



Sayt-K'ilim-Goot

one heart, one path, one nation

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President's Message

*Speech to the Media from Provincial Legislature
November 27, 2014.*

Today the Nisga'a Nation has taken another step forward as a participant in the LNG industry, and in so doing, facilitated the further development of the LNG industry in British Columbia.

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NLG PRESIDENT H. MITCHELL STEVENS ADDRESSES THE MEDIA AT THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.



Nisga'a Nation positioned for LNG opportunity

VICTORIA / The Province and the Nisga'a Lisims Government today are celebrating the passage of two key pieces of legislation and two economic benefit agreements that support the Nisga'a Nation's effort to become a major participant in B.C.'s liquefied natural gas export economy.

The B.C. legislature passed the Nisga'a Final Agreement Amendment Act today which establishes the Nisga'a Lisims Government as the property taxation authority over Nisga'a Lands, the 2,000 square kilometres of lands the Nisga'a Nation owns and has legislative jurisdiction over under the Nisga'a Treaty.

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On July 31, 2014 the Nisga'a Nation signed a tax agreement with British Columbia to implement the tax provisions of the Nisga'a Final Agreement that gave the Nisga'a Nation the ability levy and collect property taxes on our lands. The legislation passed today will ensure that the Nisga'a Nation will benefit from the property taxes paid by LNG pipelines and other industrial developments that will take place on Nisga'a Lands.

On November 6, 2014 the Nisga'a Nation signed a Benefits Agreement with Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd. which assures project certainty to PRGT and provides the Nisga'a Nation with numerous financial and other benefits including an option to transport natural gas through the pipeline.

Last week on November 20, 2014 the Nisga'a Nation signed a Benefits Agreement with the Province of BC in support of the PRGT project, which provides PRGT with certainty for developments on Nisga'a lands.

Next week, we will return home to our own legislature to enact our taxation legislation to complete the process to establish the Nisga'a Nation property taxation system.

Since the effective date of the Treaty in May 2000, we have been committed to achieving sustainable prosperity and self-reliance for our people through establishing this tax regime which was provided for in the Nisga'a Treaty.

We believe that we can not only benefit from this industry for our people, but also make contributions to the establishment of this industry in BC.

The opportunities available to the Nisga'a Nation are the types of opportunities for which our ancestors fought for over a century, to assure our collective future prosperity into the next century. These agreements are important for our people and are another step towards achieving sustainable prosperity for the Nisga'a Nation.

All of this has been achieved without surrendering any of our interests in Nisga'a Lands. We continue to own the 2,000 sq. km of Nisga'a Lands that we owned before we entered into these Agreements.

Moreover, exercising our rights under the Environmental Chapter of the Nisga'a Treaty, we have protected our lands, our waters, our fisheries, and our wildlife for our people to ensure that we can also continue our way of life living on the land as we have done since time immemorial.

The benefits we have secured under these Agreements will form part of the transformation and improvement to our quality of life that has been long hoped for by the Nisga'a Nation.

Our elders understood that once our rights had been protected and perfected by our Treaty, it would ensure that the Nisga'a Nation would become an active participant in any significant economic activities in the Nass Area. We can affirmatively state that our Treaty has made this progress possible today.

Finally, we take this moment to serve notice to the LNG sector that as a result of our agreement with PRGT, we hold the option to an unparalleled opportunity for an LNG investor to join the Nisga'a Nation in bringing LNG to market. The Nisga'a Nation holds an option to transport natural gas in the pipeline to an LNG liquefaction facility to be located on Nisga'a Lands. We invite interested LNG investors to contact us about our 4 strategically located sites which are ideally suited for LNG development and shipment overseas.

In closing, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Province of British Columbia for enacting this legislation and joining us in partnership in providing certainty for investment in the Province of British Columbia.

Thank you,
Sim'oojit K'a'ween /
H. Mitchell Stevens
PRESIDENT



H. MITCHELL STEVENS ON BNN.

The legislation enables the Nisga'a Nation to levy and collect property tax from persons other than Nisga'a citizens, including companies that operate industrial installations, such as LNG pipelines and infrastructure. It gives effect to the Real Property Tax Co-ordination Agreement between the Nisga'a Nation and the Province, the provisions of which are available only to modern treaty First Nations.

The B.C. legislature also passed the *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act*. The legislation is a first step in a process to remove 63.5 hectares from Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park, a provincial park jointly managed by the Province and the Nisga'a Nation under the Nisga'a Treaty. The land to be removed from the park is to facilitate a right-of-way corridor for Prince Rupert Gas Transmission's (PRGT) proposed 900-kilometre pipeline project.

