culture.

The Executive considered and passed a resolution regarding the by-election in Gitlaxt'aamiks (see resolutions).

Finally, the Executive enacted two regulations bringing a law, *Nisga'a Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act 2013*, into force (i.e. full effect), and then enacting more detailed regulations under that Act (see resolutions).

NLG Executive / December 5, 2013**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF NISGA'A LISIMS GOVERNMENT**

The Executive then held a one day meeting of the executive to discuss roles and responsibilities of the Executive, of Nisga'a Village Governments and their relationship to the Executive which was presented by our long-time legal advisor, Jim Aldridge, QC (Queens Counsel).

Jim began by introducing himself in Nisga'a using his Nisga'a name. He then spoke about the history of the land question, and how the Nisga'a Nation was the only aboriginal people to have our inherent right of aboriginal self-government protected by and constitutionally entrenched within the Canadian constitution.

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Highlights from NLG Executive Meeting November 27-28, 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 November 27, 2013
Joint Park Management Committee****CONSIDERING THAT:**

Collier Azak was appointed as Nisga'a Nation representative to the Joint Park Management Committee pursuant to Executive resolution 2008/127;

MOVED THAT:

1. Collier Azak be removed as Nisga'a Nation representative to the Joint Park Management Committee; and
2. Warren Fekete be appointed as a Nisga'a Nation representative to the Joint Park Management Committee.

**Resolution / Adopted November 28, 2013
Village Emergency Plans**

CONSIDERING THAT section 6(2) of the *Nisga'a Emergency Program Act* (the "Act") requires each Nisga'a Village to prepare an emergency plan (a "Village Emergency Plan") that sets out the general direction and framework for emergency management in respect of the applicable Village;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga'a Village Government of Gingolx, with the support of Nisga'a Lisims Government, has engaged in the Nisga'a Village Plans Project and has recently completed and approved its Village Emergency Plan;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT section 6(4) of the Act provides that a Village Emergency Plan comes

into effect when it is approved by the Nisga'a Village Government and the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the Gingolx Village Emergency Plan attached to this motion as Appendix "A."

Resolution / Adopted November 28, 2013 **Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act Enacted**

CONSIDERING THAT:

Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a enacted the *Nisga'a Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013*, NLGSR 2013/05 (the "Act"), on October 30, 2013;
the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive now wishes to bring the Act into force;

MOVED THAT:

1. the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive enact, under the Act, the *Nisga'a Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013* 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 / Adopted November 28, 2013 **Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act In Force**

CONSIDERING THAT:

the *Nisga'a Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013*, NLGSR 2013/05 (the "Act") is now in force;

MOVED THAT:

1. the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive enact the *Nisga'a Miscellaneous Regulations Amendment Regulation, 2013* 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 / Adopted November 28, 2013 **Village Councillor Vacancy**

CONSIDERING THAT

the passing of the late Melvin Robinson on November 2, 2013 created a vacancy in one of the Village Councillor offices within the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks;
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;

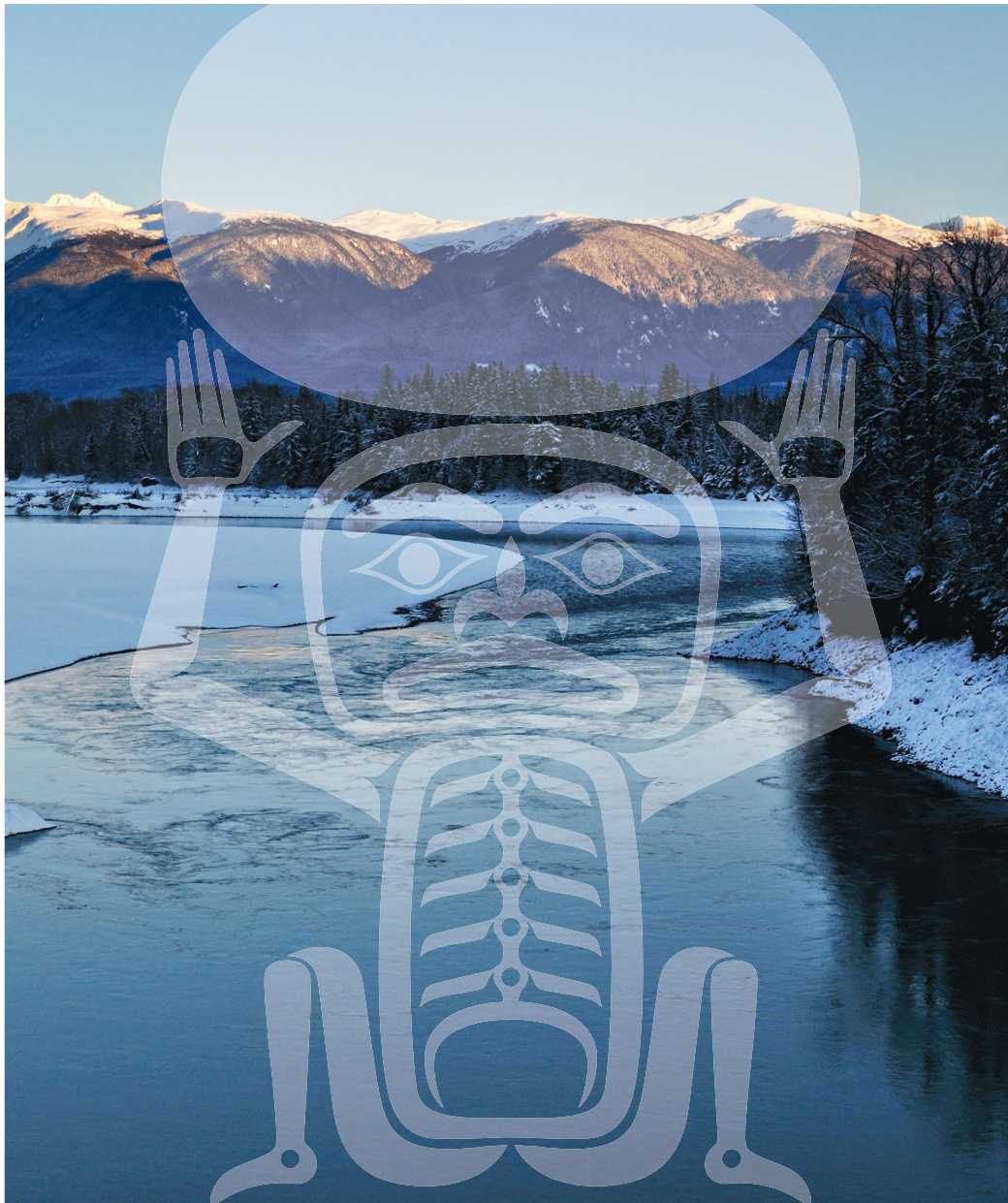
MOVED THAT the Executive declare February 25, 2014 to be the by-election date for the current vacancy in one of the Village Councillor offices within the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks.

