

# Sayt-K'ilim-Goot

Celebrating the 20th  
anniversary of the effective  
date of the landmark  
Nisga'a Treaty

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# President's Message

## Greetings!

I hope this Spring 2020 Edition of the Nisga'a Lisims Government Newsletter finds you in good health and safety during these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 Pandemic.



I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to those families who have lost loved ones during these difficult times. Please know, while we cannot gather as we normally would, the Nisga'a Nation is with you in thought, deed and prayer.

As you will see in this Edition, the Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee – comprised of representatives of NLG, the Nisga'a Villages of New Aiyansh, Gitwinksihlkw, Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx and Nisga'a Valley Health, Lisims Nass Valley RCMP and School District #92 (Nisga'a) – have been working collaboratively on the Nisga'a Nation's response to COVID-19.

As we work toward a national strategy on how we safely re-open our Government offices, our public facilities such as recreation centres, day cares and schools, I would like to encourage each of you to continue to stay the course and continue with social distancing, avoiding non-essential travel and large gatherings, self-isolate if you have travelled and always wash your hands! We are doing an excellent job at keeping the Coronavirus out of the Nass Valley and we must continue.

I would like to close by extending heartfelt congratulations to all graduates celebrating milestones in education!

Si'aamhl wilsim!

Sincerely,  
**Nox Wil-luu Gaamiks Hloqs**  
**Eva Clayton**  
PRESIDENT

# Press Release / May 11 Marks 20th Anniversary of the Nisga'a Treaty



**NEW AIYANSH, BC /** The Nisga'a Final Agreement, British Columbia's first modern treaty, came into effect 20 years ago today. The governments of Canada, British Columbia, and the Nisga'a Nation commemorate this major milestone on the path of reconciliation.

For the Nisga'a people, May 11, 2000, marked the end of a 113-year journey and the first steps toward a brighter future. The Nisga'a Final Agreement is the first treaty in British Columbia to provide constitutional certainty in respect of an Indigenous people's Section 35 right to self-government. The Treaty recognizes Nisga'a Lands (2,000 square kilometres), secures Nisga'a hunting and fishing rights in the Nass Wildlife Area and Nass Area respectively, and has opened the door for joint economic initiatives in the responsible, sustainable development of the Nisga'a Nation's natural resources – benefitting the Nisga'a as well as their fellow British Columbians and Canadians. An example of hope, trust, and cooperation, the Nisga'a Final Agreement is being studied by governments and Indigenous people the world over.

Today, the Nisga'a Nation includes more than 7,600 people residing primarily in the Nisga'a Villages of Gingolx, Laxgalts'ap, Gitwinksihlkw, and Gitlaxt'aamiks (formerly New Aiyansh) on British Columbia's northwest coast, as well as in Terrace, Prince Rupert/Port Edward, and throughout the Lower Mainland. With the land question

settled and their rights secure, the Nisga'a have been busy building their government and institutions, as well as facilitating development, including: BC Hydro's 335-kilometre, 287-kilovolt Northwest Transmission Line; the Long Lake Hydroelectric Project, a 31 mega-watt power generation facility; and the Brucejack Mine, an underground gold and silver mine operated by Pretium Resources Inc. Each of these projects has generated employment, business opportunities, and revenue.

While the 20th anniversary gathering has been postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis, the governments of Canada, British Columbia, and the Nisga'a Nation – partners in the Treaty – seek to remind the world of what can be achieved together.

#### **QUOTES:**

"The 20th anniversary of the implementation of the Nisga'a Treaty is a major milestone in our shared history. Although a great deal has changed in the world around us, the Nisga'a vision for creating a better future for their people

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has not. The Treaty is a living and breathing example of reconciliation in action and what we can accomplish when we work together and recognize and respect Indigenous people's right to self-determination."

– The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, M.D., P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

"20 years is a significant milestone – an entire generation of Nisga'a young people have grown up as members of a self-governing treaty nation. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic means we can't be together to recognize this special day for the Nisga'a community and the Province, but in honour of Nisga'a Day and the government-to-government relationship we've built together over two decades, the Nisga'a flag is flying in the Hall of Honour at the BC Parliament Buildings. I thank the Nisga'a Lisims Government for their leadership and congratulate all Nisga'a people on this anniversary."

– John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia

"Two decades ago the Nisga'a people charted a new path on their journey of self-governance. At the same time, BC and Nisga'a reset our relationship to focus on reconciliation, supporting an even better life for Nisga'a communities and people. I congratulate the Nisga'a leadership on the social, cultural and economic successes of the past 20 years, and look forward to the good work we will do together in the future."

– Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

"On this special milestone day, may we remember the generations of Nisga'a men and women who worked tirelessly over 113 years for the just and honourable settlement we achieved on May 11, 2000. May we continue to work steadfastly for the prosperity and improved quality of life of Nisga'a for generations yet to come."

– Eva Clayton, President, Nisga'a Lisims Government

## The Nisga'a Ayuuk Prohibits Bullying in All Aspects of Life

Today is a day we stand together in support of the anti-bullying day campaign. We wear our pink shirts proudly to bring awareness as to what bullying is, to let our youth know of the services available, to support parents, teachers, and to bring awareness to cyberbullying. We see it on viral videos that circulate online, and we see it make news headlines. Let's stand together to show we choose not to bully in schools, in sports, in our communities, and our organizations.  
#HawitBullying #LiftEachOtherUp

To help make a difference, visit:  
[pinkshirtday.ca](http://pinkshirtday.ca)



# COVID-19

## **ATTENTION / COVID-19**

**LOCAL MEMBERS & PERSONS CONDUCTING BUSINESS ONLY IN NISGA'A VILLAGES.**

**NISGA'A VILLAGES ARE CLOSED TO ALL TOURISTS.**

**ALL TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN THE NASS VALLEY ARE CLOSED.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPLIANCE  
TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM COVID-19**



**Nisga'a Lisims Government**  
Sayt-K'ilim-Goot  
one heart, one path, one nation

**Dim gan ax̣ dasa'askw̄hl gaḡetgum hasiipkw̄ siwatdihl k̄'amksiiwaa ahl COVID-19 ahl lax̄-ts'eets'ikshl Nisga'a.**

Nimdii ksi hlinhlantgum̄ ahl gahuwilbir̄m, ii nimdii kw'ihl saksgum̄ ahl ligii lip nda. Dim adigwil yoo'osinhl an'unin, dim ii ts'iix-hitgwin, jidaa kw'ihl wilin sbayt gat (ligii six feethl dim luu-sbayt-gaḡagwihl dim wil hitgwin) Sga t'uxwt'akwshl genx̄ ahl m̄isk'a ḡihl angwin-ga'asa'anskw̄hl Nisga'a ahl lax̄-ts'eets'iksgum̄, huxwdii sga t'akwshl Hlgu Isgwit, ganhl Hli ḡoothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a nidiit naahl dim ts'ilim-anool̄ tgwit. Sagootgum̄ tgun wil yukw̄hl yeehl hat'agam hasiipkw̄ lax̄-haḡiijok̄, ii nidiit anookkw̄hl dim sayt-kw'ihl wilhl gat. Nidii aamhl wilhl k̄'aylimksit wil sak'ap li'aksdiit wil yukw̄ dip hluxwhluut'uxw̄hl t'ist'isit wil upjti guutdiit dasa'asgum-hasiipkw̄ tgun- COVID-19.

**To prevent the spread of COVID-19 within Nisga'a Lands.**

We must stay home and limit travel, washing your hands often and practicing social distancing (keeping a certain distance from other people = 2 meters/6 feet). Recreational areas such as Hlgu Isgwit, Museum and all other Nass Valley Tourist Destinations are closed to everyone. We made this decision to close these because they encourage gathering of many people in a small space. Young people/teenagers should not be partying in houses because we treasure our elders. They might contract this contagious disease.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE NEXT PAGE FOR A TIMELINE OF ARTICLES.**



## Timeline of COVID-19 articles from: <http://nisgaanation.ca/covid-19>

March 9, 2020: [Information about COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)

March 13, 2020: [Nisga'a Government Suspends All Travel Effective Immediately](#)

March 19, 2020: [Nisga'a Government Meets to Implement Measures to Prevent COVID-19](#)

March 19, 2020: [Hlgu Isgwit Hot Springs Closed to the Public](#)

March 20, 2020: [Nisga'a Lisims Government Offices Closed to the Public](#)

March 23, 2020: [Nisga'a Nation President Eva Clayton's Address on COVID-19](#)

March 31, 2020: [COVID-19 Highway Signage Being Installed on 113](#)

April 1, 2020: [COVID-19 - Who is at risk, how to reduce your risk of COVID-19, be prepared](#)

April 3, 2020: [Nisga'a Lisims Food Distribution](#)

April 7, 2020: [Nisga'a Nation President Eva Clayton's 2nd Address on COVID-19](#)

April 7, 2020: [COVID-19: List of Federal & Provincial Programs](#)

April 8, 2020: [Nisga'a Valley Health Authority Response to COVID-19](#)

April 8, 2020: [Easter Long Weekend - NEPC Joint Notice](#)

April 16, 2020: [COVID-19 - Be Prepared, Be Well: How to care for yourself and others](#)

April 23, 2020: [Update from the Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee](#)

May 7, 2020: [Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee's Response to BC's Restart Plan](#)

May 15, 2020: [NVHA COVID-19 Testing](#)

May 15, 2020: [NVHA Video Contest Winners](#)

May 15, 2020: [Nisga'a Museum Announces Delayed Opening in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

May 15, 2020: [Joint Statement: Recreational boaters asked to avoid unnecessary travel May long weekend](#)

May 15, 2020: [Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee Update - May 15, 2020](#)

May 19, 2020: [NLG - COVID-19 Summary of Federal & Provincial Benefits](#)

May 21, 2020: [Nisga'a Lands Remain Closed to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19](#)



# Nisga'a Nation President Eva Clayton's 2nd Address on COVID-19 / April 7, 2020

Aama silkwsaxs / Good afternoon.

Greetings to the Nisga'a Nation – I offer my condolences to those that have lost loved ones during this COVID-19 pandemic. No doubt these unprecedented circumstances have made your losses more difficult. We hope that you find comfort in knowing that the whole Nisga'a Nation has you in thought and prayer. I also offer my words of comfort to those battling cancer and other illnesses.

The Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee has been working collaboratively through this pandemic. In an effort to discourage travel and promote social distancing, each Nisga'a Village has distributed essential food and household items. On April 3rd Nisga'a Lisims Government also distributed \$32,000 worth of groceries in the four Nisga'a Villages that was delivered by provincial food supplier Sysco.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee also worked with the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure to install signage along Nisga'a Highway 113 and outside each Nisga'a Village to make it clear that Nisga'a Villages, tourist destinations and recreation sites are closed.

We also applaud the efforts of our Nisga'a Urban Locals in Terrace, Prince Rupert-Port Edward and Vancouver for the work they are doing to provide support to citizens living in their respective urban local service areas.

On March 30 the British Columbia Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry stated that the next two weeks marks a second incubation period for COVID-19 as the number of cases have not peaked yet. Also in her statement Dr.

Henry asked British Columbians not to travel to smaller communities with the fear of spreading the virus and **most rural communities are not equipped for individuals who may have the virus.**

In her update yesterday, Dr. Henry reported 63 new confirmed cases in British Columbia – with 23 in the Northern Health Region. Social distancing is working to flatten the curve – so we must continue! It is now mandatory, so we must adhere to provincial orders to social distance and self-isolate if we have travelled from major urban centres.

#### **FUNDING:**

We have received many questions regarding Nisga'a Lisims Government assistance in these difficult times.

On March 30, 2020, Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a responded to these extraordinary times and circumstances by setting aside an emergency fund to help the Nisga'a Nation respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The fund will include COVID-19 funding that the Nisga'a Nation will receive from other levels of government, as well as a re-allocation of other resources of Nisga'a Lisims Government.

As part of our COVID-19 emergency fund, Nisga'a Lisims Government anticipates receiving over \$1.3 million from the Indigenous Community Support Fund that Canada announced as part of its COVID-19 economic relief and assistance package.

Nisga'a Lisims Government will be able to use these funds for a wide range of COVID-19 related measures. The Nisga'a Finance Committee has been tasked with developing recommendations for Executive for the use of these funds.

Nisga'a Lisims Government will also be receiving some funding from the Emergency Management Assistance Program specifically for activities to prepare and respond to the spread of COVID-19.

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To ensure that we make efficient use of the resources available to us, it will be important for Nisga'a Lisims Government to not duplicate the programs and benefits that will be made available to Nisga'a citizens and Nisga'a businesses by other levels of government.

It is therefore important that Nisga'a citizens look to and take advantage of those other programs. Examples include:

- > the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, which will provide a benefit of \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks for eligible workers who lose their income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- > the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, which will provide a 75% wage subsidy to eligible employers for up to 12 weeks to help businesses keep and return their workers to their payroll. This subsidy will be applied for by employers.
- > the British Columbia Emergency Benefit for Workers, which will provide a one-time \$1,000 payment to eligible individuals who lose income because of COVID-19.
- > the British Columbia Rent Supplement, which will provide \$500 per month to eligible low- and moderate-income renters who are struggling to pay rent as a result of income loss or income reduction due to COVID-19.

Nisga'a Lisims Government will post a list of federal and provincial programs that may be of assistance to Nisga'a citizens and Nisga'a businesses, including links to where further information on these programs can be obtained.

We will continue to have discussions with Canada and British Columbia regarding other potential sources of funding. It is an evolving situation.

**TO WATCH THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS ONLINE:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiEXN3acn4w&feature=youtu.be>

### **What can we do to stop the spread?**

**STAY HOME** – we all must do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and the best way we can do this is by social distancing. Ways to practice social distancing are to

- > Limit activities outside your home
- > If you are out in public, try keep two meters between yourself and others
- > Cough into your elbow or sleeve

**WASH YOUR HANDS** – follow health official recommendations and wash your hands frequently with hot soapy water for a minimum of 20 seconds. Follow up with hand sanitizer.

Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.

**SELF-ISOLATE** – if you have travelled long distance either by road or air – take the pre-cautionary measure to self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days. The minimum 14 day isolation “resets” every time a member leaves the community. This can help prevent the spread of infections. Self-isolation is one of the most important activities that lowers the chance of spreading illness to other people, including our Elders and vulnerable.

Nimdii ksi hlinhlantgur̄m ahl gahuwilbir̄h, ii nimdii kw'ihl saksgur̄m ahl ligii lip nda. Dim adigwil yoo'osinhl an'unin, dim ii ts'iix-hitgwin, jidaa kw'ihl wilin sbayt gat (ligii six feethl dim luu-sbayt-gaḥagwihl dim wil hitgwin)

We must stay home and limit travel, washing your hands often and practicing social distancing (**keeping a certain distance from other people = 2 meters/6 feet**)

Please check our site frequently for new information as it becomes available at [www.nisgaanation.ca](http://www.nisgaanation.ca)

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your families.

Gabiil Hiḡ – Ṭooyaksiḡ ḡisiḡ

# NLG / COVID-19 Summary of Federal & Provincial Benefits

Nisga'a Lisims Government in collaboration with MNP has compiled a series of comprehensive resource documents in respect of evolving Provincial and Federal COVID-19 Programs and Benefits that Nisga'a citizens and Nisga'a businesses may be eligible for. Each document provides a high level summary of each program and eligibility requirements for Nisga'a citizens if they are already receiving an existing Federal, Provincial or Nisga'a program or service (such as social assistance or Nisga'a Post-Secondary Education Assistance).

The information may be found on our website, and downloadable pdf links are available at the bottom of each page at the following links:

[COVID-19 Federal Benefits Summary](#)

[COVID-19 Support for Seniors](#)

[COVID-19 Provincial Benefits Summary](#)

[CERB – Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#)

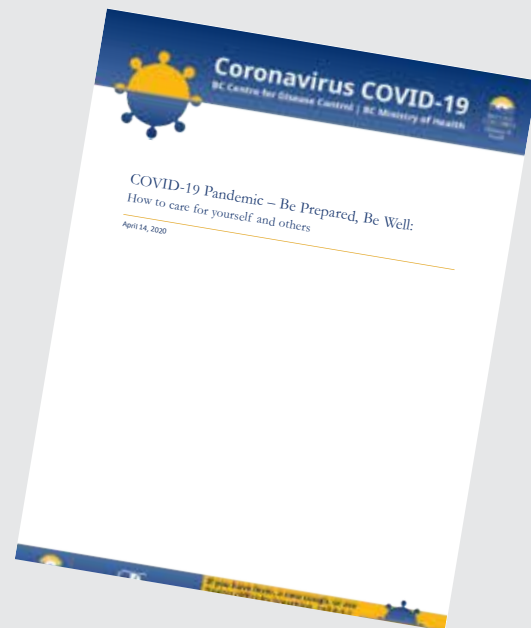
[CESB – Canada Emergency Student Benefit  
and other Benefits for Students](#)

[CEWS – Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy](#)

NLG and MNP will also be hosting a series of Webinars in the coming weeks to present this information and also answer questions and queries from Nisga'a citizens and Nisga'a businesses alike during these unprecedented times, so stay tuned!

The information will be updated as new announcements are made by both levels of government, so please check our website regularly.

