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Nisga'a Nation & BC Housing Sign Memorandum of Understanding for Developing Asset Management Capacity in the Nisga'a Nation

February 21, 2020 – New Aiyansh, B.C. – 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.

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