Resolution / Adopted November 28, 2013 **Changes to Appointments**

MOVED THAT the Executive recognize and confirm the following changes to appointments to Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive standing committees from the Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks:

- (1) that Eva Clayton serve as the primary representative, and Brian Tait as the alternate, to the Nisga'a Finance Committee;
- (2) that Brian Tait serve as the primary representative, and Keith Tait as the alternate, to the Programs and Services Committee;
- (3) that Claude Morven serve as the primary representative, and Keith Clayton as the alternate, to the Lands and Resources Committee;
- (4) that Denise Eli serve as the primary representative, and Brian Tait as the alternate, to the Public Order, Peace and Safety Committee;
- (5) that Keith Clayton serve as the primary, and Eva Clayton as the alternate, to the Nisga'a Capital Finance Commission; and
- (6) that Keith Tait serve as the primary, and Keith Clayton as the alternate, to the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

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.

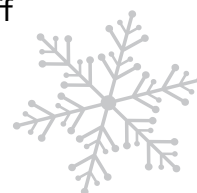


In the Spirit of Sayt-Kilim-Çoot

Amaa Wíit'isim Çanuutkw Çanh
Amaa Sii K'uuhl as n'isim!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all!

Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive & Staff



Notice of By-Election / Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Councillor (1)

Notice in Accordance with Nisga'a Law

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION

FOR THE

NISGA'A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

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

One Village Councillor

for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks

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

Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks

For more information contact:

Jean Clayton

Nisga'a Elections Officer

Telephone: 250 633 2715

Email: jeanc@niscgaelections.ca

Dated: December 11, 2013

When: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 - 8:00 to 20:00

Location: Gitlaxt'aamiks (New Aiyansh)

Settlement Trust

There appears to be optimism for more stability in global markets — the global banking system is stiffening its regulatory standards. NLG actively reviews the Trust's long-term investment strategy to ensure the Trust is still in a position to meet its long-term objective — to secure long-term gains.

Market Value — end of month

Nov 2013

\$221,867,627

COST:

Capital contributed

152,362,108

Distributions to the Nisga'a Nation

(9,850,479)

Cumulative realized investment income

59,674,440

Total cost

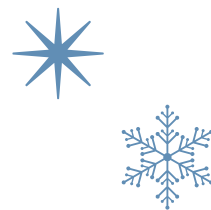
197,423,569

Unrealized Gain (Loss)

19,681,558

Dec 5th Laxgalts'ap hosted

Nisga'a Fundraising to Support Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Relief Efforts



On November 19, 2013 at a Committee of the Whole meeting in Laxgalts'ap, the Laxgalts'ap Village Government and community decided a Nisga'a relief effort for the survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines would be held.

The event occurred December 5th 2013, from 7 pm – 10 pm. Our entire facility was made available for the night's event. The Mass Band, NESS band, and the Chug-a-Lugs were there to support the event.

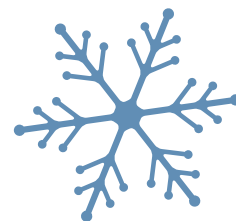
Laxgalts'ap Village Government and its citizens recognized the pain and suffering of the Typhoon survivors, in the spirit of Sayt-K'ilim-Goot, we extended our heart and efforts during this very important time for remembering the families, friends, and the importance of the global community during these trying times.

Laxgalts'ap Village Government extended a cordial invitation to all members of the Nisga'a Government, Village Governments, Urban Locals, Nisga'a Institutions, and the citizens of our valley to step forward and assist in any way that they could. Our efforts will be matched by the Government of Canada in their efforts to support the victims suffering from the effects of this terrible typhoon. Over \$15,000 was raised!

Thank you to everyone for making the event a success.

Sincerely,

M. Henry Moore, Chief Councillor
Laxgalts'ap Village Government



TICK YES ON YOUR T1 TAX FORM

At tax time, if you are

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

Remember to **TICK YES ON YOUR T1 TAX FORM.**

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

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

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

So TICK YES ON YOUR T1 TAX FORM if you're eligible, and benefit your family, your community, your Nation.



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