## COVID-19 Guide / Be Prepared, Be Well: How to Care for Yourself and Others



The BC Centre for Disease Control and the BC Ministry of Health has launched a comprehensive guide entitled “COVID-19 Pandemic – Be Prepared, Be Well: How to care for yourself and others” that may be found at the following link:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19-Care-for-yourself-others.pdf>

# COVID-19 Federal Benefits Summary



**Nisga'a Lisims Government**

In Collaboration with **MNP**

COVID-19 Response Plan  
Federal Government – Support for  
Canadians

Last updated May 11, 2020, 3:00 pm PST

Program	Eligibility	Benefit	Action Needed
<b>Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available to workers who:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Live in Canada, who are at least 15 years old;</li> <li>○ Stopped working because of COVID-19 and have not voluntarily quit their job;</li> <li>○ Has income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to date of application; and,</li> <li>○ Did not earn more than \$1,000 in employment or self-employment for at least 14 consecutive days in the four-week period of first claim;</li> <li>○ Did not earn more than \$1,000 in employment or self-employment income for the entire four-week period of each subsequent claim.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CERB is also accessible to seasonal workers who have exhausted their regular EI benefits but are unable to undertake usual seasonal work due to COVID-19 and to workers who have exhausted their regular EI benefits but are unable to find a job or return to work because of COVID-19</li> <li>• Non-eligible dividends count toward minimum \$500 income requirement for eligibility; non-eligible dividends also count towards \$1000 income threshold for benefit period</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides \$500 per week for up to 16 weeks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications accepted beginning April 6, 2020</li> <li>• Online or telephone application process</li> <li>• A person must make an application, if eligible, for every four-week period</li> <li>• The application must be made no later than December 2, 2020</li> <li>• Guidelines established for days to apply based on birth month</li> <li>• More details about the CERB available: Questions and Answers on the CERB</li> </ul>
<b>Employment Insurance (EI)</b> (sickness benefits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees who are                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sick,</li> <li>○ Shortage of work</li> <li>○ Seasonal or mass lay-offs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55% of average insurable weekly earnings, up to \$573/week for up to 15 weeks                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Available beginning March 15, 2020</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial online application; then must call 1-833-381-2725 to waive one-week waiting period</li> <li>• Medical certificate not required</li> </ul>

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**Nisga'a Lisims Government**

In Collaboration with **MNP**

**COVID-19 Response Plan  
Federal Government – Support for  
Canadians**

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Program	Eligibility	Benefit	Action Needed
<b>Employment Insurance</b> (regular benefits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employees who lost jobs through no fault of their own (ex. Due to shortage of work, seasonal or mass lay-offs) and are:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available and able to work</li> </ul> </li> <li>Unable to find a job</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>55% of average insurable weekly earnings, up to \$573/week for up to 14-45 weeks</li> <li>Available beginning immediately but must be without work and pay for 7 consecutive days to be eligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply online within four weeks of last day of work</li> <li>Must complete bi-weekly reports to prove continuing eligibility</li> <li>Claims starting March 15, 2020 will have benefits delivered as part of CERB; for details see: <a href="#">Canada - EI</a></li> </ul>
<b>Canada Emergency Student Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post secondary students currently in school, planning to start school in September 2020, or having graduated in December 2019 and have lost work or are unable to find work due to COVID-19</li> <li>Students currently working but earning less than \$1,000 per month are also eligible if hours have been cut due to COVID-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1,250 per month from May to August 2020</li> <li>Amount increasing to \$1,750 per month if student is caring for someone or has a disability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details on application process still to be released</li> </ul>
<b>Goods and Services Tax Credit (GSTC)</b> Special payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normally received GSTC and filed a 2018 personal income tax return (T1)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Previously not entitled to GSTC but now are based on family net income (and filed 2018 T1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum amounts for 2019-2020 benefit year will increase from:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$442 to \$866 if single</li> <li>\$580 to \$1,160, if married or common-law</li> </ul> </li> <li>\$154 to \$306 for each child under age 19 (excluding first eligible child of single parent)</li> <li>\$290 to \$580 for first eligible child of single parent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No application required but must have filed 2018 income tax return</li> <li>Payments will be issued April 9, 2020</li> <li>May be eligible for retroactive credit if late filing 2018 taxes</li> <li>More details on GSTC available: <a href="#">Canada - GSTC</a></li> </ul>
<b>Canada Child Benefit (CCB)</b> Special Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible to those who are:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Living with a child under 18 years of age</li> <li>Primary caregiver to that child</li> </ul> </li> <li>Resident of Canada for tax purposes (as well as other criteria related to citizenship/residency status)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible recipients will receive \$300 more per child with regular May CCB payment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If previously applied for CCB, do not need to reapply</li> <li>Otherwise, apply for CCB:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register the birth</li> <li>Online through My Account</li> </ul> </li> <li>By Mail</li> </ul>
<b>Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs)</b> Reduction to required withdrawal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taxpayers who have monies invested in RRIFs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum required withdrawal is reduced by 2020 only</li> <li>Similar rules apply for individuals receiving variable benefit payments under a defined contribution registered pension plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action required</li> </ul>
<b>Tax Filing and Payment Deadlines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <a href="#">here</a> for details on extensions regarding income tax filing and payment deadlines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

# COVID-19 / Financial Support for Seniors



**Nisga'a Lisims Government**

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## BACKGROUND

On May 12, the government announced additional financial support for seniors to help cover additional costs resulting from COVID-19.

Full Release: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/12/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-canadian-seniors>

## KEY POINTS

- The government is providing financial support in the form of a one-time tax-free payment of \$300 for seniors eligible for the Old Age Security (OAS) pension.
- Seniors who also currently receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will receive an additional one-time payment of \$200 (for a total of \$500).
- The government is also expanding the New Horizons for Seniors Program with an additional investment of \$20 million to support organizations that offer community-based projects that reduce isolation, improve the quality of life of seniors, and help them maintain a social support network.
- The government is also temporarily extending GIS and Allowance payments if seniors' 2019 income information has not been assessed. To avoid an interruption in benefits, seniors are encouraged to submit their 2019 income information as soon as possible and no later than by October 1, 2020.

## HOW TO APPLY

### One-time OAS/GIS Payment

If a Nisga'a citizen is already receiving OAS (and GIS if eligible,) there is no need to apply for the one-time top up. The payment will automatically be issued. While no specific timeframe has been given, it is expected to happen shortly, especially since this measure is not dependent on any legislation.

### New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP)

Though it is not entirely clear in the announcement, it doesn't appear that new proposals are being accepted under this program, but instead the \$20 million in new funding is expanding the list of eligible activities for existing recipients:

### EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR 2019-2020 COMMUNITY-BASED NHSP RECIPIENTS

Effective immediately, Service Canada is offering 2019-2020 NHSP community-based recipients the flexibility to use their approved funding for activity expenditures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, regardless of the nature of the originally-approved project. Examples could include (but are not limited to) those that:

- prevent seniors' social isolation in a time of recommended social distancing / self-quarantine by promoting computer literacy and virtual activities among seniors;
- support seniors who are self-isolating at home, including the delivery of food and medication or personalized monitoring of seniors to ensure their needs are met and to provide moral support (by phone and via online apps such as FaceTime and Zoom);
- assist seniors to undertake essential activities, such as visits to the doctor;
- assist community organizations to provide the types of support listed above, including hiring staff to replace a loss of volunteerism capacity due to the outbreak (many volunteers are seniors that need to self-isolate);
- provide information to seniors regarding how to care for themselves during the pandemic; or
- support the ability of seniors to stay connected with their community and their family, including through smart phones and tablets (for example iPhone and iPads) and remote tutorials by community organizations.

Complete information on the program and program updates due to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

# COVID-19 Provincial Benefits Summary



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**COVID-19 Response Plan  
Provincial Government – Support for  
Canadians**

Last updated May 11, 2020, 3:00 pm PST

Program	Eligibility	Benefit	Action Needed
<b>Emergency Benefit for Workers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>British Columbians who are eligible for Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) as a result of COVID-19 impact</li> <li>Must be BC resident as of March 15, 2020 and must file 2019 income tax return to prove BC residency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-time payment of \$1,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications commence May 1, 2020 and end on December 2, 2020</li> <li>See BC provincial website to apply online: <a href="#">BC Emergency Benefit</a></li> </ul>
<b>Enhanced Climate Action Tax Credit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>British Columbians who:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are 19 years of age or older,</li> <li>Have a spouse or common-law partner</li> <li>Are a parent residing with their child</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-time enhanced July 2020 payment is:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$218 (an increase of up to \$174.50 from the regular tax credit amount) for you, your spouse or common-law partner, or your first child in a single parent family</li> <li>Up to \$64 (an increase of up to \$51.25 from the regular tax credit amount), for each additional child</li> <li>Subject to income threshold limit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File 2019 income tax return</li> <li>More details on BCCATC available: <a href="#">BCCATC</a></li> </ul>
<b>BC Hydro COVID-19 Relief</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential customers not working due to COVID-19 may be eligible for Relief Fund</li> <li>For customers facing temporary financial hardship and possible disconnection of service due to job loss, illness, or loss of family member may be eligible for Customer Criss Fund</li> <li>Customers experiencing hardship but not eligible for Relief Fund may be eligible for Customer Assistance Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relief Fund allows eligible residential customers to receive a credit equal to three times your monthly average BC Hydro bill</li> <li>Customer Crisis Fund provides a grant towards overdue balances (maximum grant for electricity is \$600; maximum grant for natural gas is \$500)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online application until June 30, 2020 for Relief Fund and Crisis Fund</li> <li>Contact BC Hydro for Customer Assistance Program</li> <li>More details available: <a href="#">COVID-19 Relief Fund Customer Crisis Fund Customer Assistance Program</a></li> </ul>
<b>Fortis BC Covid-19 Customer Recovery Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential customers experiencing loss of employment, livelihood or voluntary leave due to COVID-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bills automatically deferred, from April 1 to June 30, 2020</li> <li>Deferred payments not subject to interest and penalties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online or telephone application until June 30, 2020</li> <li>More details available: <a href="#">Customer Recovery Fund</a></li> </ul>
<b>ICBC (BC Public Auto insurance)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holders of personal and business BC auto insurance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defers scheduled ICBC insurance payments for 90 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply on ICBC website at least 1 day prior to scheduled payment</li> <li><a href="#">ICBC Auto Insurance</a></li> </ul>
<b>BC Temporary Rental Supplement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual tenants (eligible law- and moderate-income renters)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides up to \$500 per month of rental support, amount is paid directly to landlord</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application to be completed by both tenant and landlord</li> <li>Apply on-line with BC Housing: <a href="#">BC Temporary Rent Supplement</a></li> </ul>

# Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)



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## BACKGROUND

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) provides temporary income support available for Nisga'a citizens who have stopped working as a result of COVID-19. It provides \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks.

## KEY POINTS

The CERB is available to workers:

- > Residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old;
- > Who have stopped working because of reasons related to COVID-19, or are eligible for Employment Insurance (EI) regular or sickness benefits, or have exhausted their Employment Insurance regular benefits or Employment Insurance fishing benefits between December 29, 2019 and October 3, 2020;
- > Who had employment and/or self-employment income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application; and,
- > Who have not quit their job voluntarily.
- > Applying for the CERB:
  - The CERB may impact individuals receiving other social assistance benefits. Individuals receiving provincial or territorial or Village Government Social Assistance (including Income or Disability), should consult your local Social Assistance Office or Social Development Administrator before applying for the CERB.
  - If a Nisga'a citizen applied for EI regular or sickness benefits on March 15, 2020 or later, their claim will be automatically processed through the CERB.
  - Only apply for the CERB through either Service Canada or the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) – not both.
  - There is no automatic renewal of CERB payments. Individuals must confirm their eligi-

bility for each four-week benefit period for which they apply either online or by phone (1-833-966-2099).

- When submitting the first claim, an individual cannot have earned more than \$1,000 in employment and/or self-employment income for 14 or more consecutive days within the four-week benefit period of your claim.
- When submitting subsequent claims, an individual cannot have earned more than \$1,000 in employment and/or self-employment income for the entire four-week benefit period of the new claim.
- CERB Considerations.
- The CERB is taxable income to the recipient and tax is not withheld at source on CERB payments. This may result in tax owing for 2020.
- If CERB payments are received and it is later determined that the individual is not eligible or received payments in error, the individual must repay the CERB amounts received.
  - FAQs on the CERB are available: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ceb-application/questions.html>
  - The Prime Minister clarified on April 15, 2020 that the CERB would extend to seasonal workers who have exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to undertake their regular seasonal work as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, and workers who have recently exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to find a job or return to work because of COVID-19.
  - The CERB is now available if you earned \$1,000 or less during an eligibility period. This means individuals in this situation may be eligible to apply for a previous period, starting March 15, 2020 and moving forward.

## UPDATES TO THE CERB

These changes will be retroactive to March 15, 2020. More details are available on the [CRA CERB portal](#).



# Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)



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## BACKGROUND

The CESB is a support benefit provided to post-secondary students and recent post-secondary and high school graduates who are unable to find work due to COVID-19. The benefit provides \$1,250 per month for eligible students or \$2,000 per month for eligible students with dependents or disabilities. These funding amounts are part of a \$9 billion support fund announced by the federal government.

Other student benefits announced by government include additional job creation and training opportunities, a new Canada Student Service Grant, doubling the Canada Student Grant, suspension of repayments for Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans in Spring 2020, broadened eligibility for student financial assistance, an enhanced Canada Students Loans Program, & additional support for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. Please see below for more information on these programs.

## KEY POINTS

- The Canada Emergency Student Benefit provides support to students and new graduates who are not eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).
- The benefit will be available from May to August 2020. Students can earn up to \$1,000 a month from other sources and still be eligible for the benefit.
- A new Canada Student Service Grant will support students who volunteer during the COVID-19 pandemic. For students who choose to do national service and serve their communities, the grant will provide between \$1,000 and \$5,000 depending on their hours.
- As currently announced, these benefits are stackable in that students would be eligible to receive both the CESB and the Canada Student Service Grant provided they meet the conditions for both.

## OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEASURES FOR STUDENTS

- The government is expanding existing federal employment, skills development, and youth programming funding to create up to 116,000 jobs, placements, and other training opportunities.
- A new Canada Student Service Grant has been announced to recognize students' significant contributions to the COVID-19 efforts, which will provide up to \$5,000 to support student's post-secondary education costs in the fall. More details will be made available on the new "I Want to Help" platform over the coming weeks, including detailed information about eligibility, levels of funding available, and how to apply.
- The government will also double the Canada Student Grant for all eligible full-time students to up to \$6,000 and up to \$3,600 for part-time students in 2020-21. The Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities and Students with Dependents would also be doubled.
- The government announced a suspension of Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans repayments during the period of March 30 to September 30, 2020. During this timeframe, interest will not accrue on these loans.
- The government will broaden eligibility for student financial assistance by removing the expected student and spousal contributions in 2020-21, in recognition that many students and families may struggle to save for school this year.
- The government is enhancing the Canada Student Loans Program by raising the maximum weekly amount that can be provided to a student in 2020-21 from \$210 to \$350.

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• The government is extending expiring federal graduate research scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships, and supplementing existing federal research grants, to support students and post-doctoral fellows, by providing \$291.6 million to the federal granting councils. In addition, the government intends to enhance work opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows through the National Research Council of Canada.

Full Release: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/22/support-students-and-new-grads-affected-covid-19>

Backgrounder – Support for Students and Recent Graduates Impacted by COVID-19: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html>

## HOW TO APPLY

### Eligibility

Students, including those studying abroad, are eligible for the CESB if they are:

- a Nisga'a citizen;
- a Canadian citizen, including dual citizens;
- a registered Indian under the *Indian Act*;
- a permanent resident; or
- a protected person.

There are no age restrictions for who is eligible for the CESB.

When applying, students must attest that for COVID-19 related reasons, they are:

- unable to work; or
- seeking work but are unable to find it; or

- working but unable to make more than \$1,000 (before taxes) over the four-week period for which they are applying.

You can not apply for the CESB if you are receiving the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance benefits for the same four-week period as their current application.

### Three categories of students are eligible for the CESB:

1. Students enrolled in a post-secondary education program;
2. Students who have graduated from or left their post-secondary studies no earlier than December 2019; or
3. Students who have completed, or will complete, high school in 2020 and have applied for a post-secondary educational program that begins before February 1, 2021.

### Apply to the Canadian Student Emergency Benefit (CESB):

- Applicants will need to apply through CRA's My Account.

Applications for the Canadian Student Emergency Benefit (CESB) are open as of Friday May 15th through the CRA's My Account. Applicants need a Social Insurance Number in order to apply. No other documents are required at the time of application, although students are required to attest their eligibility. It is also possible that documentation could be required in the future as part of the normal audit process.

There are a number of rules and requirements related to eligibility which should be read in full and can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/05/backgrounder-the-canada-emergency-student-benefit.html>

Students are advised to talk to their respective Village Government Education Administrators about this benefit opportunity.

# Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)



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## BACKGROUND

The CEWS is a wage subsidy that aims to prevent further job losses, and encourage employers to re-hire workers previously laid off as a result of COVID-19. The subsidy is also meant to support Canadian companies and other employers with resuming normal operations following the pandemic. This wage subsidy will help employers keep and return workers to their payroll through the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible Canadian employers whose business has been affected by COVID-19 can apply for a subsidy that would be the greater of:

- > 75 per cent of the amount of remuneration paid, up to a maximum benefit of \$847 per week; and
- > the amount of remuneration paid, up to a maximum benefit of \$847 per week or 75 per cent of the employee's pre-crisis weekly remuneration, whichever is less.

Initially, this program was only for a period between March 15 and June 6, 2020. On May 15, the Prime Minister announced that the current end date is being extended to August 29, 2020 (from June 6), and a number of changes to the list of eligible employers including confirmation that Indigenous-owned businesses are eligible.

## KEY POINTS

- > Eligible employers
- > individuals (including trusts)
- > taxable corporations
- > persons that are exempt from corporate tax (Part I of the *Income Tax Act*), other than public institutions:
- > non-profit organizations
- > agricultural organizations
- > boards of trade
- > chambers of commerce

- > non-profit corporations for scientific research and experimental development
- > labour organizations or societies
- > benevolent or fraternal benefit societies or orders
  - registered charities
  - partnerships consisting of eligible employers
  - Partnerships that are up to 50-per-cent owned by non-eligible members
  - Indigenous government-owned corporations that are carrying on a business, as well as partnerships where the partners are Indigenous governments and eligible employers
  - Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Associations
  - Registered Journalism Organizations
  - Non-public colleges and schools, including institutions that offer specialized services, such as arts schools, driving schools, language schools or flight schools

Public institutions are not eligible for the subsidy. This includes municipalities and local governments, Crown corporations, public universities, colleges, schools and hospitals.