Last month, the Nisga'a Nation concluded a Benefits Agreement with Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd. which provides for substantial financial and other benefits to the Nisga'a Nation, including an option to transport a fixed amount of natural gas through the PRGT pipeline. The Nisga'a Nation is actively seeking investors to utilize this option to locate an LNG liquefaction facility on Nisga'a Lands.

Last week, the Nisga'a Nation and the Province entered into a Benefits Agreement for significant financial benefits in relation to the proposed PRGT pipeline.

Both agreements provide substantial benefits and business opportunities to the Nisga'a Nation and certainty for the proponent within Nisga'a Lands and the Nass Valley.

These legislative amendments and agreements demonstrate the many types of benefits related to LNG available to First Nations. Benefit sharing with First Nations is the path to partnership on economic development, and complements industry impact benefit agreements that provide jobs and economic development.

The Nisga'a Treaty is the first modern-day treaty in British Columbia. It provides constitutional certainty in respect of the Nisga'a Nation's right of self-government and economic, social and cultural benefits envisioned by the Nisga'a Nation's chiefs and elders and has been an inspiration to Indigenous people across Canada and internationally.

Quotes:

JOHN RUSTAD, MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION /

"These pieces of legislation and economic benefit agreements demonstrate the bold and innovative leadership that the Nisga'a people are showing in terms of embracing opportunities and finding balance between cultural and environmental values, while pursuing the creation of an economy."

MITCHELL STEVENS, PRESIDENT OF THE NISGA'A LISIMS GOVERNMENT /

"The Nisga'a Nation negotiated these agreements as a self-governing Nation having ownership of and legislative jurisdiction over our lands and responsibility for providing economic opportunities for our people. Our Treaty has paved the way for these agreements and the potential for achieving sustainable prosperity for our people. Today, we

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move forward as partners with the Province and industry in B.C.'s LNG economy, and as a Nation well positioned to benefit from employment, economic growth and investment emerging from LNG development in northern B.C."

MARY POLAK, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT /

"The passage of this legislation would not have been possible without the leadership of the Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG). As stewards of the land, the NLG has partnered with the Province of B.C. to ensure sustainable and responsible economic development that respects their traditional values."

MICHAEL DE JONG, MINISTER OF FINANCE /

"This benefit agreement and legislation support the LNG goals of both the Nisga'a Nation and the province. Together, these negotiated accomplishments demonstrate the collaborative government-to-government relationship that serves economic development and provides new opportunities both for the Nisga'a people and the province of B.C."

RICH COLEMAN, DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT /

"We're growing our natural gas sector to create future economic opportunities for all British Columbians. This legislation ensures the Nisga'a Nation can prosper from development moving forward as we position our province as a leader in natural gas production and supply."

Quick Facts:

- Nisga'a Nation will receive about \$6 million from a Prince Rupert Gas Transmission (PRGT) pipeline benefit agreement from the Province and a yet-to-be-determined share of \$10 million per year in annual benefits.
- Nisga'a Nation also signed a benefit agreement with PRGT on Nov. 6, 2014.
- The *Nisga'a Final Agreement Amendment Act* gives effect to the Real Property Tax Co-ordination Agreement

(RPTCA) between the Province and the Nisga'a Nation.

- Under the RPTCA, the Nisga'a will be able to collect property taxes from residential and industrial properties on Nisga'a Lands, including LNG pipelines and infrastructure.
- TransCanada's PRGT project is proposed to run 900 km from northeast B.C. to the proposed Pacific NorthWest LNG export facility at Lelu Island near Prince Rupert.
- The pipeline route would run approximately 97 kilometres through Nisga'a Lands and the Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park.
- The Province is collaborating with First Nations, industry and federal agencies on First Nations-driven LNG Environmental Stewardship Initiative.
- This fall, the B.C. government announced rates for LNG proponents connecting to BC Hydro's electrical grid, introduced the *LNG Income Tax Act*, and legislation to ensure B.C. has the cleanest LNG facilities in the world.

Learn More:

Read about the pipeline benefit agreement between the Nisga'a Nation and the Province: ow.ly/ETEYo

For information on TransCanada's proposed PRGT pipeline project: ow.ly/EbO5j

Read about the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Co-ordination Agreement and the *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act*: ow.ly/DYO9y

Read about the *Liquefied Natural Gas Income Tax Act*: ow.ly/DYOXm

For more on the Nisga'a Nation, see: www.nisgaanation.ca

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Majagaleehl Nisga'a marches in Grey Cup Parade

Concert bands have been a staple in modern Nisga'a society since the late 1800s. The New Aiyansh Harmonic Silver Band, Gitwinksihlkw Brass Band, Greenville Concert Band and Kincolith Concert Band have seen generations of men and women carry on the traditions and musical talents that are still alive and well today.

