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President’s Message

Season’s Greetings!

On behalf of the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive and staff, I wish to extend a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year to all citizens of the Nisga’a Nation, wherever you may be.

I also share my heartfelt thoughts and prayers with those that have lost loved ones this year. The process of grieving is never an easy one. Always find comfort in knowing that you will always have compassion, an ear to listen, or a shoulder to cry on from those near and dear to you.

As we draw near to the end of 2017, may we each reflect on the successes we have celebrated, the challenges we have overcome and the continued path forward we embark on individually and collectively as the Nisga’a Nation.

As your President, I look forward to our journey forward and to all that 2018 has in store for us!

Amaa W’ii-t’isim Ganuutkw ganlh Amaa Sii K’uuhl as n’isim’!
November 30, 2017 – Gitla’xt’aamiks, B.C. - Nisga’a Lisims Government is pleased to announce the recent appointment of four highly qualified individuals to serve on the interim board of directors for the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority. The appointees are:

- Angeline S.B. Nyce – a Nisga’a citizen and practicing lawyer in British Columbia with significant experience in corporate governance roles;
- Robert J. Smith – a health administration expert with an extensive background in public governance roles and knowledge of the Nisga’a health system;
- Amy Nyce – an active health care professional in northern British Columbia and a Nisga’a citizen; and
- Geoffrey Crompton – who brings his decades of experience in executive leadership positions in both the private and public sectors, and specifically in the human resources field of the health industry, to the role.

President Eva Clayton stated that, “Nisga’a Lisims Government set out to use its new appointing power to create a board with the right mix of education, experience and knowledge of the Nisga’a health system and traditions. We are very pleased with the directors that have been appointed, and believe they will work together to provide effective guidance to the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority, and to continue to improve the delivery of Nisga’a health services and the health of Nisga’a citizens across Canada.”

The Nisga’a Valley Health Authority is a society incorporated under the Societies Act and is designated under Nisga’a law as the health services provider of the Nisga’a Nation.

Nisga’a Lisims Government made its appointments in accordance with the recent amendments to the bylaws of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority that were voted on and unanimously approved by the members of the society at a members meeting held in the Nisga’a Village of Laxgals’t’ap on June 29, 2017. These amended bylaws were reviewed and approved by the Ministry of Health (British Columbia) and empower Nisga’a Lisims Government to appoint qualified individuals to serve as directors of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority.

In conjunction with this review, Nisga’a Lisims Government oversaw a comprehensive health population survey in November and December of 2016. As a result of this health survey, the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority has a population health status profile which will allow them to target health services and track health outcomes for the Nisga’a Nation in the years to come.

In early-2017, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive received and considered the final report and recommendations flowing from its health systems review. Specific recommendations related to updating the membership and board structure of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority through amendments to the society’s bylaws.

The first update was to make the Nisga’a Nation as represented by the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive the sole member to allow for a closer relationship between Nisga’a Lisims Government and the society.

The second update was to empower the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive to appoint all directors to the board of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority, in order to provide for the appropriate mix of education and experience. Representatives of Nisga’a Lisims Government met with the board of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority in March 2017.

The board of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority was supportive of the initiative and draft amended bylaws were prepared. The board of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority called a meeting of the members of the society to be held on June 29, 2017, to consider the proposed amended bylaws.

The members of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority considered and unanimously adopted the proposed amended bylaws of the society at the June 29th meeting. On October 20, 2017, the Supreme Court of British Columbia confirmed the validity of this unanimous vote by the society’s members, and shortly thereafter the Minister of Health (British Columbia) provided final approval to the proposed amended bylaws under the Hospital Act. The bylaws were filed and became effective on November 6, 2017.

On November 23, 2017, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive met to consider candidates for appointment to the board of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority.

Media Inquiries:
Communications & Intergovernmental Relations
Nisga’a Lisims Government – (250) 633 3000 – communications@nisgaa.net

BACKGROUND

In July 2015, the elected representatives of Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a requested that the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive review the manner in which Nisga’a health services were delivered.

The Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive undertook an internal health system review and retained an objective, external consulting firm to perform the review and to prepare a report with recommendations to Nisga’a Lisims Government.
Requests for Expressions of Interest from Nisga’a Artisans

The Vetter Falls Lodge (the “Lodge”) – anticipated to be in operation by February 2018 - is seeking submissions of expression of interest from Nisga’a artisans to display and sell their Nisga’a artwork on a consignment basis at the Lodge.

Interested Nisga’a artisans should email their expressions of interests, with the following information:

- Name:
- Address:
- City:
- Postal Code:
- Telephone:
- Email:
- Type of Nisga’a Art (jewelry, carving, painting, textile, etc.):

Photographs of Nisga’a art may also be included.

Expressions of Interest may be directed to:

Nisga’a Lisims Government – Attention: Communications & Intergovernmental Relations Department
P.O. Box 231
Gitlaxt’aamiks, B.C. V0J 1A0
Facsimile: (250) 633-2367
Email: communications@nisgaa.net
In the Spirit of Sayt-K’ilim-Goot

Amaa Wiit’isim Ġanuutkw ganhl
Amaa Sii K’uuhl as ŋisim’!

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

Eva Clayton / President
Brian Tait / Chairperson
Corinne McKay / Secretary-Treasurer
Willard Martin / Chairperson, Council of Elders
Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive & Staff
Cruising for some seasonal cheer? Need a dose of holiday warmth? We have your cure for winter blues at the Nisga’a Museum during the month of December! Join us for our Christmas Market December 12th to the 14th from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, with Santa from 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm each day. The Christmas Market will feature Santa portraits (available for purchase), as well as craft vendors, bake sales and 10% off the Museum gift shop. Complete with carolling, our brand new 12ft Christmas tree and complimentary apple cider, it will be an event to remember! Entry is free for all and donations to the Nisga’a Lisims Government Hamper program (monetary or food) are encouraged.

The Ancestors Collection, Harvesting Nisga’a and the Voices of the Nisga’a Treaty exhibitions will be available to the public during the Market. Come and catch the last few weeks of these incredible exhibitions before they are reinstalled and reimagined for summer 2018. The Nisga’a Museum is hard at work building up our Voices of the Nisga’a Treaty exhibition with more interviews during the month of December, which will be enthusiastically rolled out during the spring of 2018. If you are interested in participating in this incredible project, and interviewing about your journey with the Nisga’a Treaty, then please contact us!

Follow the Nisga’a Museum on Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat @nisgaamuseum for updates about events, programs, operating hours and upcoming exhibitions, plus a lot of fun behind the scenes sneak peaks! If you are interested in participating in our interview project, or signing up as a vendor for the Market please give us a DM, an email (nisgaamuseum@nsgaa.net) or a phone call at 250-633-3050.

We look forward to seeing you at the Museum this December and wish all of the Nation the happiest of Holidays! May your travel be safe and your holidays Merry!

Warm Regards,
The Nisga’a Museum Staff
NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE OF NISGA’A LAW

NISGA’A FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE ACT

Please be Advised: The Sales of Fish and Aquatic Plants Harvested in Nisga’a Fisheries is a NISGA A OFFENCE. The cash sale of fish is not considered to be trade or barter.
Shell fish & Crustaceans Example: Cockles, clams, crabs

NISGA’A FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE ACT
Definitions
1. in this Act,

“Aquatic plants” means all marine and freshwater plants, including kelp, marine flowering plants, benthic and detached algae, brown algae, red algae, green algae, and phytoplankton;

“Fish” means
(a) Fish, including anadromous fish;

(b) Shellfish, crustaceans, and marine animals,

(c) The parts of fish, shellfish, crustaceans, and marine animals, and

(d) The eggs, sperm, spawn, larvae, spat, juvenile stages and adult stages of fish, shellfish, crustaceans and marine animals

Trade or barter of fish harvests
11. (1) Every Nisga’a citizen may trade or barter with other Nisga’a citizens or with other aboriginal people any fish or aquatic plants harvested under Nisga’a fisheries.
(2) A person who, for the purpose of trade or barter, transports outside Nisga’a Lands fish or aquatic plants harvested under Nisga’a fisheries, must ensure that those fish or aquatic plants are identified, in accordance with the regulations, as being for trade or barter.