## WHERE DO NISGA'A BUSINESSES FIT IN?

The government is extending eligibility for the CEWS to include Indigenous government-owned corporations that are carrying on a business and are tax-exempt under paragraph 149(1)(d.5) of the *Income Tax Act*, as well as their wholly-owned subsidiaries that are carrying on a business and are tax-exempt under paragraph 149(1)(d.6) of the *Income Tax Act*. As well, partnerships where each partner of the partnership is either an Indigenous government or an eligible employer will be eligible entities for purposes of the CEWS. This rule is in addition to the rule for partnerships outlined above. Indigenous governments would include First Nation bands, self-governing Indigenous governments and other comparable Indigenous governing bodies.

- > Nisga'a businesses in this context are:
- > Corporations carrying on a business that are at least 90 percent owned by Nisga'a citizens, Indigenous citizens, and/or more Indigenous governments

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- > Sole proprietors carrying on a business owned by Nisga'a citizens
- > Partnerships carrying on a business owned by Nisga'a citizens
- > Eligible Indigenous government-owned corporations and other eligible employers

With this understanding, Nisga'a businesses are now eligible for the CEWS.

This change is retroactive to April 11, 2020, which means that it applies to the first qualifying period starting March 15, 2020 and subsequent qualifying periods.

Full details on eligibility, application requirements, and the application process are available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

May 15 full release: <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/05/extending-eligibility-for-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

**HOW TO APPLY**

Applications must be made through My Business Account on the CRA website. Businesses can also designate a representative to complete the application on their behalf (restrictions apply.)

**REVENUE REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY PERIODS**

Period dates	Baseline revenue	Eligibility period revenue	Required reduction
March 15, 2020 to April 11, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2019, or</li> <li>• Average of January and February 2020</li> </ul>	March 2020	15%
April 12, 2020 to May 9, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 2019, or</li> <li>• Average of January and February 2020</li> </ul>	April 2020	30%
May 10, 2020 to August 29, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 2019, or</li> <li>• Average of January and February 2020</li> </ul>	May 2020	30%

## COVID-19 Highway Signage Installed on 113

Nisga'a Lisims Government's Emergency Preparedness Committee in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MoTI) have begun to install signs along the provincial Nisga'a Highway 113 and in front of each Nisga'a Village. These signs are designed to limit the access of Tourists and non-Nisga'a. This includes Hlgu Isgwit and provincial parks and camping sites. the highway is still open for Businesses travelling in from Terrace that provide critical goods and services within each of the Nisga'a Villages and Nisga'a Lisims Government. Thank you for your compliance in protecting our Communities from COVID-19.



# Who is at Risk, How to Reduce Your Risk of COVID-19, Be Prepared

## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PEOPLE WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE ILLNESS FROM COVID-19

While diseases can make anyone sick, some Canadians are more at risk of developing severe complications from an illness due to underlying medical conditions and age. If you are at risk for complications, you can take action to reduce your risk of getting sick from COVID-19.



### WHO IS AT HIGH RISK?

- ▶ People with medical conditions including:
  - Heart disease
  - Hypertension (high blood pressure)
  - Lung disease
  - Diabetes
  - Cancer
- ▶ People with weakened immune systems from a medical condition or treatment, such as chemotherapy
- ▶ Older adults

### BE PREPARED

- ▶ Learn about COVID-19 and stay informed by visiting [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus).
- ▶ Visit your **provincial/territorial** and municipal health websites to keep up-to-date about COVID-19 in your community.
- ▶ Stock up on the supplies you would need if you were to have to stay home for a few weeks, such as groceries, pet food and cleaning products.
- ▶ Talk with your health care provider about how to protect yourself and ensure you have enough of your prescribed medications and medical supplies.

- ▶ Prepare to stay connected with others by phone or email.
- ▶ Ask family, a neighbour or friend to help with essential errands (e.g., picking up prescriptions, buying groceries). Identify which services are available to deliver food or medications to your home.
- ▶ Monitor yourself for symptoms.

### HOW TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF COVID-19

- ▶ If possible, only leave your home for medically necessary appointments.
- ▶ Stay away from people who are sick.
- ▶ Avoid contact with others, especially those who have not travelled or been exposed to the virus.
- ▶ If contact cannot be avoided, take the following precautions:
  - keep at least 2 metres between yourself and the other person
  - give a friendly wave instead of a handshake, kiss or hug
  - keep interactions brief
- ▶ Clean hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or, if not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

- ▶ Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes and/or food with your hands.
- ▶ Carry alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you are outside of your home.
- ▶ Avoid touching high-touch surfaces such as doorknobs, handrails and elevator buttons in public places.
- ▶ If you need to touch surfaces in public places, use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand.
- ▶ At least once daily, clean and disinfect surfaces that you touch often, like toilets, bedside tables, doorknobs, phones and television remotes.
- ▶ To disinfect, use only **approved hard-surface disinfectants** that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN). A DIN is an 8-digit number given by Health Canada that confirms the disinfectant product is approved and safe for use in Canada.
- ▶ When approved hard surface disinfectants are not available, for household disinfection, a diluted bleach solution can be prepared in accordance with the instructions on the label, or in a ratio of 5 millilitres (mL) of bleach per 250 mL of water OR 20 mL of bleach per litre of water. This ratio is based on bleach containing 5% sodium hypochlorite, to give a 0.1% sodium hypochlorite solution. Follow instructions for **proper handling of household (chlorine) bleach**.
- ▶ If they can withstand the use of liquids for disinfection, high-touch electronic devices (e.g., keyboards, touch screens) may be disinfected with 70% alcohol at least daily.
- ▶ Remind others who are sick, or may have been exposed to the virus, to stay away.
- ▶ Avoid crowds and large gatherings.
- ▶ Avoid cruises and non-essential travel outside of Canada.

### What to do if you get a symptom of COVID-19

- ▶ Symptoms of COVID-19 include:
  - a new cough or a chronic cough that gets worse, or
  - a fever (greater or equal to 38°C or signs of a fever like shivering, flushed skin, excessive sweating), or
  - difficulty breathing
- ▶ If you develop a symptom, stay home and call your health care provider or local public health unit and tell them about your symptoms.
- ▶ Always call ahead before going to see a health provider or health care facility so that they can keep others from being exposed.
- ▶ The following symptoms should be considered urgent:
  - significant difficulty breathing (e.g., can't catch breath, gasping)
  - chest pain or pressure
  - new confusion or difficulty waking up
- ▶ If you develop these urgent symptoms, call 911 and inform them that you may have COVID-19 and are at high risk for complications.

**WE CAN ALL DO OUR PART IN  
PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT**

Canada.ca/coronavirus or contact 1-833-784-4397



# NVHA / COVID-19 Testing



**Nisga'a Valley Health Authority**  
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## 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Nisga'a Valley Health Authority has increased our strategic process to identify possible cases and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community by increasing the testing capacity.

As part of the testing process, we are asking citizens if:

1. Are you experiencing **cold, flu or COVID-19-like symptoms, even mild ones?**  
Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness Of Breath
- Sore Throat And Painful Swallowing
- Stuffy Or Runny Nose
- Loss Of Sense Of Smell
- Headache
- Muscle Aches
- Fatigue
- Loss Of Appetite

2. If **YES,**

- a. **Please call the health center to speak to a Nurse and book for testing**
- b. **Wash your hands**
- c. **Put on a mask**

Clinics	Phone number	Toll free
New Aiyansh Health Center	250 633 5000	1-888-233-2212
Laxgalts'ap Health Center	250 621 3274	1-800-991-5667
Gingolx Health Center	250 326 4258	1-800-991-5671

# Nisga'a Lands Remain Closed to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Nisga'a Lands Remain Closed to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

**May 21, 2020 – New Aiyansh, B.C.,** The Nisga'a Nation continues to experience an influx of motorists, motorcyclists, recreational vehicles and sports fishermen that are non-resident coming in to the Nass Valley after declaring that Nisga'a Lands are closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"We understand the Nass Valley is a beautiful destination with many tourist attractions however we must understand that we are a very remote location with limited access to acute health services," said Eva Clayton, President of the Nisga'a Nation. "We want to ensure we are protecting our elderly and most vulnerable from this infectious disease."

The Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee (the "Committee") provides Nass Valley residents weekly updates and on May 7<sup>th</sup> announced that the Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park, the Nisga'a Museum, all Nisga'a Recreation Sites – including Hlgu Isgwit Hot Springs, Dragon Lake, the Hlginx Recreational Fishing site and all Nisga'a Village Lands including boat launches **remain closed** until further notice.

Over the coming weeks the Committee will be developing a carefully phased and unified Re-open Plan of public facilities within each Nisga'a Village such as Recreation Centres for local residents only. However until such time the Plan is finalized, public facilities also remain closed.

"Once the Committee has finalized the Nisga'a Re-Open Plan for Nisga'a Village public facilities, we will make an announcement on their plans going forward."

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# Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee UPDATE



## HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee (NEPC)  
May 15, 2020 – UPDATE

The Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to meet weekly to provide and receive updates in respect of the Nisga'a Nation's response to COVID-19. The Nisga'a Nation is doing a fantastic job at following provincial health orders with social and physical distancing, washing your hands and avoiding non-essential travel. As we enter the May Long Weekend **WE MUST STAY THE COURSE** and continue!

### **NVHA COVID-19 Testing:**

The Nisga'a Valley Health Authority ("NVHA") began testing for COVID-19 on March 1, 2020, first prioritizing the elderly in each Nisga'a Village and then those that may show signs and symptoms of COVID-19. **At May 13, 2020 NVHA had tested 79, of which 75 have come back negative with 4 pending.** There remains to be no known cases in the Nass Valley which proves what we are all doing is working. If you or a family member show cold or flu-like symptoms, please contact your local health centre to arrange for testing.

### **Nisga'a Highway 113 – CHECK POINT PLAN:**

The Committee adopted a Nisga'a Highway 113 Check Point Plan on May 13, 2020 with the intent of having it implemented as soon as possible. The Plan was submitted to the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure ("MOTI") and approved on May 15, 2020.

Next steps for implementation of the check point plan will include the hiring of personnel with traffic control certification, acquisition of safety work wear and highway signage and equipment. Implementation of the Plan will commence with one check point on Highway 113 on the Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park and another on the Cranberry Connector entering Highway 113. Funding for the implementation of the Plan will come from NLG's Indigenous Community Support Fund allocation announced on April 23, 2020.

### **FUNDING:**

There continues to be social media dialogue on the spending of COVID-19 funding allocated to NLG, each Nisga'a Village and each Nisga'a Urban Local. If you would like to know how each of these entities is utilizing the Indigenous Community Support Fund, please contact your respective Nisga'a Village and Nisga'a Urban Local offices.





The Indigenous Community Support Fund is described as follows on the Indigenous Service Canada website:

*“These new funds will provide Indigenous leadership with the flexibility needed to design and implement community-based solutions to prepare for and react to the spread of COVID-19 within their communities. These funds could be used for measures including, but not limited to:*

- *support for Elders and vulnerable community members*
- *measures to address food insecurity*
- *educational and other support for children*
- *mental health assistance and emergency response services*
- *preparedness measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19”*

**As we enter May Long Weekend, we must continue to:**

- ✓ **Social Distancing:** Stay Home, refrain from any type of large social gathering, both indoor and outdoor alike – gatherings of more 5 people outside household is prohibited, 5 or less people should still social distance
- ✓ **Self-Isolate:** If you are returning from a major urban center outside of the Nass Valley, self-isolate in your home for a minimum of 14 days – this applies to all household members
- ✓ **Wash your Hands:** Frequently wash with warm lathering soap and/or hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds. Clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces regularly with 1:10 bleach solution.
- ✓ **Non-Essential Travel:** Avoid any Non-Essential travel at all costs and stay home

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# Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee's Response to BC's Restart Plan



## HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee (NEPC)  
Response to BC's 'Restart Plan'

**May 7, 2020** – In its weekly meeting yesterday, the Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee (the "Committee") discussed and planned its response to the Province of British Columbia's announcement on its 'Restart Plan'. As lead agency in the Committee's response to COVID-19, the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority strongly recommends that the Nisga'a Nation be very cautious in loosening the COVID-19 restrictions within the Nass Valley.

"The cautious approach that the Nation has taken thus far in regards to protecting the Nation from COVID-19 has proven to be effective in reducing the risks associated with the Pandemic" said NVHA Chief Executive Officer Brandi Trudell-Davis.

In referencing historic occurrences of communicable diseases within Indigenous populations and application of current health disparities, the Nisga'a Nation continues to be at a higher risk for transmission and complications associated with COVID-19.

The Committee will continue to work with the Province to ensure that the opening of the schools, recreation sites and parks does not place the Nation in a vulnerable position.

"The health and safety of our residents on Nisga'a Lands is our primary focus" said Trudell-Davis. "NVHA will not recommend the loosening of COVID-19 related restrictions without clear evidence that this is in the best interests of Nisga'a citizens and residents on Nisga'a Lands."

The Committee will continue to monitor the Province's four-phased Restart Plan, **however at this time will maintain closure of the Provincial Lava Bed Memorial Park, all other Nass Valley tourist destinations and public buildings within the four Nisga'a Villages.** NLG's Department of Compliance & Enforcement will continue to monitor all sites to ensure compliance with the closure.

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# Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee UPDATE



## HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

### UPDATE FROM NISGA'A EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

**April 23, 2020** – Nisga'a Lisims Government's Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) continues to operate at EOC Level 1, which involves continuous monitoring of the Pandemic. **We all need to continue to work together** to keep the spread of COVID-19 from reaching the Nass Valley.

Post Easter Weekend – if people were not self-isolating throughout the Easter Weekend, there could be an increase of infections within 4-14 days from April 14<sup>th</sup>.

There continues to be gatherings and challenge events occurring where social distancing is not being practiced. It is mandatory for everyone to remain at least Two Meters apart from each other. There is a health and wellness risk by now following these precautions.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee, with recommendations from Nisga'a Valley Health Authority (NVHA), are now imposing Mandatory Self Isolation. This is no longer voluntary. Self-Isolation means staying at home and avoiding situations where you could come in contact with others. You may not self-isolate where you will be in contact with vulnerable people, such as seniors and individuals with underlying health conditions. Everyone living on Nisga'a Lands is accountable for this, we must continue to be prepared for the worst case scenario.

In preparation, everyone should be getting prepared for the long term isolation periods, this includes groceries, medications, cleaning supplies and any other essentials you require for at least 2 weeks.

- ✓ **Social Distancing:** Stay Home, refrain from any type of large social gathering, both indoor and outdoor alike – gatherings of more 5 people outside household is prohibited, 5 or less people should still social distance
- ✓ **Self-Isolate:** If you are returning from a major urban center outside of the Nass Valley, self-isolate in your home for a minimum of 14 days – this applies to all household members
- ✓ **Wash your Hands:** Frequently wash with warm lathering soap and/or hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds. Clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces regularly with 1:10 bleach solution.
- ✓ **Non-Essential Travel:** Avoid any Non-Essential travel at all costs and stay home





**NISGA'A NATION COVID-19 FUNDING:**

At its regular monthly meeting on April 22, 2020 the NLG Executive reviewed and discussed the recommendations of the Nisga'a Finance Committee in respect of the allocation of the \$1,330,594 received from Canada's COVID-19 *Indigenous Community Support Fund*. Through Executive Resolution the Executive unanimously voted in favour of allocating the fund as follows:

➤ Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government	\$166,324.25
➤ Gitwinksihlkw Village Government	\$166,324.25
➤ Laxgalts'ap Village Government	\$166,324.25
➤ Gingolx Village Government	\$166,324.25
➤ Gitmaḡmaḡ'ay Prince Rupert/Port Edward Nisga'a Society	\$166,324.25
➤ Gitlaxdax Terrace Nisga'a Society	\$166,324.25
➤ Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	\$166,324.25
➤ Nisga'a Lisims Government	\$166,324.25

In addition to the Indigenous Community Support Fund, Nisga'a Lisims Government also received from *Canada's Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP)* the sum of \$260,819 to be allocated between the four Nisga'a Villages to assist with their response to the COVID-19 pandemic in preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.

The Executive also approved the Nisga'a Finance Committee's recommendation to transfer \$231,300 to the Nisga'a Village Governments for Social Assistance supplemental funding of \$300 per month for 3 months to mirror the Province of British Columbia's Income & Disability Assistance program.

The NLG Executive understands the COVID-19 pandemic is continually evolving and going forward will continue to consider further funding opportunities with the ultimate goal of supporting the health and safety of the Nisga'a Nation to abide by health orders to *social distance, stay home, self-isolate and to avoid non-essential travel*.

**PARKS AND RECREATIONAL SITE REMAIN CLOSED:**

The following areas continue to be closed to everyone, all tourist attractions in the Nass Valley are closed, which includes the following

- Hlgu Isgwit Hot Springs - **CLOSED**
- Anhluut'ukswim Angwinga'asa'anskwhl Nisga'a Lava Bed Memorial Park - **CLOSED**
- Recreational Sites (Boat launches, Skidoo areas and recreational fishing) - **CLOSED**
- Hlginx Park - **CLOSED**





#### TEXT MESSAGING

- Texts have been known to be sent to inform people of results of a potential COVID-19 test and needing more information. BC **does not** text results or request information. All information at this time is done by phone call.

#### NEW BC COVID-19 SUPPORT APP FOR ITUNES AND GOOGLE DEVICES

This new app is designed for you to stay informed about COVID-19 in BC and determine what actions and next steps you should take. Recommendations are personalized and based on your personal risk factors. You can retrieve timely updates with important news and alerts from BC Ministry of Health. The app is still being upgraded as needed, but has useful information.

#### ENFORCEMENT REPORTING TOOL

If any citizens witness tourists on Nisga'a Lands, please refrain from approaching them. Please visit the Nisga'a Compliance and Enforcement's online reporting tool at <http://reportviolation.nisgaanation.ca> to report any incidents. The Compliance and Enforcement team will receive your report instantaneously.