On Saturday November 29, it was a journey of historic proportions for Majagaleehl K'ali-Aksim Lisims as they lit up the streets of downtown Vancouver rendering their harmonic and upbeat musical selections as they proudly marched in the 102nd Grey Cup Parade.

Historic and monumental in not only the sense that it is the farthest and largest metropolitan city the united Nass Valley band has ever travelled – but also because in the short time frame in which they had to prepare for their journey south, they brought the four Nass Valley communities together to work toward their common goal as the Nisga'a United Band and in the spirit of Sayt-K'ilim-Çoot.

In recent years each community band had experienced the loss of many of the senior, more experienced members and a decline in newer, younger membership. However the presence of the bands was still notable at community functions such as weddings, festivals, memorials, funerals and other community events with a core group from each community keeping the tradition strong and alive. When the united band received their invitation to participate in the 102nd Grey Cup parade it was then that the core band members embarked on a recruitment campaign to invite new members to join in on the historic journey, forcing some out of retirement and others to dust off the instruments from high school.

With well over 100 members, the Nisga'a United Band began an intensive two month fundraising campaign with an overwhelming show of community, Nisga'a Government and corporate support – making their ultimate goal achievable and a remarkable success.

The band scheduled their practices twice weekly on a rotational basis throughout each of the four Nisga'a Villages, ending each week with a third marching practice marvelling



the streets of each Nisga'a village with their joyous upbeat medley. Community onlookers were drawn out of their houses to observe practices and to join in the joyous marches – many opening their wallets to offer what financial contributions they could in support of the band's fundraising efforts.

In the final days leading up to the journey to the Grey Cup, the band hosted a formal gala concert and fundraiser in Laxgalts'ap that attracted hundreds from all over the Northwest. The following day they ventured to Terrace to perform for a roaring, celebratory crowd at the REM Lee Theatre. Upon arrival in Vancouver, the united band was then welcomed in a formal banquet by the Nisga'a Community of Ts'amiks at the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre where they delivered another stellar performance to a joyous crowd.

And then the day arrived. Show time for Majagaleehl Nisga'a was now upon them on that cold November morning, where they would perform for thousands of parade onlookers in the 102nd Grey Cup parade. Did they deliver!

In the crowds of thousands that lined the downtown Vancouver streets were many beaming, proud Nisga'a supporters – many elderly who were nostalgic and brought back to a time when the flower of Nisga'a communities were a force to be reckoned with.

The Nisga'a United Band re-awakening did much for all of us and we thank them for bringing about the "Happy Days" through the fine art of music once again.

NESS commemorates Unity Day 2014



NISGA'A UNITY DAY / celebrated annually on November 1st – is a significant day to commemorate the opening of School District #92 (Nisga'a) on November 1, 1977.

37 years later, the powerful symbol of that glorious day stands toweringly overlooking the Nass Valley as a reminder to us today of the tireless efforts of our leaders to bring K-12 education home to the Nass Valley.

The Unity Pole – carved by W'ahlin Sim'oogit W'ii Gadim Xsgaak, the late Eli Gosnell – was a feat in itself in that it was the first totem pole carved and raised in the Nass Valley in over a century.

The first generation of students that walked through the doors of a shiny new Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School (NESS) 37 years ago would be parents and grandparents now – some with grandchildren that are present-day NESS pupils.

On Monday November 3, 2014 NESS students and faculty hosted a belated Unity Day celebration at NESS. The Council of Elders were invited to participate with the youth in workshop-style discussion groups. The topic: 'What does respect and compassion mean to you?'

Students were divided in to groups by tribe. In the first session members of the Council of Elders delivered talks about unity and respect – providing students invaluable lessons on the history of the creation of the school district, and offering yuuhlimk'askw (counselling) on the importance of kwhlixoosa'anskw (respect).

As one can remember being an adolescent, shyness may overcome you. So while the discussions with elders were not the most engaging, it was apparent that the students showed an earnest willingness to respectfully listen.

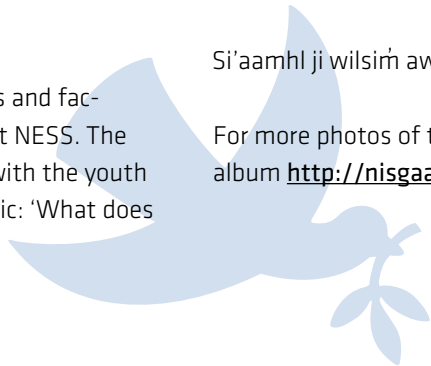
An assembly followed in the gymnasium to conclude the days' festivities where 6 young ladies exemplified great leadership and courage as they stood in front of their peers to deliver their carefully crafted essays on the meaning and importance of respect.