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# NVHA / Questions, Concerns and Request for More Information Resources!



**Nisga'a Valley Health Authority**  
 4920 Tait Avenue, PO BOX 234  
 Gitlaxt'aamiks, B.C. V0J 1A0



## NVHA COVID -19 Community FAQ

Questions, concerns and request for more information resources!

<b>Contact Information (optional)</b>
Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____
<b>Details</b>
<b>Subject:</b>
<b>Write your questions, concerns or information resources you would like to see:</b>
<b>Internal Office Use Only</b>
Fact finding (received from ) _____ Date: _____ Referred to _____ Date: _____ Follow up: _____ Date: _____ Date file closed: _____ confirmed by _____

**Please address “Attention: NVHA Executive Assistant of CEO”**  
[Executiveassistant@nisgahealth.bc.ca](mailto:Executiveassistant@nisgahealth.bc.ca)

# Nisga'a Nation Property Taxes Reminder



Nisga'a Lisims Government

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION – NISGA'A NATION PROPERTY TAXES REMINDER

### Property Tax notices:

The Nisga'a Nation is responsible for the taxation of Nisga'a Lands and tax notices were sent out by Nisga'a Lisims Government via Canada Post on **May 27th, 2020**.

Have you received your tax notice? If not, your mailing address may not be up to date. Please check with your local post office to see if it is being held there, or contact the Tax Administration office for assistance.

### Section 24, 25 & 28 of the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act:

As per Section 24 of the *Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act*, property taxes are due and payable on July 2<sup>nd</sup> of the taxation year. Payment made after July 2<sup>nd</sup>, as per Section 25 of the *Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act*, will include an imposed penalty in the amount of 10%. This penalty is due and payable immediately.

Payment of this penalty can be made by directly from an account at a financial institution, by cheque through the mail, or in person by cash or cheque at the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government in New Aiyansh, British Columbia. Failure to remit payment will result in the **accrual of interest** beginning January 1, 2021, as per Section 28 of the *Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act*.

### PAYMENT OF NISGA'A NATION PROPERTY TAXES:

2020 Nisga'a Nation property taxes are due on July 2, 2020. If a tax payment (or a Nisga'a Nation Home Owner Grant application or Nisga'a Nation Low Income Grant application) is not received by July 2, 2020, a 10% penalty will be imposed.

Payments and applications may be delivered by hand, or mailed to the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government in New Aiyansh, British Columbia. If paying by cheque or money order. Also payments may be made directly from an account at a participating financial institution.

You also have the option to email the Grant Application to the [taxadministrator@nisgaa.net](mailto:taxadministrator@nisgaa.net) email address.





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**FORM OF PAYMENT - Payment must be made in Canadian funds. Payment will be accepted in the following forms:**

○ CHEQUE – Cheques, including cheques postdated to the due date, will be accepted. Cheques must be made payable to the Nisga'a Nation. If a cheque is dishonoured, payment will be considered not to have been made and a 10% penalty will be imposed after the due date.

○ DIRECT PAYMENT FROM ACCOUNT AT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION:

■ Taxpayers may pay taxes directly from an account at any branch of the

- Royal Bank of Canada,
- Bank Montreal
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
- Toronto-Dominion Bank
- or any credit union in British Columbia.

Please use the **folio number** which is the account number, you will find it above the legal description of the property on your Property Tax Notice. The number begins with either:

- 407XXXXXXXX
- 410XXXXXXXX
- 411XXXXXXXX
- 414XXXXXXXX
- 415XXXXXXXX

■ On approval of an application for a Nisga'a Nation Additional Grant, taxes may be paid by direct deduction from an account at any participating financial institution.

○ CASH – Cash will be accepted only if delivered by hand to the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government in New Aiyansh, British Columbia. Exact change in the amount of the total taxes payable is encouraged.

Payment by credit card, debit card or other point-of-sale card are accepted.



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• **PAYMENT BY MAIL** – If payment is to be made by mail, a cheque in the amount of the total taxes should be mailed as early as possible to Nisga'a Nation Property Tax at PO Box 231, 2000 Lisims Drive, New Aiyansh, BC, V0J 1A0. If a mailed payment is received at the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government after July 2, 2020 a 10% penalty will be imposed unless the envelope has a legible postmark dated June 22, 2020 or earlier. Mail lost or delayed will be considered the responsibility of the taxpayer.

**NISGA'A NATION HOME OWNER GRANTS** – Eligible home owners must complete a Nisga'a Nation Home Owner Grant application each year. A grant amount is considered unpaid taxes until it is claimed, or the amount is paid. A grant application and any required supporting documentation may be delivered by hand or mailed to the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government in New Aiyansh, British Columbia. To avoid a penalty charge on the grant amount, an owner must apply for the grant and provide all required documentation to the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government in New Aiyansh, British Columbia by July 2, 2020. If an application is to be made by mail, the application should be mailed as early as possible to Nisga'a Nation Property Tax at PO Box 231, 2000 Lisims Drive, New Aiyansh, BC, V0J 1A0. If a mailed application is received at the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government after July 2, 2020, a 10% penalty will be imposed unless the envelope has a legible postmark dated June 22, 2020 or earlier. Mail lost or delayed will be considered the responsibility of the taxpayer. Corporations are not eligible for Nisga'a Nation Home Owner Grants. Please read the section entitled "Important Information – Nisga'a Nation Home Owner Grants" on the back of the Nisga'a Nation Home Owner Grant application form.

**NISGA'A NATION LOW INCOME GRANTS** – Eligible home owners must complete a Nisga'a Nation Low Income Grant application each year. A grant amount is considered unpaid taxes until it is claimed, or the amount is paid. A grant application and any required supporting documentation may be delivered by hand or mailed to the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government in New Aiyansh, British Columbia. To avoid a penalty charge on the grant amount, an owner must apply for the grant and provide all required documentation to the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government in New Aiyansh, British Columbia by July 2, 2020. If an application is to be made by mail, the application should be mailed as early as possible to Nisga'a Nation Property Tax at PO Box 231, 2000 Lisims Drive, New Aiyansh, BC, V0J 1A0. If a mailed application is received at the main Administration Office of Nisga'a Lisims Government after July 2, 2020 a 10% penalty will be imposed unless the envelope has a legible postmark dated June 22, 2020 or earlier. Mail lost or delayed will be considered the responsibility of the taxpayer. Corporations are not eligible for Nisga'a Nation Low Income Grants. Please read the



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section entitled "Important Information – Nisga'a Nation Low Income Grants" on the back of the Nisga'a Nation Low Income Grant application form.

**LATE PENALTY** – Unpaid 2020 taxes (including unclaimed Nisga'a Nation Home Owner Grants or Nisga'a Nation Low Income Grants) are subject to a penalty of 10% if not received by July 2, 2020.

**TAXES IN ARREAR AND DELINQUENT TAXES** – Taxes in arrear and delinquent taxes are subject to interest in accordance with sections 28 and 29 of the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act. [nisgaanation.bc.ca](http://nisgaanation.bc.ca) owner grant reduces but does not eliminate the amount of tax you pay. The amount of the grant will vary depending on your circumstances. Generally, seniors and persons with disabilities receive a higher grant amount.

If you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact:

Terry Holt, Property Tax Administrator or  
Christina Dyer, Property Tax Support

Telephone: (250) 633-3000 or  
Email: [taxadministrator@nisgaa.net](mailto:taxadministrator@nisgaa.net)

# Property Tax / Health & Safety Surrounding COVID-19



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## Property Tax IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Due to the continuing health and safety concerns surrounding  
Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**The Property Tax Department has set a process for our Nisga'a Citizens to  
submit Grant Applications and Payment options during this difficult time.**

**THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE:**

1. EMAIL: Please email the completed Grant Application to [taxadministrator@niscгаа.net](mailto:taxadministrator@niscгаа.net) (Preferred)
2. CANADA POST: Please mail the complete Grant Application to

Nisga'a Lisims Government  
Property Tax Department  
PO Box 231  
Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC  
V0J 1A0

If you are unable to utilize any of the above.

3. APPOINTMENT ONLY: We will accept Citizens by Appointment only (No Walk-ins)

**THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE:**

1. DIRECT PAYMENT FROM ACCOUNT AT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: (Preferred)

- Taxpayers may pay taxes directly from an account at any branch of the
  - **Royal Bank of Canada:** Payee Name: NISGA'A NATION - PROPERTY TAX
  - **Bank Montreal:** Payee Name: NISGA A LISIMS GOVERNMENT
  - **Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce:** Payee Name: NISGA'A LISIMS GOVERNMENT TAX
  - **Toronto-Dominion Bank:** Payee Name: NISGA A NATION TAXES
  - **Any Credit Union in British Columbia:** Payee name: NISGA'A NATION - PROPERTY TAX

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2. CHECK OR MONEY ORDER: You can send the check or money order via Canada Post to Nisga'a Lisims Government.
3. VISA: You can call our office and make the payment over the phone.
4. Debit: APPOINTMENT ONLY – If you are unable to make a payment by the preferred option please call 250-633-3000 to make an appointment (No Walk-ins).

If you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact:

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Terry Holt, Property Tax Administrator

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Email: taxadministrator@nisgaa.net

# NLG Lands & Resources Forest Development Plan Community Consultation May 22 to June 22

The NLG Lands and Resource Department requests your participation and input regarding the scheduled timber harvesting, road construction, road maintenance, road deactivation and other related activities that take place on Nisga'a lands. It is important to all of us and our future generations that we maintain our biodiversity, soil, water, fisheries, riparian areas, wildlife, visuals, cultural heritage uses, recreation, and botanical forest products. To view the document, maps, and contacts for your input go to: <http://www.nisgaanation.ca/nlg-lands-resource-2020-2025-forest-development-plan-timber-harvesting-licensees-0>

The deadline for comments is June 22, 2020.

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## CBC Interviews Dr. Joseph Gosnell and Jim Aldridge, QC on the Occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Nisga'a Treaty

CBC Daybreak North host Carolina de Ryk interviewed Dr. Joseph Gosnell and Jim Aldridge on the morning radio show today. Dr. Gosnell and Mr. Aldridge provided their compelling reflections on the Nisga'a Nation's 113 year journey to self-government.

### LISTEN TO DR. JOSEPH GOSNELL

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1735694403934>

### LISTEN TO JIM ALDRIDGE

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1735694403932>

## MAY ALL BE ONE / May 11th Nisga'a Day Film 2020

### FEATURE FILM PRESENTATION /

#### MAY ALL BE ONE

May 11, 2020 marks the 20th anniversary since the effective date of the landmark Nisga'a Final Agreement (the "Nisga'a Treaty").

The Nisga'a Nation's biennial Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation was scheduled to take place May 11-15, 2020 in the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap, however due to a world wide pandemic known as Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19 – the planned 20th Nisga'a Day celebration could not take place and the Special Assembly has been postponed to a later date.

This video is a tribute to the Nisga'a Nation – past, present and future. We thank our Treaty partners, the Governments of Canada and British Columbia for their ongoing commitment to our government-to-government relationship that will continue to evolve for the betterment of the Nisga'a Nation, British Columbia and all Canadians.



# NLG Lands & Resource / 2020-2025 Forest Development Plan for Timber Harvesting Licensees



## Nisga'a Public Lands Forest Development Plan 2020-2025 Public Review and Comment

The Director of Lands and Resources would like to invite Nisga'a Citizens and residents within Nisga'a Lands to review and comment on the Nisga'a Public Lands Forest Development Plan for July 2020 to June 2025. The review and comment period ends June 22, 2020.

This Forest Development Plan (FDP) has been prepared under section 19(1) of the *Nisga'a Forest Act*.

The FDP provides Nisga'a citizens, the general public, government resource agencies, and private interests with information on the location and scheduling of timber harvesting, road construction, road maintenance, road deactivation and other related activities on Nisga'a Public Lands.

The FDP outlines forest practices to conserve and manage forest resources and features such as timber, biodiversity, soil, water, fisheries and riparian areas, wildlife, cultural and heritage uses, recreation and tourism, and botanical forest products.

The FDP contains a text document and a series of 1:20,000 and 1:50,000 scale maps. The complete FDP can be viewed in person at the NLG administration building, by appointment. Due to restrictions associated with COVID-19, no public open houses will be conducted.

### **COMMENTS CAN BE MADE VIA EMAIL OR PHONE:**

Mansell Griffin / Director of Lands & Resource

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

Rodney Moore / Forest Resources Officer

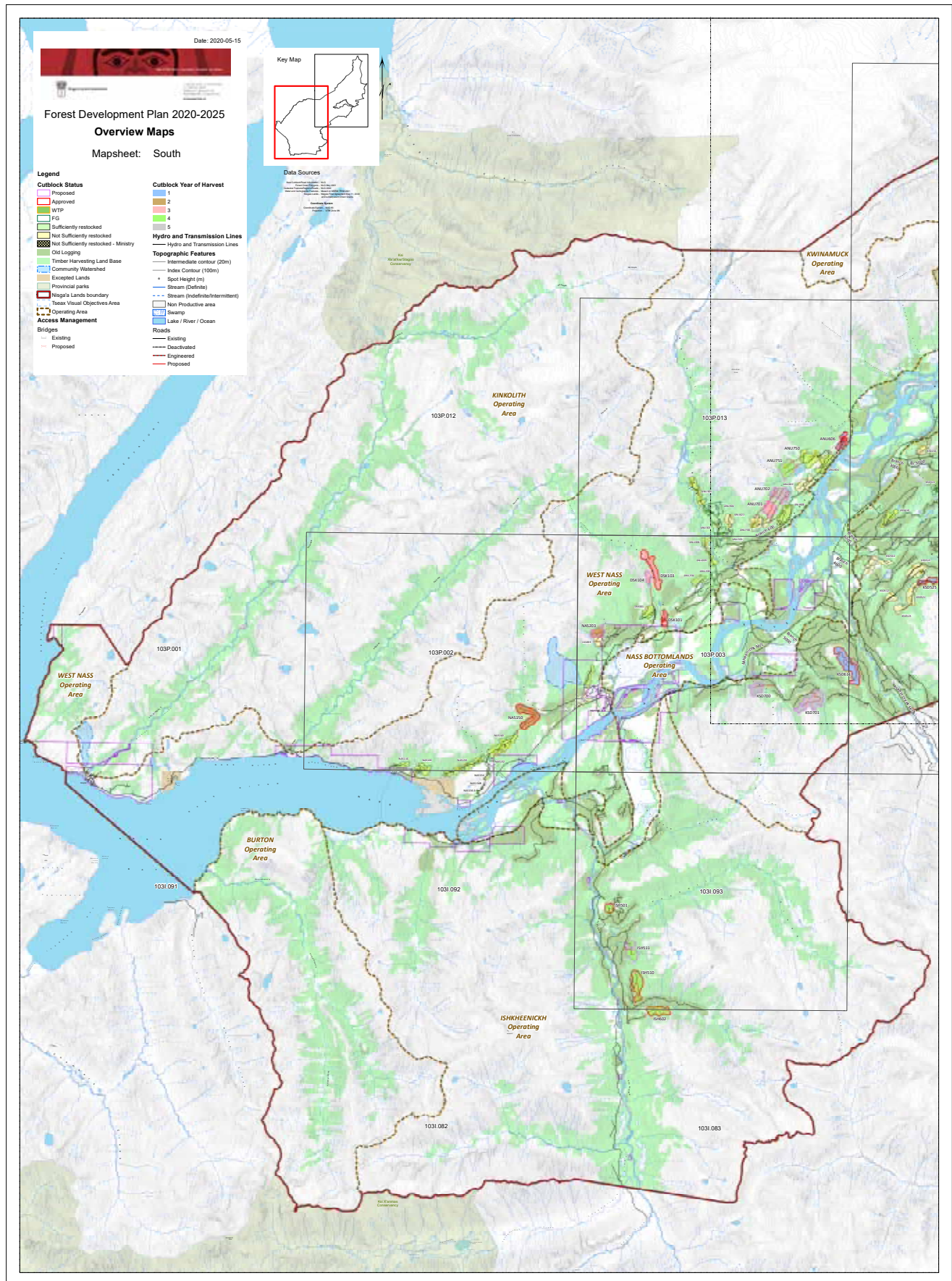
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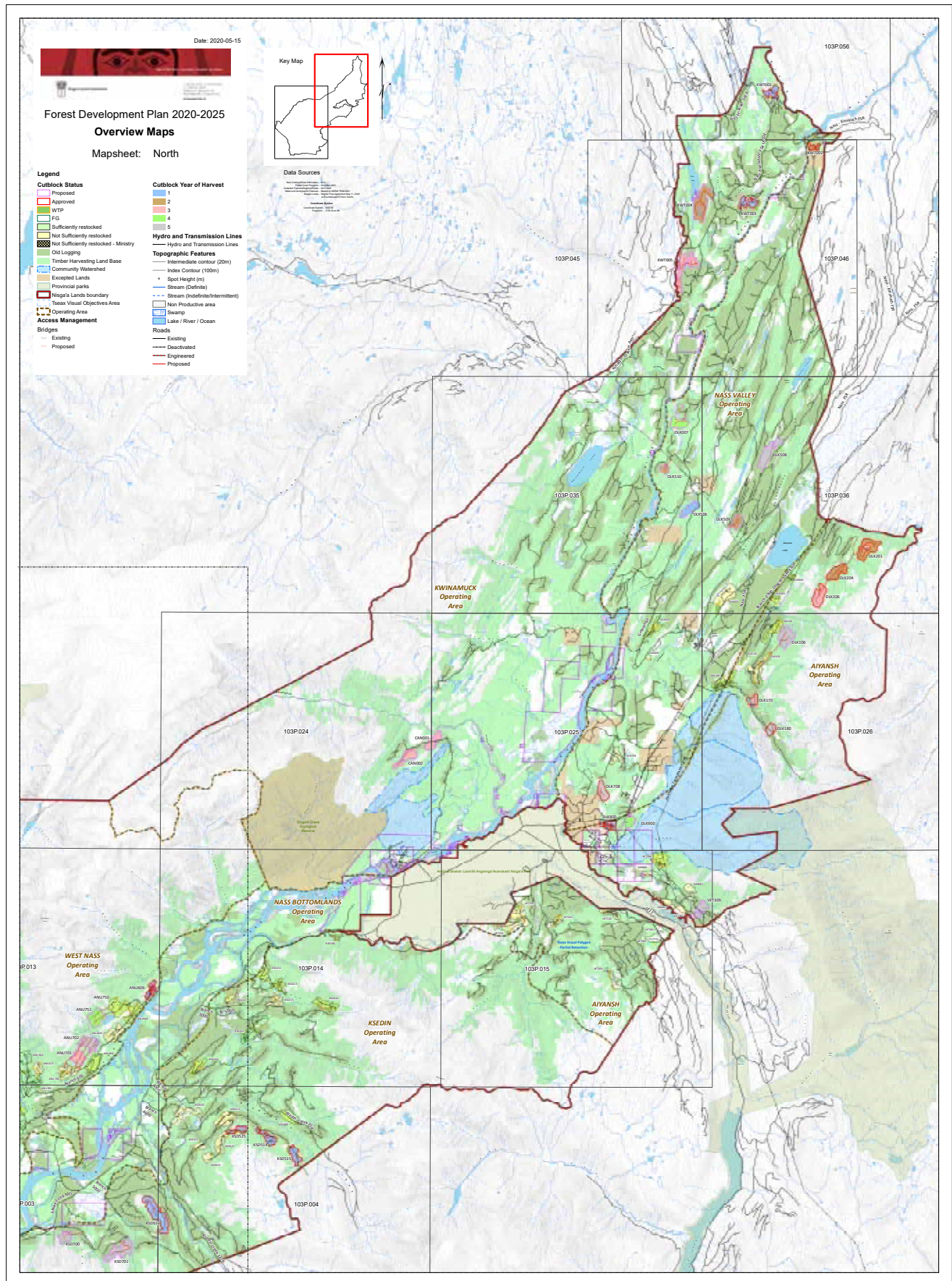
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# Nisga'a Fisheries & Wildlife / Expired Nisga'a Fishing and Hunting Licenses



Nisga'a Lisims Government

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](http://NISGAANATION.CA)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife Department

RE: Expired Nisga'a Fishing and Hunting licenses

Please be advised that due to COVID 19 our office is closed.

For all Nisga'a citizen's who's license is or will be expiring between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 and May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 please contact Tanya Clayton at [TanyaC@niscgaa.net](mailto:TanyaC@niscgaa.net) to receive a letter of special circumstance of extension of your licenses.

If you have further questions please email the Nisga'a Fisheries manager Edward Desson at [EdwardD@niscgaa.net](mailto:EdwardD@niscgaa.net).

Thank you and stay safe

# Nisga'a Fisheries / Sea Lion (Tibin) Consumption



Nisga'a Lisims Government

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## Public Notice

### Sea Lion (Tibin) Consumption

Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife suggests the following guidelines for consumption of Sea Lion muscle, blubber, liver and kidneys.

Sea Lion Portion	Nutritional Value	Concerns	Recommendations for Human Intake			
			Adult Male	Adult Female	Pregnant Female	Children
<b>Muscle</b>	Good, quality source of protein	Mercury; individuals consuming large quantities may exceed recommended levels <sup>2</sup>	Safe for consumption	Safe for consumption	Safe for consumption but should reduce amount eaten	Safe for consumption
<b>Blubber</b>	Energy	PCB, Dioxins and furans; consuming large quantities may exceed recommended levels <sup>2</sup>	Safe for consumption	Safe for consumption	Safe for consumption but should reduce amount eaten	Safe for consumption
<b>Liver</b>	Iron	Cadmium and mercury, Vitamin A	Safe for consumption in moderate amounts	Safe for consumption in moderate amounts	<b>Caution;</b> Pregnant women should speak with their doctors since 1 serving of liver exceeds daily value of Vitamin A	<b>Consult a doctor</b>
<b>Kidneys<sup>1</sup></b>		Cadmium and mercury	<b>Max:</b> 1 meal of kidney/season or 1 cup, 3 times/year	<b>Max:</b> 1 meal of kidney/season or 1 cup, 3 times/year	<b>Not recommended</b>	<b>Not recommended</b>

<sup>1</sup>In the 2018 study, the results showed high levels of cadmium in Sea Lion kidneys. Smokers should be aware that cigarettes also contain cadmium, therefore, it is recommended that smokers consume meats other than kidney.

<sup>2</sup>Recommended levels from Canada Food Guide – First Nations, Inuit, Métis

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife at (250)-633-2617 or contact the Wildlife Biologist at [krystalr@nisgaa.net](mailto:krystalr@nisgaa.net).

Issued by Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife Department

March 30, 2020

# Nisga'a Communities Living with Bears

## Nisga'a Communities Living with Bears

B.C. is Bear Country. Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail or strolling through your neighbourhood, you may encounter a bear. Bears may be active from mid-March to November. Their constant search for new food sources may draw them into urban areas and into your backyard.

People and bears can live in harmony. Communities can be *porous* to bear activity, so that bears can pass through, but are not tempted to stop and get into trouble with people and their non-natural attractants. Be 'bear smart' and follow these few, simple guidelines to ensure any encounters with bears are positive and free from conflict.

### **Bear Safety at Home**

*Respect bears! If you see a bear in a residential area: Act responsibly!*

- ***Remain Calm***

Often the bear is just passing through, and if it finds no food source, will simply move on.

- ***Keep Well Away***

Do not crowd the bear – give it plenty of space. Warn others to be respectful; bring small children and pets in the house.

- ***Let the bear know it is not welcome in your backyard***

Do not allow the bear to feel comfortable. Make lots of noise and make your presence known to let the bear know it is in human territory. Ensure the bear has a safe avenue of escape/exit. After the bear has left the area, remove any non-natural foods that attracted the bear.

- ***When to call for help***

If the bear appears to be threatening human safety, pets or destroying property. Please call 1 877 952 7277 or <http://reportviolation.nisgaanation.ca>

## Managing Backyard Attractants:

Bears are often attracted to residential neighbourhoods by food odours. Once a bear has located a good food source, it has the ability to remember that location and return. This can initiate a process of conditioning. Bears in pursuit of an easy meal may damage property, or in rare cases, cause injury to people. It is important for everyone living in bear country to follow precautions. Encourage your neighbours to participate as well.

Wildlife Officers are called to deal with 'problem' bears may try using non-lethal tactics or relocating the bear. If these methods fail, however, the bear is usually destroyed.

### *Dispose of garbage properly:*

- Dispose of household garbage in bear-proof containers or store indoors until it can be properly disposed of.

### *Bear-proof your property:*

- Keep doors and windows closed and locked. Food smells can lure hungry bears inside your home.
- Do not store food of any kind outside, even if it is inside a locked refrigerator or freezer.
- Do not leave trash, groceries, animal feed, coolers, or any odorous item in your vehicle.
- Bears can easily pry open car/truck windows and doors to access the food inside.
- Do not use any type of birdfeeder during bear season. Store all birdseed securely indoors, until bears are hibernating.
- If you don't want bears in your yard, it's best not to have any fruit-bearing trees/bushes or gardens on our property. Harvest fruits and vegetables as they ripen. Remove fallen fruit from the ground below the tree. Keep your lawn mowed and free of weeds, especially dandelions and clover.
- Burn your barbeques clean immediately after use, wash and store them covered out of the wind – preferably indoors.
- Feed your pets inside and store their food inside. Don't leave dog bones lying around your yard.
- Keep your compost clean. Use the community composting system.
- Use electric fencing to protect orchards and livestock.

*The best way to avoid conflict is to prevent it!*

# COVID-19 Update and Q&A for Brucejack Mine Camp / Pretivm Resources Inc.



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**TO:** NORTHWEST BC COMMUNITIES

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**SUBJECT:** PRETIVM CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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**DATE:** MARCH 20, 2020

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Pretivm’s response to COVID-19 in respect of the Brucejack Mine is described below. Brucejack Mine operations are being conducted in accordance with all directives in effect by regional, BC provincial and federal authorities. We will continue to provide community updates as the situation evolves.

#### **TRAVEL TO BRUCEJACK MINE**

Access to the Brucejack Mine site remains restricted in accordance with cross-border travel bans. Employees are permitted to self-drive to Wildfire camp just off Highway 37.

The number of crew buses to site has been increased to provide for social distancing.

#### **HEALTH SCREENING**

Screening is in effect at all access points to the mine for signs of illness. Health checks are being conducted by qualified health personnel at pick-up points for crew buses (Smithers, Terrace and Kitwanga) and at Wildfire security for employees who self-drive. Screening includes the use of digital thermometer guns for temperature reading.

#### **MINESITE STAFFING LEVEL MANAGEMENT**

All non-essential staff are being moved off site.

In order to minimize crew changeovers, rotations are being changed to 3 weeks on, 3 weeks off.

#### **HYGIENE**

Sanitization has been stepped-up for of all common areas, including crew buses and dining facilities. The dining facilities have been configured to permit seating for no more than 50 people at one time, and social distancing is being enforced.

#### **ONSITE MEDICAL FACILITIES**

There is an area established at site to accommodate quarantine if required. A helicopter is stationed onsite for emergency medivac. Medical staff onsite includes remote-care nurses and advanced care paramedics under the guidance of two off-site physicians.

Clinic staff are monitoring the COVID-19 crisis and are engaged with Northern Health, the regional authority, to manage Pretivm’s operational response.

MARCH 24, 2020



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**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - #3  
FOR BRUCEJACK MINE SITE**

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**All information and updates relating to the COVID-19 health crisis will be communicated by email, the [my.pretivm.com](http://my.pretivm.com) website and at toolbox meetings.**

**Reminder, IF YOU ARE SICK OR RESIDE WITH SOMEONE WHO IS SICK, STAY HOME!**

**1. WHAT PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO MITIGATE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 SINCE MARCH 18, 2020?**

Since March 18, 2020 Pretivm has implemented the following additional protocols to mitigate exposure to COVID-19 at site:

- Enhanced screening protocols
- Suspended non-essential programs
- Arrangements for alternate transportation to/from site
- Reinforced and enhanced social/physical distancing protocols
- Demobilized over 160 employees who are not required at site to maintain essential operations

**2. WHY IS PRETIVM MOVING TO A 3X3 ROTATION?**

Pretivm is moving to a 3x3 rotation to limit the number of travel days in/out of site and to help mitigate our employees' risk of exposure to COVID-19 while at site. We have been working with all departments to try and align rotations as much as possible, but this may not be feasible in all areas.

**3. WHEN I SWITCH TO 3X3 ROTATION, WHAT WILL MY COMPENSATION LOOK LIKE?**

Employees who currently work under an averaging agreement will complete their current rotation. Effective their next rotation, these (non-exempt) employees will be paid as hourly employees and receive overtime pay in accordance with the Employment Standards Act in B.C.

Salaried-exempt employees will be paid time and half for overtime hours worked in excess of their normal schedule (i.e. 13-13-2-12 or 14-12-2-12).

An employee who is required to stay home to self-isolate/self-quarantine at the direction of their doctor, a health authority or Pretivm will be paid for the first 14 days of their missed shift. An employee who is unable to report to work due to a personal situation, under this new schedule, can use any available sick or vacation time for days missed.

**4. DOES PRETIVM PLAN TO GO INTO CARE & MAINTENANCE?**

We are operating Brucejack and all our corporate locations in compliance with the directives of regional, BC provincial and federal authorities. The directives from authorities may change rapidly in response to the evolution of the crisis, and we may need to adjust our operations accordingly. We will make any changes to our operational status within the framework of Pretivm's preparedness and contingency plans and communicate with you as soon as possible.

**5. DOES PRETIVM PLAN TO LAYOFF EMPLOYEES?**

We have been working hard to keep the mine operating safely, and we will continue to evaluate our operations daily in light of the impact of the crisis.

# NLG Enforcement & Emergency Services Online Reporting Tool

Nisga'a Compliance & Enforcement's online reporting tool:

<http://reportviolation.nisgaanation.ca>

Please share this reporting tool. This reporting feature is now an essential part of the Enforcement & Emergency Services operation to responding to violations or incidents within Nisga'a Lands & Wildlife Area. Please share with Nass Valley Residents.

## EXAMPLES OF INCIDENTS OR VIOLATIONS:

- > Stranded Person/Group
- > Transporting Fish/Wildlife
- > Bear in Area
- > Other Wildlife in Community
- > Unauthorized Camping
- > Lost Person (Hunting/Picking)
- > Dead or Injured Wildlife
- > Abandoned Vehicle
- > Fishing During a Closed Period
- > Left Fire Unattended
- > Sales of Fish & Wildlife
- > Transporting Without Documentation
- > Unauthorized Hunting
- > Unauthorized Mushroom Picking
- > Forest Fires





# SD#92 Nisga'a / Announcement Regarding the Commencement of the NESS GRAD 2020



From the office of the Superintendent of Schools  
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**May 25, 2020**

Members of the Community, and especially Families of Graduating Students

During this unprecedented time of the Covid-19 Pandemic, School District 92 (Nisga'a) Board of Education, Senior Staff, and the Staff and Administration of Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School wish to convey the following announcement regarding the Commencement 2020 Ceremony:


'In order to honour our graduates in a way that maintains safety and health for all, we will host a version of our regular commencement ceremony. The process adheres to safety protocols and so will only include the graduates and their two support persons attending in the school and gymnasium, as they participate in the walk-up to receive their certificate.

We ask that families support their graduates and follow all safety guidelines. While we understand our normal practice is an open invitation to our Nation to witness and support our students, there will be no audience in the gymnasium this year. To facilitate viewing the ceremony, it will be live-streamed via the Nisga'a Elementary & Secondary Facebook Page. Details will be published closer to the date.

Our Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 20, 2020** and is not an open invitation this year. 'Individual student appointments will be assigned and out of respect to all, graduates will be expected to strictly adhere to them'.

We thank you for the respect and support, as we do our best to honour our graduates and their efforts to earn their Dogwood Diploma in these unprecedented times.

Thank you again for your cooperation. We are most appreciative of the efforts of our staff to make this modified Commencement Ceremony come to life in recognition of our students' journey through school.

  
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Joe Rhodes,  
Superintendent of Schools

  
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Elsie Davis,  
Board Chair

# SD#92 Nisga'a / The Board of Education Welcomes Jill Jensen as Superintendent of Schools



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## THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WELCOMES JILL JENSEN AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Please join us in welcoming Jill as she joins our team as Superintendent of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) Jill will begin her journey with us on August 1, 2020.



Jill Jensen started her career in education as a high school English teacher with Prairieland School Division in Alberta in 1992. She later served as principal at Consort School (K-12) in the same school division. In 2003, Jill moved to BC to work with Rocky Mountain School Division where she worked as principal at Windermere Elementary and currently serves as principal of both J. Alfred Laird Elementary (Invermere) and Martin Morigeau Elementary (Canal Flats). Jill has experience with a wide range of district-level work and leadership, including human resources, contract negotiation, executive coaching, implementation and oversight of district level assessments in reading, writing and numeracy, implementation of enrichment programs in arts education, second language learning, physical education programs, and intergenerational programs, and facilitation of numerous professional learning programs for staff. She has been actively involved in the BCPVPA as Chapter President and professional development representative. Jill's primary focus for the last ten years has been on Indigenous education: infusing Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing across the curriculum, and fostering reconciliation through implementing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and working closely with the Secwepemc and Ktunaxa people, and the Metis association in the Columbia Valley. Jill was recently nominated for the Premier's Award for Excellence in Indigenous Education.

Jill holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of Calgary (1992), a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Victoria (2005), a Certificate in Innovative Educational Leadership from Vancouver Island University (2012) and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies from the University of British Columbia (2020).

Jill enjoys reading, writing, traveling, kayaking, camping, sewing, crocheting and spending time with her family. She and her husband Mark have four children and two grandchildren. She is excited about joining our district leadership team, working with staff, and journeying together to support Nisga'a students.

# SD#92 Nisga'a / Virtual Class Online Group Sessions, Platform Tools, and Educational Resources Help Staff and Students Move Forward



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April 29, 2020

School District 92 Update to Community

A special request to Parents

With no immediate end to the COVID-19 challenge in sight, teachers continue to work predominantly from home preparing learning opportunities for their students. Over 150 pieces of technology have been loaned to students and families to support online learning. These devices were distributed using the following priority:

The intent is that each family have at least one device for learning in the household. In the first lending round, the loans were prioritized as:

- First priority - Students without any device for learning
- Second priority - IEP students or other students with special needs requiring a device for learning
- Third priority - Students who are sharing 1 device amongst many people in a family

The devices were cleaned and serviced by the school district tech department before they were distributed. Because this takes time, the laptops were delivered to schools last week and the iPads arrived this week. Once the first two priorities have been dealt with, we will distribute the remaining pieces to families with multiple students sharing.

A big thank you to Nisga'a Lisims Government and their Communication Department for providing internet access to families that didn't have it.

It is hoped that with this increased access that many more students will begin to return work that has been sent home but not returned. This concern remains a very high priority for us. We urge students and families to return completed work for assessment. This allows staff to adjust the learning opportunities to move forward, and in particular for high school students to assess whether credit can be obtained for the courses they are enrolled in. To date only 10-20 percent of work sent home has been returned for assessment.

Grade 12 students have all been contacted with the course completion they need in order to successfully meet the Ministry's requirements for graduation. Please stay in close contact with your teachers to ensure you complete the necessary work to gain course credit. Without this completion, graduation will not be achieved. We know you can do it but time is rapidly diminishing, with but 40 school days left in the year.

Staff have been working hard to provide meaningful learning opportunities, Creative connections, videos, lessons through teams, are all helping teachers to stay connected with students.