Among them was high school senior Darrian Mills, a Ksim Laxgibuu from Wilps N'agwa'un of Laxgalts'ap. Darrian was acknowledged by Gitlaxt'aamiks Chief Councillor Gerald Robinson for her work in spearheading the writing of an apology letter to elders and community leaders. After witnessing disrespectful behaviour at a back to school march at the beginning of the school year, Darrian was compelled to write the letter and then collected some 90 signatures from her peers. Chief Councillor Robinson presented Darrian and her peers with a carved feather and an eagle feather for their tremendous show of respect.

Darrian later concluded her essay delivery so eloquently, "My fellow students of NESS, we're not always going to have our elders. One day it is going to be us. We are going to be future leaders of the Nisga'a, so that's why it is important for us to learn right now because we're sponges, we're so young. It's important for us to learn respect now."

Si'aamhl ji wilsirh awesome-NESS!

For more photos of the Unity Day activities, visit our photo album <http://nisgaanation.zenfolio.com/p20248729>



Nisga'a Fisheries "Original Art Design Contest"



Do you enjoy drawing and painting?

Nisga'a Fisheries & Wildlife will be conducting an original art piece contest with two themes:

- K-Grade 8: What will fishing be like in the future?
- Grade 9-12: What does sustainable fisheries management mean to you?

Please send us your completed original artwork (crayon, pencil, charcoal, watercolor, or acrylic) concerning either of these themes and YOU CAN WIN!

A prize draw will be awarded to one picture from each category:

- Kindergarten to Grade 4: 1st Prize – iPod Touch
- Grades 5-9: 1st Prize – Xbox One
- Grades 10-12: 1st Prize – Laptop

2nd and 3rd Place Prizes will also be awarded to each category!

All entries are to be mailed and/or dropped off in person along with entry form by January 31, 2015 to:

Nisga'a Fisheries & Wildlife Office
PO Box 228 / New Aiyansh, BC V0J 1A0
Phone: 250 633 2617 / Office Hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm

CONTEST RULES:

- Must be a Nisga'a citizen
- All artwork must be the student's original creation
- All entries will be judged on the quality and artistic interpretation of chosen theme
- Only one entry per student will be accepted

Nisga'a Moose Hunting Season

NISGA'A MOOSE HUNTING SEASON is open for the successfully drawn permit holders from December 1, 2014 to January 15, 2015.

Each participant will require the following items:

- 2014/15 Nisga'a Moose permit
- a valid Nisga'a Hunting License
- a valid Nisga'a Citizenship Card
- a valid PAL

Pursuant to the Nisga'a Annual Wildlife Management Plan, the moose harvest allocation is 25 Bull only.

Any citizen who was successful in obtaining a permit, must be actively hunting for the permit to be valid as this permit is non-transferable.

All other BC/Federal Regulations need to be adhered to including:

- Road closures
- No shooting areas (ie. within village limits)
- No shooting from vehicles
- No hunting at night



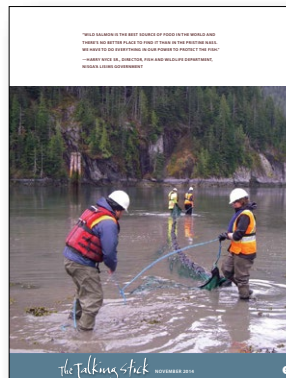
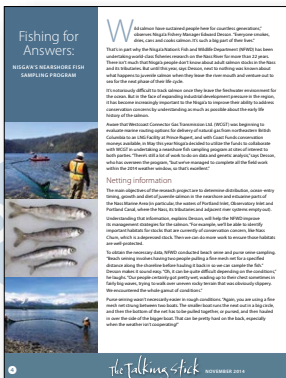
Nisga'a featured in *The Talking Stick* / November 2014

WILD SALMON HAVE SUSTAINED people here for countless generations," observes Nisga'a Fishery Manager Edward Desson. "Everyone smokes, dries, cans and cooks salmon. It's such a big part of their lives."

That's in part why the Nisga'a Nation's Fish & Wildlife Department (NFD) has been undertaking world-class fisheries research on the Nass River for more than 22 years. Read more on pages 4-6 of *The Talking Stick*.

Nisga'a Lisims Government wins 2014 Cando Award. Read more on page 11 of *The Talking Stick*.