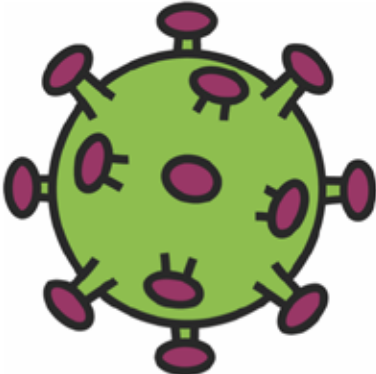
If we all do our part, then this school year can continue to be a success, despite the unique and challenging circumstances the COVID-19 Pandemic presented.

Joe Rhodes,  
Superintendent of Schools

# COVID-19 Social Narrative for Children

**CORONAVIRUS**

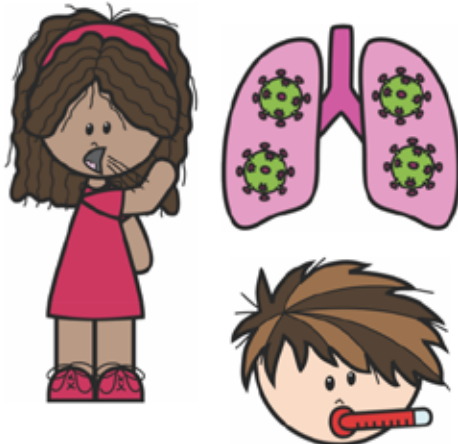
What is it?



A social narrative for children

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Coronavirus is a little germ that is going around the world right now. Another name for it is COVID-19. It is a germ that gets in the lungs and makes people develop a fever and cough a lot.

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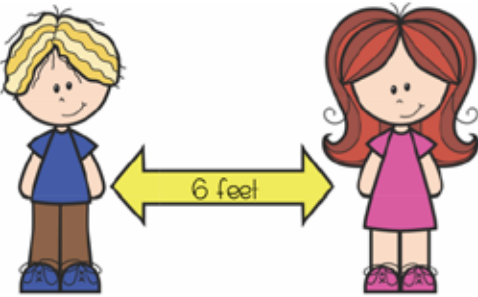
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There are different ways that people get COVID. It can be spread through coughing or touching.

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That is why it is so important to practice social distancing. That means I should stay at least 6 feet away from non-family members.

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For now, doctors say that I should not shake hands, hug or touch other people. But, I can wave to them!

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It is OKAY to touch and hug my family.

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Because I shouldn't be close to a lot of people right now, I will be staying at home most of the time.

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Some people call this quarantine and some call it self-isolation.

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Quarantine isn't a bad thing, it is just the best way to help COVID go away. My family will help me find fun things to do at home!

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A lot of schools will be doing something called distance learning. My teacher might send work and activities home for me, or I might do assignments on the computer or tablet. I might even get to see my teacher on the computer!

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Some ways I can prevent COVID include: covering my cough and sneeze with my elbow, using hand sanitizer, not touching my face and washing my hands.

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Other people might wear face masks to prevent COVID.

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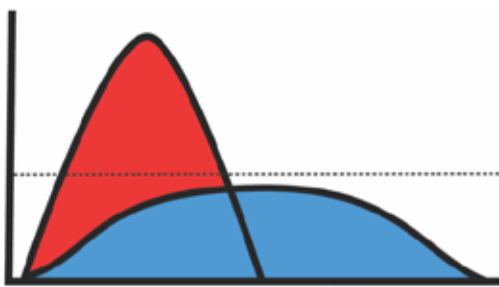
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Washing my hands for at least 20 seconds is VERY important! I can set a timer, or sing a short song while I am washing.

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Doing all these things will help "flatten or slow the curve", which means that less people will get sick at the same time. This helps the doctors and nurses at the hospital.

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If we all do our part with social distancing, washing our hands and staying at home, COVID will go away and we can do all the things we love to do again!

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If I feel worried or anxious, I can talk to a family member. Everything will be okay!

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Tara Tuchel, Speech/Language Pathologist

The above presentation is available at <http://www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/sites/default/files/FREECOVID19SocialNarrativeforChildren%20%281%29.pdf>



# Nisga'a Museum / Press Release May 15, 2020



PRESS RELEASE — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a

## Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a – The Nisga'a Museum Announces Delayed Opening in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

**Laxgalts'ap, BC** (May 15, 2020) – Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a – The Nisga'a Museum announces preemptive measures to protect visitors, staff, and volunteers from potential exposure to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) by temporarily delaying the annual opening of the museum. The Nisga'a Museum typically opens to the public on the Victoria Day long weekend. The museum will remain closed until further directed by the Nisga'a Lisims Government in conjunction with the Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee (NEPC), and additional safety protocols can be put in place.

On May 8, 2020, the NEPC and Nisga'a Valley Health Authority advised against loosening COVID-19 restrictions within the Nass Valley in response to the BC 'Restart Plan' in order to continue to protect Nisga'a citizens and residents on Nisga'a Lands. Similarly, management authorities of the Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Corridor and Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Protected Areas, and other heritage sites within the Nass Valley determined these sites will remain closed until further notice.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit [nisgaamuseum.ca](http://nisgaamuseum.ca) for updates prior to planning a trip to the Nisga'a Museum.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT | THERESA SCHOBER, NISGA'A MUSEUM DIRECTOR  
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# NVHA / Contest Winners



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## CONTEST WINNERS

### ***ATTENTION NISGA'A CITIZENS***

### ***NVHA VIDEO CONTEST WINNERS***

**NVHA is excited to promote precautionary messaging delivered by our**

**Nisga'a Citizens to our Nisga'a Citizens:**

**"DON'T BRING THE COVID VIRUS HOME TO ME"**

#### **CONTEST WINNERS:**

**JUNNIE DIXON AND CHILDREN, Langley BC**

**VERAIYANA AZEVEDO, Nanaimo BC**

**ROSE ROBINSON, Gitlaxt'aamiks BC**

**Mr and Mrs. Joe Gosnell, Gitlaxt'aamiks BC**

**EDWARD CLIFTON JR, Gingolx BC**

**Mrs. Norma Morgan, Gitwinksihlkw BC**

Please continue to check out our facebook page for any updates and support resources, also, check out this site for additional preventative supports:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks>

*Your health matters, you matter! Remember, community members have the largest impact on preventing the outbreak of any virus.*

***TO VIEW VIDEOS, PLEASE VISIT NVHA FACEBOOK PAGE.***

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## Hlgu Isgwit Hot Springs Closed to the Public

Further to our Press Release of March 18, 2020 – NLG’s Lands Department has officially closed and blocked access to Hlgu Isgwit Hot Springs today.

Large cement blocks have been placed to block vehicle traffic from parking at the site and the wooden tubs and the larger natural pool have been drained. Please pass the word along and bear in mind this is for the health, safety and protection of all people during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## NLG / MAEST Labour Market Study

The Nisga’a Lisims Government secured funding from the Province of British Columbia’s Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to conduct a detailed review and analysis of labour market conditions, gaps, opportunities, and best practices in the Nass Valley region.

To access the full document, go to <http://nisaanation.ca/sites/default/files/Final%20NLG%20LMI%20Report%281%29.pdf>

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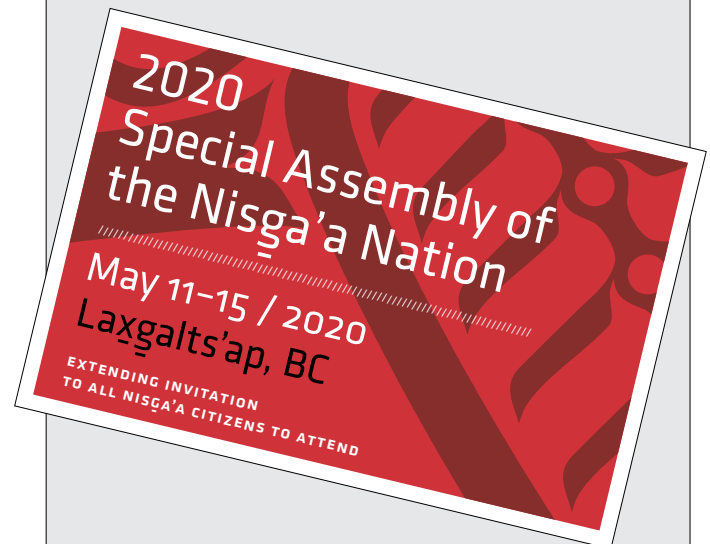
## BC Hydro is Warning Customers About an Increase in Scams Targeting Customers

BC Hydro is warning customers about an increase in scams targeting customers. Since March, they’ve received a 350% increase in scams reported. Fraudsters are using sophisticated technology to reach customers over the phone, email and text message by indicating customers are eligible for a refund or threatening disconnection and requesting immediate payment. Here’s what you should know:

- > BC Hydro has suspended all disconnections for non-payment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- > They don’t collect credit card or bank account information over the phone, by email or text.
- > They don’t accept payment from pre-paid cash or credit cards, or bitcoin ATM.
- > They don’t offer refunds or credits through Interac e-transfer.

If you receive a suspicious communication, please call 1 800 BC HYDRO (1 800 224 9376) or check your MyHydro account. Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/yap8re8y>

## POSTPONED / Special Assembly of the Nisga’a Nation



In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 2020 Special Assembly of the Nisga’a Nation is postponed until further notice.

# Notice in Accordance of Nisga'a Forest Act Fire Ban

## Notice in Accordance of Nisga'a Forest Act Fire Ban

In order to limit the risk of starting forest fires, effective 4:00 PM, 20 April 2020, the following open burning fires are prohibited within Nisga'a Lands;

- Category 2 Fire:
  - o 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide, or
  - o Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares, and
  - o No fireworks.
  
- Category 3 Fire:
  - o Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide,
  - o 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres by 3 metres wide,
  - o 1 or more burning windrows,
  - o Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares, or
  - o No fireworks.

**This ban will remain in effect until further notice.**

For updated information, please refer to the Nisga'a Lisims Government website at [www.nisqaanation.ca](http://www.nisqaanation.ca) or contact the Lands and Resources Department at (250) 633-3000.

This notice is pursuant to Section 57 of the Nisga'a Forest Act. Please post this notice in a prominent location.

**NISGA'A LISIMS GOVERNMENT**



Mansell Griffin  
Director of Lands and Resources

# Nisga'a Nation Speaks Out in Support of LNG Development in BC



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## NISGA'A NATION SPEAKS OUT IN SUPPORT OF LNG DEVELOPMENT IN BC

**February 27, 2020 – New Aiyansh, B.C.** - The Nisga'a Nation feels it is important to join with other Indigenous nations speaking out in favour of LNG development in British Columbia.

In 2014, the Nisga'a Nation showed leadership by entering into an agreement to support LNG development on the northwest coast of British Columbia. Since that time, we have been actively pursuing opportunities to establish an LNG project, which will allow us to achieve our goals of economic prosperity and prudent use of our lands and resources.

Our decision to support LNG development was made only after a rigorous environmental assessment process and a thorough process of consultation. We continue to believe that such processes can result in an LNG project that strikes the right balance by bringing significant economic opportunities to our Nation and our people while minimizing impacts to our lands and resources.

As the first Indigenous nation in British Columbia to enter into a modern treaty, the Nisga'a Nation has constitutionally protected rights of self-government, clear legal ownership of our Nisga'a Lands, and significant rights and co-management responsibilities over the much larger areas covered by our treaty. These rights reflect the long-held principles and values of the Nisga'a Nation and are the product of decades of negotiation. We use these rights, principles and values to thoroughly review each project that is proposed in our lands, inform ourselves about the potential impacts of the project, and determine whether it is right for our Nation.

The Nisga'a Nation has joined with the Lax K'walaams, Metlakatla and Haisla Nations to form the First Nation Climate Initiative. Our objective in forming FNCCI is to work with Indigenous nations, governments, industry and environmental organizations to create a regulatory and policy platform that will enable us to achieve the goal of economic self-sufficiency through the responsible development of LNG projects in a manner that is consistent with our rights, principles and values, while meaningfully addressing climate change through the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions.

We are very concerned that our aspirations and tireless efforts to bring environmentally responsible economic development to our lands and economic

prosperity to our people may be frustrated by a small and disruptive minority who oppose LNG development, many of whom have agendas other than advancing the interests of Indigenous people in British Columbia.

We stand with the many other Indigenous nations who have done the work necessary to understand that a natural gas pipeline (as distinct from a pipeline carrying bitumen or crude oil) can have minimal impacts on lands and resources, who have worked with proponents and our governments to mitigate those impacts to the extent possible, and who have weighed them against the significant economic opportunities that such a project can bring to their nations and their people, as well as to other Canadians.

And we urge all of the Indigenous leaders who have done that work, and who have decided on behalf of their nations and their people to support the Coastal Gas Link Project, to stand behind those decisions. The success of that project will help all of us to prosper.

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**For more information:**

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# Nisga'a Nation & BC Housing Sign MOU for Developing Asset Management Capacity in the Nisga'a Nation



## **FEBRUARY 21, 2020, NEW AIYANSH, BC /**

The Nisga'a Nation has entered into a memorandum of understanding with BC Housing to collaborate on the development of a residential asset management framework.

NLG Chief Executive Officer Collier Azak and the Chief Administrative Officers for the Nisga'a Villages of New Aiyansh, Gitwinksihlkw, Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx each executed the MOU that is intended to build capacity in the administration of housing and develop and share best practices in residential asset management.

"This partnership with BC Housing is an approach to managing our housing and infrastructure in a more sustainable way" said Eva Clayton, President of the Nisga'a Nation. "Ultimately, the capacity building will result in improved delivery of residential housing programs and services in each of the Nisga'a Villages.

In October 2019 the NLG Executive endorsed the application for funding to Indigenous Services

Canada's (ISC) 'New Approach for Housing Support' initiative which resulted in the hiring of a Housing Project Manager at Nisga'a Lisims Government. The Manager will oversee the implementation of the MOU with Nisga'a Village Housing staff.

"This unique partnership will provide an opportunity for the Nisga'a Nation and BC Housing to work with each other and together determine the best tools and resources necessary to effectively improve and care for housing over the long-term," said Shayne Ramsay, CEO, BC Housing. "We're excited to work with the Nisga'a Nation to develop best practices and a housing management plan that will lead to better housing for the Nation."

The three year MOU with BC Housing will result in hands on training to current Nisga'a Nation Housing staff in the areas of asset condition assessments, data management, capital planning, maintenance management, energy management, procurement, construction project management and funding and grant application writing.

# Making Modern Treaties Work / Building Today for a Better Tomorrow



Nisga'a Nation representatives attended the Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) annual conference, *Making Modern Treaties Work / Building Today for a Better Tomorrow* in Ottawa this week.

Nisga'a Youth Ambassadors Logan Angus of Gingolx, Patrick Guno of New Aiyansh and Helina Stephens of Laxgalts'ap were part of a group of 40 youth representing the 26 modern treaty nations from across the country that participated in the Gordon Foundation's Treaty Negotiation & Implementation exercise on February 9 & 10th.

The Land Claims Agreements Coalition National conference which took place February 11 & 12 also placed emphasis on the importance of youth as future leaders with breakout sessions that discussed 'Teaching our Citizens About the Treaties' and 'Involving Youth, Recruitment and Succession Planning'.

Other important topics discussed included, fiscal relations of which Secretary-Treasurer Corinne McKay was a panel presenter and Nisga'a Nation General Counsel Aldridge & Rosling contributed to discussions on the implications of UNDRIP to modern treaties, dispute resolution and the collaborative fiscal policy development process. NLG Executive members and staff also contributed to the

discussions as presenters and moderators for the many breakout sessions.

Modern Treaty nations, scholars and federal, provincial and territorial representatives rounded out the registration at a record 468 delegates that participated in the two-day conference.

The Nisga'a Nation is a founding member of the Coalition that was founded in 2003 and has since served as its First Nations Co-Chair along with Inuit Co-Chair Nunavut Tungavik Incorporated. The 26 modern treaty nations that form the coalition work collaboratively to advance its mandate of having the federal government adopt a comprehensive land claims agreement implementation policy.

For more about the conference and the Land Claims Agreements Coalition visit [www.landclaimsagreements.ca](http://www.landclaimsagreements.ca)



# Nisga'a Nation Celebrates a Major Milestone Towards Marine Emergency Response



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## Nisga'a Nation celebrates a major milestone towards Marine Emergency Response

The Nisga'a Nation has signed a *Letter of Intent* to join Ahousaht, Gitxaala and Heiltsuk First Nations in the **Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary**, a new indigenous led Coast Guard Auxiliary with the purpose to protect both mariners and citizens through the forging of strong and lasting partnerships between maritime First Nations and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Enforcement and Emergency Services Directorate, has entered into a *Community Participation and Co-Development Contribution Agreement* with the Canadian Coast Guard for funding to purchase a Search & Rescue vessel and associated Search & Rescue equipment for a total of \$312,815.00. This program will assist in strengthening the Nisga'a Nation's capacity to participate in maritime search and rescue activities as active members of the auxiliary. It will take 7-10 weeks from starting fabrication to becoming Mission Ready and delivery.

A second portion of the contribution agreement, of \$25,000.00, will assist with Coast Guard response planning and marine training. To develop a prioritized training plan in collaboration with Coast Guard on related marine emergencies.

The purpose of this funding is twofold:

- To facilitate the development of a training plan that links **existing** capacity within the Nisga'a Nation with which to deal with the management of marine emergencies; and,
- To provide increased capacity for the Nisga'a Nation to participate in discussions regarding the planning of integrated Environmental Response.

# For Immediate Release / 'No Merit to Allegations' Says Independent Investigator of Nisga'a Governance

**NEW AIYANSH, BC / March 31, 2020 – An independent investigation of allegations made last spring against Nisga'a Lisims Government and current and former elected representatives, officers, employees, and consultants has found the allegations to be without merit.**

Over 50 individuals and organizations are mentioned in the Email. Not one of the allegations in the Email was substantiated by an independent investigation as revealing mis-behaviour by anyone, much less those involved in Nisga'a's governance, past or present.

On May 15, 2019, the Information Technology Manager for NLG sent an 8-page email to all NLG employees and to others totalling at least 150 people. The Email was not authorized by NLG and contained allegations of serious misconduct against current and former elected representatives of the Nisga'a Nation, current and former officers, employees of NLG and its consultants, service providers, external legal counsel and others.

NLG took immediate steps to reduce potential harm by asking all NLG employees to delete the Email and not to share it. NLG obtained an interlocutory injunction restraining the Information Technology Manager from any further distribution and terminated his employment.

The Executive of NLG also struck a special committee to investigate the allegations contained in the Email. The Committee appointed a senior independent expert employment lawyer, Earl Phillips, Q.C., to conduct an investigation into the accuracy of the allegations, and whether they were made in good faith. If he found that the Allegations were not made in good faith, Mr. Phillips was directed by Executive to consider whether there had been collusion between the IT Manager and other persons.

The Independent Investigator issued a 27-page report that was reviewed by the Special Committee and passed on to the Executive which has now accepted the Report.

## **FINDINGS**

Key findings of the Independent Investigation are:

- 1) "Almost all of the Allegations are an unreliable combination of fact assumption, inference and rumour" which are "mistaken beliefs" of which the Investigator sought to limit both "spread and acceptance."
- 2) While mistaken, many of the Allegations serve to highlight concerns that the Independent Investigator addressed in his recommendations. These recommendations have been adopted by the Executive.
- 3) Problems with NEST reporting stem "largely" from different accounting standards. NLG never faced a potential liability for any amount.
- 4) The fisheries payment referenced in the Email was exactly the same as made to other fishermen, just not through Canfisco. The payment was "documented in NLG'S books" and is "the same amount available to other fishermen."
- 5) The former Information Technology Manager "did not act in good faith [or] for legitimate purposes", made reckless inferences and assumptions, and relied on rumour and innuendo.

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6) There was collusion only to the extent that the former Information Technology Manager was “implicitly encouraged” to express allegations that were based on inaccurate, incomplete or unreliable evidence. There was no collusion in the personal insults, innuendo or scurrilous rumours contained in the Email.

“This entire incident was personally hurtful to many people and caused considerable distress and strain on NLG, elected representatives, officers, employees, and some of our consultants, and indeed their families,” says Juanita Parnell, elected Urban Representative and Chair of the Special Committee. “We are pleased that this thorough and independent investigation has determined that the many allegations made had no basis in fact.”

“The Executive recognized, however, that some of the information provided did raise questions and concerns about certain administrative procedures. The independent investigator considered these issues and has made recommendations for correction which we have adopted.

“This unfortunate incident is now behind us. We can again focus on the important work we need to do to build the future for the Nisga’a people” concluded Parnell.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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## Nisga’a Land Title Office Closed to In-Person Clients

Effective Monday March 23, 2020 until further notice, the Nisga’a Land Title Office will be closed to in-person clients.

**We can still accept and process applications.**

To help us determine how we can best assist you, please contact us:

**EMAIL:** [land.title@nisgaa.net](mailto:land.title@nisgaa.net)

**TEL:** 250 633 3028

**Forms for review can be emailed.**

As always, original, executed documents for registration can be mailed to us or left with NLG Reception when the

Administration Building is open to the public, and will be recorded as of the beginning of the next business day.

These measures have been put in place to ensure that our office can safely continue to serve the public while protecting the health and safety of our staff.

We will do our best to serve you through these alternate means.

We are truly sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Diane Cragg / Registrar  
Nisga’a Land Title Office

# Nisga'a Elections / Election by Acclamation of Councillor for Gitwinksihlkw



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NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NISGA'A LAW

**ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION  
OF COUNCILLOR FOR THE  
NISGA'A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITWINKSIHLKW**

In the recently completed nomination process for the elected office of Councillor for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw, conducted in preparation for the by-election scheduled to take place on April 15, 2020, there was one person whose nomination was completed and who is qualified to stand as a candidate for that elected office under the *Nisga'a Elections Act and Regulation*.

In accordance with section 22(1) of the *Nisga'a Elections Act*, I hereby declare that the following candidate for the office of Councillor of the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw is elected to that office by acclamation:

***Deborah Anne Azak***

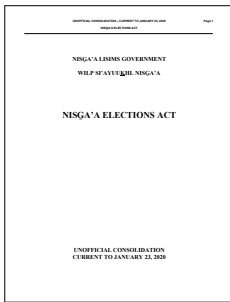
As a result, there will not be a contested election for the office of Councillor for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw on April 15, 2020.



Esther Adams  
Nisga'a Elections Officer

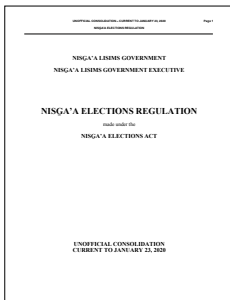
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## Nisga'a Elections Act



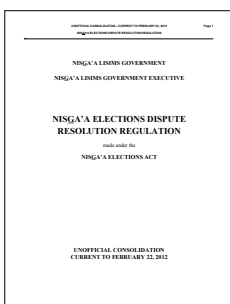
For the full document of the Elections Act please check <http://nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-elections-act>

## Nisga'a Elections Regulation



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## Nisga'a Elections Dispute Resolution Regulation



For the full document of the Elections Dispute Resolution Regulation please check <http://nisgaanation.ca/legislation/nisgaa-elections-act>

## Nisga'a Nation in the News

**TERRACE STANDARD** / A January 31st article highlighting the Community to Community Forum between Nisga'a Lisims Government and the City of Terrace. President Eva Clayton and Mayor Leclerc are interviewed.

<https://www.terracestandard.com/news/city-of-terrace-and-nisgaa-lisims-government-hold-first-community-to-community-forum/>

**PRINCE GEORGE CITIZEN** / A January 28th article with Secretary-Treasurer Corinne McKay and Tahltan President Chad Day highlighting the benefits and potential the mining sector has and can bring to job creation and capacity building for Nisga'a and Tahltan citizens.

<https://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/news/local-news/economic-success-stories-bust-myths-about-mining-and-first-nations-in-b-c-1.24062974>

# Employment Opportunity / Child & Family Services Court Coordinator



Nisga'a Lisims Government

## JOB POSTING

POSTED: May 27, 2020

CLOSES: June 9, 2020

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**POSITION:** Child & Family Services Court Coordinator  
**SALARY RANGE:** Commensurate with Experience and Qualifications  
**SUPERVISOR:** Director of Programs & Services  
**HOURS:** 35 hours per week **TERM:** Term position to December 2020 (subject to a leave) **LOCATION:** Terrace, B.C.

**JOB SUMMARY:** The CFS coordinator will work directly with the Director and with In-House Legal Counsel and synchronizes approaches to matters involving Nisga'a children under the B.C. *Child, Family and Community Services Act* (the "CFCSA"), *Family Law Act*, and *Adoption Act* (together, "family court matters"). The CFS Coordinator maintains the effective and efficient administration of family court files and organization of matters involving Nisga'a citizens or persons identified as having Nisga'a lineage, on and off Nisga'a lands. Responsibilities include liaising with social workers and other representatives of the Ministry of Child and Family Services and of Delegated Aboriginal Agencies as required, as well as organizing and maintaining of case files, tracking case files, processing court documents. The CFS Coordinator attends or coordinates attendance in court for family court matters, by phone and in-person. The coordinator will liaise and collaborate with the internal and external agencies to support the Nisga'a cultural retention and planning for Nisga'a children in care. Due to the sensitive nature of the working environment, confidentiality is a requirement.

### DUTIES:

- Assisting in the establishment and maintenance of the cultural planning involving Nisga'a children in care under the B.C. *Child, Family and Community Services Act* (the "CFCSA"), *Family Law Act*, and *Adoption Act*;
- Coordinating and preparing for team meetings;
- As directed by the Director of Programs and Services in consultation with In-House Legal Counsel, attending court both in person and via telephone along with, or as the delegate of the Director of Programs and Services;
- Updating the database regarding cultural plans and cultural packages;
- Liaising with social workers, family group conference coordinators and where necessary counsel on CFCSA matters; including gathering information, working internally with Programs and Services staff and externally with social workers and other parties to ensure plans have been developed to preserve the connection of children to their Nisga'a culture;
- Liaising with Programs and Services staff to assist with registration of eligible children or parents as Nisga'a citizens;
- Liaising with the Director of Programs and Services, key Programs and Services staff, and In-House Legal Counsel on preparation and instructions for court;
- Preparing weekly reports for Director of Programs and Services and In-House Legal Counsel;
- Coordinating attendance at court including phone requisitions and travel arrangements as needed;
- Other duties as required.

### Qualifications, Experience & Skills:

- High School Diploma and Human Service Worker Diploma or Degree in social work or social programming.
- Experience with FileMaker Pro; Experience with the Child and Family Services Act;
- Excellent writing skills and high degree of competency in preparing written material for internal distribution and for court;
- Excellent oral communication skills;
- Firm understanding of court processes and the legal framework for children in care;
- Flexibility in schedules and willingness to work on several different projects at varying levels of responsibility

### Other:

- Valid B.C. Driver's license and reliable transportation;
- Willingness to travel;
- Criminal Records Check

Applicants are required to submit a resume with cover letter describing their qualifications and related experience prior to **5:00 pm on June 9, 2020**. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please be advised that social media checks are part of the recruitment process.

### APPLICATIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Nisga'a Lisims Government Attention: Human Resources Department  
P.O. BOX 231, New Aiyansh, B.C., V0J 1A0  
Fax Number: 250-633-2367 Email: [hr@nisga.net](mailto:hr@nisga.net)

# Employment Opportunity / Family Skills Worker



Nisga'a Lisims Government

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POST: May 28, 2020 CLOSING: June 10, 2020

**POSITION:** Family Skills Worker  
**SALARY RANGE:** Per the NCFS Wage Grid  
**SUPERVISOR:** Manager, Nisga'a Child and Family Services  
**HOURS:** 35 hours per week **TERM:** Full Time – Permanent **LOCATIONS:** New Aiyansh, BC

### JOB SUMMARY:

The Family Skills Worker provides a range of supports aimed at promoting the well-being of children, youth and families. Services will be provided throughout the Nass Valley including support to families who have experienced child protection interventions.

### DUTIES:

- Gathers information relevant to the client by interviewing, observing behavior, meeting with caregivers and service providers by using a variety of inventories, checklists and questionnaires;
- Provides support, guidance and problem-solving to clients to address issues related to family functioning in an individual or group setting using techniques such as active listening, conflict resolution, basic parenting groups to resolve the identified problems, needs, and risks;
- Develop and implement a Family Goal Plan;
- Liaise with Nisga'a Child and Family Development (NCFS) – Safety Team;
- Participate in the development, modification and evaluation of client service plans at integrated case management meetings on a regular basis to report clients' activities and progress;
- Outline services provided by the program and/or organization. Provides information on and referral to other community service providers, resources and professionals as required;
- Provides parenting and/or life skills building to clients on issues such as parent-child interaction, child development, discipline and guidance, and behavior management;
- Provides emotional support, provides assistance and feedback to clients, facilitate educational sessions and workshops to clients;
- Maintains client related records and statistics and provides reports to the supervisor;
- Performs other related duties as required;

### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Social Services Certificate / Diploma with two years extensive experience preferred;
- Related degree includes, Psychology, Sociology, Criminology, Anthropology, Child and Youth Certificate, Early Childhood Education, Theology, Indigenous Studies, Education, or Nursing. Other combinations of education may be considered with 2 years' experience in a related field
- Awareness of resources available for Substance and Domestic Abuse;

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills including an ability to communicate complex information to a wide variety of audiences;
- Demonstrated professionalism, judgment, diplomacy, tact, and sound decision making ability;
- Ability to prioritize, organize and manage a workload often including multiple, competing demands;
- Knowledge of the Nisga'a language and culture is a definite asset;

### OTHER:

The successful candidate will be required to have/complete/provide:

1. A valid BC Drivers' license with current drivers' abstract
2. Three recent work related references;
3. The successful candidate will be subject to a criminal records check.

Applicants are required to submit a resume with cover letter describing their qualifications and related experience prior to **5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2020**. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please be advised that, social media checks are part of the recruitment process.

ALL RESUME PACKAGES MAY BE DIRECTED TO: Nisga'a Lisims Government-Attention Human Resources Department  
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# Resolutions from Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a Meeting / March 30, 2020

## Resolution 2020 / 02

CONSIDERING THAT on March 13, 2020 the Speaker gave notice to Nisga'a representatives of a session of Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a to be held on March 30 and 31, 2020;

AND CONSIDERING THAT on March 17, 2020 British Columbia declared a state of emergency to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 cases;

AND CONSIDERING THAT on March 18, 2020 the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") held an extraordinary sitting to address the public health emergency, during which the Executive resolved, inter alia, that the agenda for the March Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a session be restricted to a one hour teleconference to address the extension of the 2019-2020 final budget;

AND CONSIDERING THAT on March 26, 2020 the Executive directed that this session of the Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a also consider a time sensitive amendment to the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement that will enable the Nisga'a Nation to receive additional health funding from Canada;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT under Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure of Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a (the "Rules"), the Rules be suspended to the extent necessary to permit Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a to proceed at this extraordinary sitting solely with the items of business specified in the revised agenda and order of business distributed by the Speaker on March 27, 2020;

AND THAT certain provisions of Nisga'a law, including but not limited to, section 30 of the *Nisga'a Financial Administration Act* and section 20 of the *Nisga'a Government Act*, be suspended in order to allow Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a to address those items of business specified in the revised agenda and order of business distributed on behalf of the Speaker on March 27, 2020.

## Resolution 2020 / 03

CONSIDERING THAT on March 17, 2020 British Columbia declared a state of emergency to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 cases;

AND CONSIDERING THAT on March 18, 2020 the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") held an extraordinary sitting to address the public health emergency, during which the Executive resolved, inter alia, that the agenda for the March Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a session be restricted to a one hour teleconference which will consider the extension of the 2019-2020 final budget maintaining the status quo of expenditures until such time as a full meeting of Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a can safely and effectively be convened;

AND CONSIDERING THAT on March 26, 2020 the Executive resolved to recommend to Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a the extension of the 2019-2020 final budget maintaining the status quo of expenditures on a month to month basis until such time as Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a can safely and effectively be convened to fully consider and debate the draft provisional budget for 2020-2021 that may include those additional funding requests raised during the provisional budget process based on available funding;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT, notwithstanding section 30 of the *Nisga'a Financial Administration Act*, and having regard to the exceptional circumstances and declaration of a state of emergency noted above, Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a hereby extend the 2019-2020 final budget on the basis recommended by Executive as noted above;

WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT, on the recommendation of the Nisga'a Finance Committee in its meeting of March 27, 2020 an amount of up to \$5,000,000 will be appropriated for the sole purpose of responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, with any expenditures from this appropriation to be approved by Executive upon recommendation by the Finance Committee.

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## Resolution 2020 / 04

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga'a Nation to enter into the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement (No. 3) Amending Agreement with Canada and British Columbia, substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "NNFFA No. 3 Amending Agreement");

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a request and consider a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the NNFFA No. 3 Amending Agreement.

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## Resolution 2020 / 05

CONSIDERING THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a has requested and considered a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the proposed Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement (No. 3) Amending Agreement among the Nisga'a Nation, Canada and British Columbia (the "NNFFA No. 3 Amending Agreement");

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a ratify the NNFFA No. 3 Amending Agreement substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

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*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 / 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 Trevena, 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");

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'ayuukhl 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.

## Resolution 2020 / 12

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.*

# Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting / February 24-25, 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 / 16

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive has reviewed a letter and resolution from the Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw (the "Village") expressing the Village's aspirations for economic and infrastructure development while fostering Nisga'a culture;

MOVED THAT the Executive authorize

1. the President to send a letter of support recognizing the Village's aspirations; and
2. the Chief Executive Officer to direct his administration to share available information with the Village in order to assist the Village in better meeting its aspirations.

### Resolution 2020 / 19

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Nation Education Conference take place in the fall of 2020 at a date to be specifically determined once planning for the Education Conference has sufficiently progressed, and that the Finance Committee consider carrying forward the funding set aside for the Education Conference in the 2019-2020 Final Budget into the Provisional Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

### Resolution 2020 / 20

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed a briefing note from the Council of Elders recommending that the Executive begin actively planning for a healing and treatment or recovery centre (the "Council of Elder's healing centre proposal");

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Council of Elder's healing centre proposal has the support of the Simgigat and Sigidim Haanaq' and of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a;

MOVED THAT the Executive accept the Council of Elders' recommendation that Nisga'a Lisims Government investigate and as soon as possible provide the means that will ensure the construction of a Healing and Treatment/ Recovery Center in K'alii-Aksim Lisims (Nass Valley).

### Resolution 2020 / 21

CONSIDERING THAT the Director of Enforcement and Emergency Services and the Emergency Response Services Manager of Nisga'a Lisims Government have prepared an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Emergency Support Services Grant (the "Nisga'a ESS Modernization application"), attached to this motion as Appendix "A";

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga'a ESS Modernization application requests funding from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in the amount of \$24,893.44;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed the Nisga'a ESS Modernization application;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the submission of the Nisga'a ESS Modernization application.

### Resolution 2020 / 22

CONSIDERING THAT the Director of Enforcement and Emergency Services and the Emergency Response Services Manager of Nisga'a Lisims Government have prepared an application to the First Nations Emergency Services Society and Indigenous Services Canada (the "FNESS - Fuel Treatment grant application"), attached to this motion as Appendix "A";

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AND CONSIDERING THAT the purpose of the program for which funding is sought under the FNESS Fuel Treatment grant application is to reduce the amount of hazardous fuels around Nisga'a Villages identified as high hazard rating in Nisga'a Lisims Governments Community Wildfire Protection Plan;

AND CONSIDERING THAT the FNESS Fuel Treatment grant application requests funding in the amount of \$220,000;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed the FNESS Fuel Treatment grant application;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the submission of the FNESS Fuel Treatment grant application.