To read these online, go to: www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/The%20Talking%20Stick.pdf



NLG RFPs for banking services

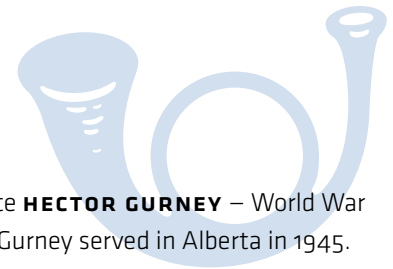
This RFP is for banking services to Nisga'a Lisims Government and does not include financial services for the four Nisga'a Villages, three Urban Locals, or any of NLG's commercial entities

This is a request for proposals and is not a tender. This RFP does not include financial services for the administration or management of the Nisga'a Settlement Trust.

Responses may be submitted by mail, email or fax.

Read more at www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/NLG%20-%20RFP%20for%20Banking%20Services%20Nov%2025%202014%20%282%29.pdf

A tribute to Nisga'a Veterans on Remembrance Day



The late **HECTOR GURNEY** – World War II. Mr. Gurney served in Alberta in 1945.

REGINALD SAMPARE, SR. of Laxgalts'ap served in the First Battalion Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry Fort Macleod Germany from 1963–1966.

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

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

Many Nisga'a citizens have proudly contributed to Canadian wartime efforts and on this Remembrance Day we remember and honour, among them:

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

The late **MILTON CLARK** served in World War II. Following his basic training, Milton actively served overseas from 1941–1945 and was awarded 5 medals.

The late **REGINALD DANGELI** – World War II, Master Sergeant who served in the Asian Pacific Campaign/Phillipines.

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

In honour and support of the many Canadian veterans, Nisga'a Lisims Government participated in the Royal Canadian Legion's annual Remembrance Day poppy campaign. \$148.55 in monetary donations have been collected by NLG and will be donated to the Royal Canada Legion – Terrace branch.

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



(LATE) MILTON CLARK.



(LATE) REGINALD DANGELI.



(LATE) HECTOR GURNEY.



REGINALD SAMPARE, SR.

Nisga'a Entrepreneurship Program / NEST & BCIT

NISGA'A EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS & TRAINING (NEST) along with British Columbia Institute of Technology have teamed up to offer Nisga'a Citizens the opportunity to get a glimpse of life as a student attending BCIT.

NEST desires to connect Nisga'a Citizens to their entrepreneurial goals as well as new and exciting opportunities.

The program will start with a visit to the BCIT campus in Vancouver December 8, 2014. Classes will begin January 19 to 30, 2015 in the Nass Valley.

- Do you have an idea?
- Would you like to start your own business?
- Are you an artist or a carver? A caterer? A first aid attendant? A truck driver? A hairdresser?
- What is your DREAM?

To secure your spot today register at:

Nisga'a Employment, Skills & Training
T: 250 633 2210 / TF: 1 844 633 2210
By email stephaniea@niscgaa.net or kailanim@niscgaa.net



Cultural Calendar

To have an event added to the online Cultural Calendar, contact the Main Receptionist at Nisga'a Lisims Government in person, fax or mail to:

Main Receptionist
Nisga'a Lisims Government
PO Box 231 / New Aiyansh, BC V0J 1A0
Tel: 250 633 3000 / Fax: 250 633 2367
TF: 1 866 633 0888

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

To view the Cultural Calendar visit:
www.nisgaanation.ca/cultural-calendar

Watch our new video / Lock, Stock & Barrel



NISGA'A LISIMS GOVERNMENT IS PROUD to present our latest production, "Lock, Stock, & Barrel" which features vintage footage of our leaders past and present discussing our history, our ownership of our ancestral lands, and their hopes and vision for our future.

In the words of our elders, the time has come to be bold, and take the next step for our collective future!

Watch the video on youtube at the following link:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILouiwno4J4



IRSAS accepting proposals

The Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat (IRSAS) is currently accepting proposals from incorporated not-for-profit organizations and/or groups that are interested in receiving funding as a part of the Group IAP program. The call for proposal period is from October 1st to December 15th, 2014 at 15:00 (EST). Read further at the following link: www.nisgaanation.ca/news/indian-residential-schools-adjudication-secretariat-accepting-proposals

Seabridge Gold / KSM Project update

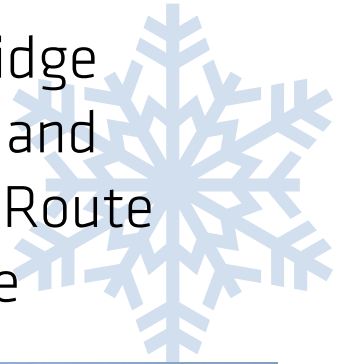


It has been a busy fall for Seabridge Gold, the company proposing to build the KSM Project, a copper-gold-silver-molybdenum mine located 65 kilometers northwest of Stewart, BC. From spending time in local communities, to receiving several important permits, to a successful exploration session at camp, the highlights of our fall are detailed in this article: www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/Seabridge%20-%20October%202014.pdf

Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project update #18

To read the latest on TransCanada's PRGT Project, read the November and December 2014 update: www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/2014%2011%2014%20PRGT%20Project%20Activity%20Update%2018.pdf

Nass River Bridge Replacement and North Detour Route Status Update



North Detour Route: notification of unmaintained road

The North Detour Route is located 35 km north of the Nass-Cranberry Junction on Highway 37. It provides access to the north side of the Nass River Bridge (Kinskuch FSR) and the Avanti Kitsault Mine Site via the Arbor FSR (0 to 2.5 km), Niska FSR (0 to 41 km), and Kinskuch FSR (15.8 to 40.3 km). This route will not be maintained and could be impassible during the winter months.

During the Nass River Bridge Replacement at Km 14.7 of the Kinskuch Forest Service Road access to the north side of the bridge and the Avanti Kitsault Mine Site will be limited. No thru vehicle or pedestrian traffic will be able to cross the bridge from November 19, 2014 through February 28, 2015.

Persons requiring further information regarding the Nass River Bridge Replacement, please contact Surespan Construction (Don Lind) at 604 998 1133.



Notice of nomination
meeting for the by-election
for NVH Board of Directors
for Gitwinksihlkw

Notice in Accordance with Nisga'a Law

**NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING FOR THE
BY-ELECTION FOR THE NISGA'A VALLEY HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
COMMUNITY OF GITWINKSIHLKW**

Nominations are open for the following office:

**ONE DIRECTOR FOR THE NISGA'A VALLEY HEALTH
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE OF GITWINKSIHLKW**

The nomination meeting for the above position will
be held at:

PLACE: Gitwinksihlkw Village Government Chambers
MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON:
Wednesday Dec 17th, 2014
TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The NVHA Nisga'a Elections Officer will receive nominations
for the above position only at the above meeting.

December 2, 2014
Jean Clayton / Nisga'a Elections Officer
Tel: 250 633 2715
jeanc@niscgaaelections.ca



Notice of candidates for the
non-executive member for the
Terrace Nisga'a Urban Local

Notice in Accordance with Nisga'a Law

**NOTICE OF CANDIDATES FOR NON-EXECUTIVE
MEMBER FOR THE TERRACE NISGA'A URBAN LOCAL
IN THE JANUARY 27, 2015 BY-ELECTION FOR THE
TERRACE NISGA'A URBAN LOCAL**

The candidates for non-Executive Member for the Terrace
Nisga'a Urban Local in the by-election for the Terrace
Nisga'a Urban Local to be held on January 27, 2015 are:

KEITH AZAK

MARLENE ROBINSON

December 2, 2014
Jean Clayton / Nisga'a Elections Officer
Tel: 250 633 2715
jeanc@niscgaaelections.ca



Gitmaḥmaḥ'ay Nisga'a
Society launching
commercial smokehouse
in Prince Rupert

The Gitmaḥmaḥ'ay Nisga'a Society is poised
for a year of growth, not only through existing
businesses but through the expansion of services
being offered at the Seal Cove property.

Read more at [www.thenorthernview.com/
news/283493301.html](http://www.thenorthernview.com/news/283493301.html)

Deputy Director of Programs & Services

POSTED: November 20, 2014

CLOSES: December 19, 2014 at 5pm

POSITION: Deputy Director of Programs & Services

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications/experience

SUPERVISOR: Director of Programs & Services

TERM: Full Time – Permanent

LOCATION: Gitlaxt'aamiks, British Columbia

JOB SUMMARY: Under the Nisga'a Final Agreement (Treaty), Nisga'a Constitution and applicable Nisga'a legislation, the Deputy Director of Programs & Services will assist the Director of Programs & Services to provide the overall direction and guidance regarding the Nisga'a Lisims Government's public and core programs. This includes ensuring effective implementation of the *Nisga'a Programs & Services Delivery Act* in accordance with directions and delegations from the CEO, the Executive and Wilp Si'ayuułh Nisga'a (WSN).

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Reporting to the Director of Programs & Services, the Deputy Director will oversee the following: Post-secondary Education funding; Youth Organizing Youth; Ayuukh Nisga'a Department; delivery of programs and services with two Urban Locals; Contract Management of WWNI and Nisga'a School District 92.
- Ensures the effective implementation of the *Nisga'a Programs & Services Delivery Act*, including developing, negotiating, establishing, monitoring, evaluating, budgetary control, and/or providing functional control in respect of: Post-secondary Education, K-Grade 12, and nursery offered within the Nation, as well as program delivery of financial support to Nisga'a citizens to attend accredited post-secondary education or training institutions.
- The Deputy Director will liaise and work with Village Governments, Urban Locals, Education Entities and other program and service providers internal and external to the Nisga'a Nation.
- Within the Directorate's mandate, draft necessary policies, procedures or regulations, for approval.
- The Deputy Director will assist the Director to recommend and implement appropriate program or service policies, practices, standards, controls, systems and reporting requirements and will evaluate programs and services for economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

- To assist in the research and development of grant proposals for all programs within this directorate
- Other duties as may be required.

QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / ABILITIES:

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in: public administration; finance; economics; or social sciences such as social work, health or education, is required. Master's degree preferred.
- Significant experience working in aboriginal communities on social programming issues at a senior administrative level of accountability is essential.
- Knowledge and understanding of program and service issues under Treaty is preferred.
- Knowledge of Nisga'a Language and culture is preferred.
- Dynamic ability to work effectively with other social service agencies, as well as the general public is required.
- Advanced comprehension and proven success in program development, monitoring, evaluation and financial management is essential.
- Proven success in accessing funds for needed programs from BC, Canada and other organizations is preferred.
- A motivated self-starter that is able to lead teams to achieve outstanding results is required.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid BC Driver's license.

The successful candidate will be required to complete/provide:

- 3 recent work related references;
- a current driver's abstract;
- applicants must be able to work in Canada;
- a Criminal Records Check will be required.

Applicants are required to submit a resume with cover letter describing their qualifications and experience prior to 5:00 pm on Friday, December 19, 2014. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

ALL RESUME PACKAGES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Nisga'a Lisims Government
Attention: Human Resource Department
PO BOX 231, Gitlaxt'aamiks BC V0J 1A0
Fax: 250 633 2367 / Email: hrdept@nisgaa.net

Summary of Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting November 25 and 26, 2014



The following is a summary, and for certain resolutions an excerpt, of NLG resolutions from the most recent meeting of the NLG Executive.

Resolution / Adopted Nov 25, 2014 Banking Services RFP

MOVED THAT the Executive

1. approve the distribution of the Banking Services RFP to eligible banking service providers; and
2. direct that the Finance Committee review the responses to the Banking Services RFP and formulate a recommendation for Executive's consideration.

Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014 Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive recommend to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a the enactment of legislation substantially in the form of the *Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act* attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014 Nisga'a Real Property Tax Regulation

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive express its intention to enact a regulation substantially in the form of the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Regulation attached to this motion as Appendix "A" upon the enactment of the *Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act* by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.

Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014 Nisga'a Home Owner Grant Act

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive recommend to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a the enactment of legislation substantially in the form of the *Nisga'a Home Owner Grant Act* attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014 Nisga'a Home Owner Grant Act Regulation

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive express its intention to enact a regulation substantially in the form of the Nisga'a Home Owner Grant Regulation attached to this motion as Appendix "A" upon the enactment by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a of the *Nisga'a Home Owner Grant Act*.

Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014 Additional Grant Program

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive:

- (1) endorse the Additional Grant Program in principle; and
- (2) authorize the preparation of specific policies, for subsequent approval by the Executive, to enable the Chief Financial Officer to implement the Additional Grant Program in 2015.

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**Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014
RPTCA Amending Agreement**

MOVED THAT:

- (1) the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, enter into the RPTCA Amending Agreement with British Columbia; and
- (2) the Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation as represented by the Executive, be authorized to execute the RPTCA Amending Agreement.

**Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014
Services and Requisitions Agreement**

MOVED THAT:

- (1) the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, enter into the Services and Requisitions Agreement with the Regional District; and
- (2) the Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation as represented by the Executive, be authorized to execute the Services and Requisitions Agreement.

**Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014
Licence of Occupation – Mr. Doolan**

MOVED THAT the Executive authorize

- 1. the Director of Lands and Resources to offer the Licence of Occupation to Mr. Doolan; and
- 2. the CEO to execute the Licence of Occupation on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation.

**Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014
Licence of Occupation – Mr. Robinson**

MOVED THAT the Executive authorize

- 1. the Director of Lands and Resources to offer the Licence of Occupation to Mr. Robinson; and
- 2. the CEO to execute the Licence of Occupation on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation.

**Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014
26 new lots**

MOVED THAT:

- (1) the Executive consent to the Approving Officer's approval of the Plan on the condition that the Village first enter into a covenant with the Nisga'a Nation under section 142 of the Act in respect of each of the 26 new lots proposed for the Lands, in substantially the same form as the covenant attached to this motion as Schedule "B", with such modifications, if any, as may be determined to be appropriate by the approving officer and legal counsel (the "Covenant");
- (2) the Director of Lands and Resources be authorized to execute the Covenant on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation in respect of the 26 new lots, and be authorized to apply for the registration of the Covenant as a charge against each of those lots under the Act.