## Resolution 2020 / 23

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed a briefing note provided by the Director of Enforcement and Emergency Services and the Emergency Response Services Manager, dated February 12, 2020, concerning the participation of the Nisga'a Nation in the Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary attached as Schedule "A" to this motion (the "Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary briefing note");

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary briefing note recommends that the Executive approve the Nisga'a Nation's participation in the Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign a letter of intent attached as Schedule "B" to this motion (the "Nisga'a Letter of Intent");

MOVED THAT the Executive

1. approve the Nisga'a Nation's participation in the Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary; and
2. authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Nisga'a Letter of Intent.

## Resolution 2020 / 24

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") by Executive resolution 2014 / 31 authorized the granting to Mr. Craig McKay of a licence of occupation to Lot 3 as set out in the Lax Da'oots'ip Management Plan (the "Licence of Occupation");

AND CONSIDERING THAT Mr. McKay passed away on October 6, 2018, and that Mr. McKay's spouse Traceylonn McKay has requested the assignment of the Licence of Occupation;

AND CONSIDERING THAT article 7.1(c) of the Licence of Occupation states that the tenure can be transferred with written consent by the Nisga'a Nation;

MOVED THAT the Executive consents to and authorizes the transfer to Traceylonn McKay of the Licence of Occupation.

## Resolution 2020 / 25

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government direct the Director of Lands and Resources to

1. work with general counsel to review options to compel payment of property tax with respect to lands held by Lax Kw'alaams Band Council under the Licence of Occupation on Nisga'a Lands, and
2. investigate the other issues raised by the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap in the Village Government resolutions dated June 20, 2019, attached as Appendix "A" to this motion.

## Resolution 2020 / 27

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government approve the policy governing the creation of a new cost centre or directorate attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

*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 / March 25-26, 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 / 37

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government support the proposal that Laxgalts'ap Village Government and School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) work together to provide a blended model for an independent school in the Village of Laxgalts'ap in a letter of intent for presentation to Nisga'a Lisims Government and ultimately to the Ministry of Education.

### Resolution 2020 / 39

CONSIDERING THAT on March 17, 2020 British Columbia declared a state of emergency to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 cases;

AND CONSIDERING THAT on March 18, 2020 the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") held an extraordinary sitting to address the public health emergency, during which the Executive resolved, inter alia, that the agenda for the March Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a session be restricted to a one hour teleconference which will consider the extension of the 2019-2020 final budget maintaining the status quo of expenditures until such time as a full meeting of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a can safely and effectively be convened;

MOVED THAT, notwithstanding section 29 of the *Nisga'a Financial Administration Act*, and having regard to the exceptional circumstances and declaration of a state of emergency noted above, the Executive now recommend to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a an extension of the 2019-2020 final budget maintaining the status quo of expenditures on a month to month basis until such time as Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a can safely and conveniently be convened to fully consider and debate the draft provisional budget for 2020-2021 that may include those additional funding requests raised during the provisional budget process based on available funding.

### Resolution 2020 / 40

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government

1. support the drafting of a special Act for the consideration of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a which would permit borrowing by the Nisga'a Village of Gingolx for the purpose of paving its community, notwithstanding restrictions on borrowing in the *Nisga'a Financial Administration Act* (the "special *Gingolx Paving Act*"); and
2. authorize the President to sign a letter expressing Executive's support for the drafting of the special *Gingolx Paving Act*.

### Resolution 2020 / 41

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 for grant funding to allow for the modernization of the Nisga'a Nations Emergency Operation Center, the application for which is attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "UBCM Nisga'a Nation EOC Modernization grant application");

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the UBCM Nisga'a Nation EOC Modernization grant application requests funding in the amount of \$25,000;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the submission of the UBCM Nisga'a Nation EOC Modernization grant application, and authorize the signing of a letter of support in relation to the application.

### Resolution 2020 / 42

CONSIDERING THAT pursuant to section 3(1) of the *Nisga'a Land Title Act*, the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") must appoint the Registrar;

MOVED THAT the Executive appoint Mr. Edward Allen as Registrar of Land Titles effective as of April 1, 2020.

## Resolution 2020 / 43

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed the draft Implementation Report for the 2016-2017 fiscal year prepared by the Tripartite Implementation Report Working Group and attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Draft Implementation Report");

MOVED THAT the Executive adopt the Draft Implementation Report.

## Resolution 2020 / 44

- A. the Nisga'a Nation Delegated Services Agreement, effective March 4, 2010, as amended, between the Nisga'a Nation and British Columbia (the "NNSA"), provides for the Nisga'a Nation to provide delegated child and family services;
- B. the Non-Delegated Services Liability Insurance and Indemnity Agreement, dated April 1, 2010, as amended, between British Columbia and the Nisga'a Nation (the "NDSLIIA"), addresses liability and insurance matters respecting the non-delegated child and family services set out in Schedule F of the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement (No. 3) dated April 1, 2019 (the "NNFFA");
- C. the terms of both the NNSA and the NDSLIIA expire on March 31, 2020;
- D. section 18.7 of the NNSA states that the NNSA may be amended in writing from time to time,
- E. section 13 of the NDSLIIA allows the NDSLIIA to be amended in writing; and
- F. extending the terms of both the NNSA and NDSLIIA is in the interests of the Nisga'a Nation,

MOVED THAT the Executive

1. approve the Nisga'a Nation Delegated Services Agreement Amending Agreement No. 4 substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "NNSA Extension"), or with such modifications as may be determined to be appropriate by the President in

- consultation with the Secretary-Treasurer, Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer and legal counsel; and
2. approve a letter extending the term of the NDSLIIA substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "B" (the "NDSLIIA Extension"), or with such modifications as may be determined to be appropriate by the President in consultation with the Secretary-Treasurer, Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer and legal counsel; and
3. authorize and direct the President, for and on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation, to execute the NDSLIIA Extension and the NNSA Extension.

## Resolution 2020 / 45

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government support the application by the Nisga'a Nation, on behalf of Northern Native Fisheries Corporation, for a grant under the New Relationships Trust Tribal Councils Policy Initiative, attached to this motion as Appendix "A."

## Resolution 2020 / 46

MOVED THAT the administration of Nisga'a Lisims Government be directed to develop a consultation policy for the coordinated and efficient use of resources and that the Data Analyst be engaged to collect information for reporting and information gathering purposes.

## Resolution 2020 / 48

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government modify its budget recommendation to Wilp Si'ayuuqhl Nisga'a to accord with the Finance Committee's recommendation at its March 27, 2020 meeting that an amount of up to \$5,000,000 be appropriated for the sole purpose of responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, with any expenditures from this appropriation to be approved by Executive upon recommendation by the Finance 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.*

# Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting / April 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 / 51

CONSIDERING THAT the term of trusteeship for the trustee appointed by the Nisga'a Nation (the "Nisga'a Nation Trustee") to the Lisims Fisheries Conservation Trust (the "Trust") will expired on May 31, 2020; section 47(b) of the Trust requires the Nisga'a Nation to appoint a replacement Nisga'a Nation Trustee within 30 days of the Nisga'a Nation Trustee ceasing to be a trustee;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive reappoint Allan Gould as the Nisga'a Nation Trustee to the Trust, for a term commencing June 1, 2020 and expiring May 31, 2023.

attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Property Tax Rates for 2020 briefing note"), which briefing note recommends that the Executive:

1. not amend the element D rate of 64.39 prescribed in the Rate Regulation for Class 2 properties for 2019; and
2. not establish an element D rate for Class 5 and 6 properties in the Rate Regulation which allows the total tax rate for such properties to be determined under section 15 of the *Tax Act*;

MOVED THAT the Executive accept the recommendations in the Property Tax Rates for 2020 briefing note.

### Resolution 2020 / 53

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Finance Committee during its March 19, 2020 meeting passed a motion to support the adoption of the Nisga'a Lisims Government – Sports and Recreation Equipment Fund Policy substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A";

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, having received the Sports and Recreation Equipment Fund Policy, support the adoption of the Nisga'a Lisims Government – Sports and Recreation Equipment Fund Policy as presented.

### Resolution 2020 / 58

CONSIDERING THAT the Chief Financial Officer of Nisga'a Lisims Government has provided to the Executive a memorandum dated April 22, 2020 concerning COVID-19 funding (the "COVID-19 funding memorandum"), attached to this motion as Appendix "A";

AND CONSIDERING THAT the COVID-19 funding memorandum sets out the recommendations of the Nisga'a Finance Committee at its meetings of April 9 and April 16, 2020 concerning the current need for disbursement of COVID-19 funds;

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government

1. adopt recommendations 2 through 5 as set out in the COVID-19 funding memorandum, and
2. in lieu of recommendation 1, Executive directs the following allocation of the \$1,330,594 funding received as part of Indigenous Community Support Fund:

### Resolution 2020 / 57

CONSIDERING THAT under the *Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act* (the "Act"), the Executive has enacted, and may from time to time amend, the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Rate Regulation (the "Rate Regulation");

AND CONSIDERING THAT the Executive has reviewed a briefing note provided by the Chief Financial Officer dated April 22, 2020, entitled "Property Tax Rates for 2020,"

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Gitlaxt'aamiks	\$166,324.25
Gingolx	\$166,324.25
Gitwinksihlkw	\$166,324.25
Laxgalts'ap	\$166,324.25
Prince Rupert	\$166,324.25
Terrace	\$166,324.25
Vancouver	\$166,324.25
NLG	\$166,324.25

## Resolution 2020 / 59

CONSIDERING THAT that it is desirable to authorize short-term timber harvesting on limited areas of Nisga'a Lands by 1014075 B.C. Ltd., in its capacity as General Partner for and on behalf of Lisims Forest Resources Limited Partnership ("LFR");

MOVED THAT under section 11(2) of the *Nisga'a Forest Act* the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive:

1. approve an agreement with LFR substantially in the form of the timber harvesting licence attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "LFR Short-Term Timber Harvesting Licence"); and
2. authorize the Director of Lands and Resources to execute the LFR Short-Term Timber Harvesting Licence on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Executive.

## Resolution 2020 / 60

CONSIDERING THAT on May 11, 2000 the Nisga'a Nation granted licences of occupation to existing tenures holders (the "Licences") for navigational sites, hydrometric stations, and communication sites to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness as representing the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (the "Licence Holders");

AND CONSIDERING THAT the Licences all expire on May 10, 2020;

AND CONSIDERING THAT the Licence Holders have applied under the *Nisga'a Land Act* for a disposition for the continued occupation on Nisga'a Lands;

MOVED THAT under section 6 of the *Nisga'a Land Act* the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive grant to the Licence Holders replacement Licences, as follows:

- a) the Director of Lands and Resources (the "Director"), on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to each of the Licence Holders, for execution and return, a replacement licence substantially in the form attached to this motion as Schedule "A" (the "Licence of Occupation"); and
- b) upon the execution by the Licence Holders and return of the Licences of Occupation to the Director, the Director be authorized to sign and date the Licences of Occupation on behalf of the Executive.

## Resolution 2020 / 61

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Land and Resources Directorate has produced a plan to guide the management of the Nisga'a Nation's fee simple property known as Nass Camp (the "Nass Camp Management Plan"), which is attached to this motion as Appendix "A"; and

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Lands and Resources Committee, in its meeting of March 2, 2020, reviewed the Nass Camp Management Plan and recommended its adoption by Executive;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive adopt the Nass Camp Management Plan.

## Resolution 2020 / 62

CONSIDERING THAT pursuant to resolution 2019/166, the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government approved a management plan for the recently acquired Ksi Sii Aks fee simple property (the "Ksi Sii Aks property") which determined that a suitable use for the Ksi Sii Aks property would be a safe house for children in crisis;

AND CONSIDERING THAT Nisga'a Child & Family Services ("NCFS") has asked to use the Ksi Sii'Aks property in order to provide a space to house children in crisis;

AND CONSIDERING THAT the Lands and Resources Committee, in its meeting of March 2, 2020, recommended that the Executive approve NCFS's request to use the Ksi Sii Aks property in order to provide a space to house children in crisis;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the request made by NCFS to use the Ksi Sii Aks property for the purpose of providing a space to house children in crisis, subject to final budget approval.

## Resolution 2020 / 63

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") is committed to openness and transparency in its decision-making in Executive and Executive committee meetings;

MOVED THAT the Executive now release to the public the following resolutions passed in camera pertaining to the May 15, 2019 email and the Special Committee struck by the Executive to investigate allegations in the email:

2019 / 58	May 21, 2019
2019 / 69	May 23, 2019
2019 / 87	June 28, 2019
2019 / 88	June 28, 2019
2019 / 152	November 26, 2019
2019 / 153	November 26, 2019
2019 / 154	November 26, 2019
2019 / 169	December 18, 2019
2020 / 28	February 25, 2020

together with the result of votes on the motions, and including the attachments to these resolutions, with the exception of any attachment that would disclose the confidential or personal information of employees.

## Resolution 2020 / 64

CONSIDERING THAT the Emergency Services Manager, working with Calian Emergency Management, has a presentation entitled "Nisga'a Lisims Government Tabletop Exercise Briefing" dated February 12, 2020, attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "NLG Tabletop Exercise Briefing presentation");

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government

1. receive the NLG Tabletop Exercise Briefing presentation; and direct the Emergency Services Manager to work toward implementing the recommendations in the report.

## Resolution 2020 / 65

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive")

1. support the finalization of a collaboration agreement between Geoscience BC and the Nisga'a Nation; and
2. direct the Director of Lands and Resources to work with Geoscience BC to develop a form of collaboration agreement that can be brought to the Executive as soon as possible.

*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 / May 26-27, 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 / 67

CONSIDERING THAT that it is in the interest of the Nisga'a Nation that 1014075 B.C. Ltd., in its capacity as General Partner for and on behalf of Lisims Forest Resources Limited Partnership ("LFR"), have expedited approval to harvest timber on certain additional cutblocks under the short-term timber harvesting licence granted to it in accordance with Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive Resolution 2020/59 (the "LFR Short-Term Licence");

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, under sections 11(2) and 19(5) of the *Nisga'a Forest Act*:

1. approve amendments to the LFR Short-Term Licence substantially in the form shown attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Licence Amendments"); and
2. authorize the Director of Lands and Resources to:
  - a) revise the LFR Short-Term Licence so as to incorporate the Licence Amendments;
  - b) execute the revised LFR Short-Term Licence on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Executive; and
  - c) give effect to such amendments to the forest development plan for the LFR Short-Term Licence as are needed to reflect the Licence Amendments, without the need to make those amendments available for review and public comment in accordance with section 19(2)(c) of the *Nisga'a Forest Act*.

### Resolution 2020 / 70

CONSIDERING THAT Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission ("CRTC") has declared that broadband internet is an essential service;

AND CONSIDERING THAT CRTC has developed a policy outlining minimum standards for all licensees (the "Minimum Standards") and is accepting funding applications to bridge the digital divide and enable rural communities to improve access by improving internet speeds (the "CRTC Fund");

AND CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Nation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Lisims Internet & Technology Ltd., are licensed with CRTC to own telecommunications facilities and offer internet and other services to customers and are required to comply with the Minimum Standards;

AND CONSIDERING THAT the CRTC Fund applications are due on June 1, 2020 and CRTC is prioritizing funding applications for residential homes where the host organization contributes funding;

AND FURTHER CONSIDERING THAT it is in the best interest of Nisga'a citizens to have comparable levels of internet to residents living elsewhere in the province;

MOVED THAT the Executive

1. recommend to Finance Committee and to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a that the Finance Committee and Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a approve \$1,000,000 in funding (the "Nisga'a Nation Investment") on the understanding that the Nisga'a Nation Investment will be matched by a CRTC contribution of \$2,800,000 (for a total investment of \$3,800,000);
2. authorize the NLG IT Manager to work with the Chief Administrative Officers of each of the Nisga'a Villages, Nisga'a Valley Health Authority, the Kitimat Stikine Regional District, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute, and other current customers to obtain letters of support on behalf of their communities, students and constituents.

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## Resolution 2020 / 71

CONSIDERING THAT Gingolx Village Government on behalf of the Nisga'a Village of Gingolx. ("Gingolx") has requested the issuance of a licence of occupation issued under section 17 of the *Nisga'a Land Act* to access a gravel pit on Nisga'a Lands to develop rip rap and other gravel materials for a paving and drainage project within Village Lands; MOVED THAT under section 6 of the *Nisga'a Land Act*, the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive grant to Gingolx a licence of occupation in the form substantially the same as the one attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

1. the Director of Lands and Resources, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to Gingolx, for execution and return, a licence of occupation substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" with the Legal Description Schedule and the Site Plan Schedule of the licence completed to the Director's satisfaction; and
2. upon the execution by Gingolx and return to the Director of the licence of occupation delivered under paragraph (1), the Director be authorized to date and execute the licence of occupation on behalf of the Executive.

## Resolution 2020 / 72

CONSIDERING THAT the Council of Elders has made a number of recommendations brought forward to Executive through the briefing note of the Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department dated May 20, 2020, attached to this motion as Appendix A;

MOVED THAT the Executive accept the recommendations in the Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department briefing note and direct as follows:

1. that Sigidim-naḵ' K'alii-XS'ootkw, Nancy Moore, who is currently the alternate for the late Andrew Mercer, Sim'oogit Wisin Xbiltkw, be requested to attend the Council of Elders in Mr. Mercer's place until the vacancy in the regular position created by Mr. Mercer's passing can be filled;
2. that the Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department be encouraged to hold annual public meetings in each of four Nisga'a Villages to bolster interest in the Council of Elders and answer any questions from elders who may be interested in appointment to the Council of Elders; and
3. that Programs and Services analyze the policy, legal and financial implications of changing the *Nisga'a Government Act* to lower the age of eligibility for appointment to the Council of Elders and bring forward a recommendation to Executive for consideration of a possible legislative change.

*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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