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Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014
Three new lots



MOVED THAT:

(1) the Executive consent to the Approving Officer's approval of the Plan on the condition that the Village first enter into a covenant with the Nisga'a Nation under section 142 of the Act in respect of each of the three new lots proposed for the Lands, in substantially the same form as the drafted covenant attached to this motion as Schedule "B", with such modifications, if any, as may be determined to be appropriate by the Approving Officer and legal counsel (the "Covenant");

(2) the Director of Lands and Resources be authorized to execute the Covenant on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation in respect of the three new lots, and be authorized to apply for the registration of the Covenant as a charge against each of those lots under the Act.

Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014
Approving Officer Appointment – Mr. Eric Nyce

MOVED THAT Mr. Eric Nyce be appointed as the Approving Officer for land under section 63 of the *Nisga'a Land Title Act* effective immediately.

Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014
RPTCA Transitional Agreement

MOVED THAT:

(1) the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, enter into the RPTCA Transitional Agreement with British Columbia; and

(2) the Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation as represented by the Executive, be authorized to execute the RPTCA Transitional Agreement.

Resolution / Adopted Nov 26, 2014
Revised Stipends Bulletin

MOVED THAT the Executive adopt the Revised Stipends Bulletin effective April 1, 2014.

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.



Settlement Trust

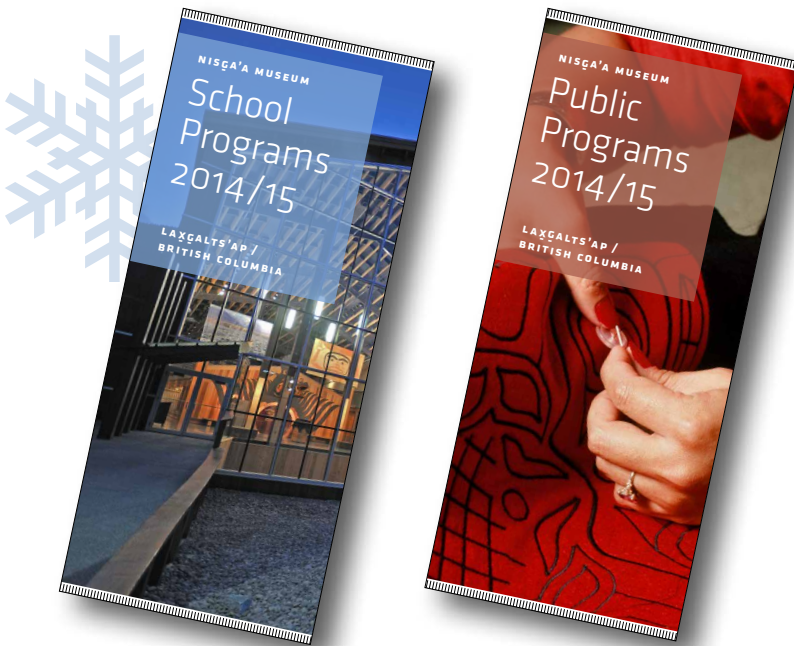
Continued geopolitical tensions have meant that global economic recovery continues to be "uneven." NLG actively reviews the Trust's long-term investment strategy to ensure the Trust is still in a position to meet its long-term objective – to secure long-term gains.

	OCT 2014
Market Value – end of month	\$255,605,698
COST:	
Capital contributed	165,172,258
Distributions to the Nisga'a Nation	(16,200,479)
Cumulative realized investment income	73,661,906
Total cost	<u>222,633,685</u>
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	32,972,013



Nisga'a Museum Public Programs and School Programs

The Nisga'a Museum is offering Public Programs and School Programs starting this month and to kick off the new year.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS:
www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/Nisga%27a%20Museum%20-%20SchoolPrograms.pdf

PUBLIC PROGRAMS:
www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/Nisga%27a%20Museum%20-%20PublicPrograms%20.pdf



Nisga'a Museum Gift Shop Christmas Sale

December 17-19 and
 December 22 and 23
 1-4 pm

- 10% off all Merchandise (Consignment Items Excluded)
- Ancestors' Collection Open
- Complimentary Hot Apple Cider, Coffee, Tea and Cookies

Merry Christmas from the Nisga'a Museum Advisory Committee + Staff!

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Amaa Wíit'isim Çanuutkw Çanhł
Amaa Sii K'uuhl as nísim'!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a
prosperous and sustainable New Year!



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