Respectfully,

The Department of Resource Enforcement
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

NISGA’A LISIMS GOVERNMENT CLOSED

• Monday, December 25, 2017 - Stat Holiday
• Tuesday, December 26, 2017 – Boxing Day

Resume Regular Business Hours

• Wednesday December 27th- 29th, 2017

CLOSED

• January 01st 2018 – New Years Day

Resume Regular Office Hours

January 02nd, 2018
9:00-5:00

Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

From Nisga’a Lisims Government
A few years ago NLG developed and implemented an employee Long Service Recognition program. While it is appreciated that many of our employees start as casual or seasonal workers, our long service awards program was designed to recognize continuous service of our regular employees. Honorees are an inspiration to those who aspire to a long, fruitful and rewarding career with NLG. Each year we honor employees who have attained one of the established 5-year incremental milestones. As a point of interest, it is worthy to note that the cast of 2017 honorees have contributed a collective total in excess of 135 years of service to the citizens of the Nisga’a Nation - truly an amazing investment of dedication and commitment!

Reaching the 5-year milestone:
- Eric Nyce
- Lisa Gonu
- Myrle Morven
- Pearl Dyer
- Marianne Guno
- Raven Guno

- Bev Azak
- Cheryl Pelletier

Our 10-year honorees:
- Janet Nisyok
- Cheryl Tait

In 2017 we didn’t have any presentations for 15 years of service, but we do have honorees for 20, 25 and even 30 years! Celebrating our highest levels of service recognition this year:

- Mansell Griffin – 20 years of service
- Collier Azak – 25 years of service
- Harry Nyce Sr. – 30 years of service

Each and every one of our 2017 award recipients are to be congratulated for their dedicated contributions to the citizens of the Nisga’a Nation! We look forward to celebrating successful milestones of future award recipients. Congratulations everyone!
Nisga’a Settlement Trust

Audited Financial Statements


Nisga’a Nation Cultural Events Calendar

The Nisga’a Nation Cultural Events Calendar updated on December 1, 2017 is now available on the nisgaanation.ca website and can be accessed at this link: http://www.nisgaanation.ca/cultural-calendar.

Please note that the Nisga’a Nation Cultural Events Calendar is updated semi-monthly on the 1st and 15th of each month.

To add a cultural event to the Nisga’a Nation Cultural Events Calendar please inquire with the NLG Receptionists toll-free at 1-866-633-0888 or via email to kimberlym@nisgaa.net or joaniem@nisgaa.net.

Thank you!
The Nisga’a Social Development Policy & Procedures Manual 2017 is an amended policy and procedures guide to administer the social development programs and services within the four Nisga’a Village Governments. This document replaces the Nisga’a Social Development Policy 2016, which now includes procedures and all report and working forms and templates.

All Social Development correspondence and forms could be accessed on the nisgaanation.ca website at this link: http://www.nisgaanation.ca/social-development-policy.

For additional information please contact Rachel Robinson, Social Development Policy Analyst and Support toll-free at 1-866-633-0888.
PRESS RELEASE

November 17, 2017

In October, 2017, School District #92-Nisga’a submitted an application to perform at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) in Vancouver, BC. Out of 10 applications we were the selected group!

Students from grades 5 – 7 have been selected from the four elementary schools: Nisga’a Elementary, Gitwinksihlkw Elementary, Alvin A. McKay Elementary and Nathan Barton Elementary to represent the district and Nisga’a Nation in singing, dancing, and drumming while performing traditional Nisga’a songs and dances.

Students will be engaged in practices in each of the four communities over the next few months as they prepare to honour their culture, tradition and heritage as they will represent their schools, their communities, their families and the Nisga’a Nation. Students will be supported in their learning by local community members, family members, local leaders and elders from the Nisga’a Nation.

The BCSTA has provided $4000 to assist with travel and the students will join together to raise the additional funds required to travel to and from the Nass Valley and Vancouver.

For more information please contact Ms. Charity M. Peal, Coordinator of Culture and Language Programs at School District #92-Nisga’a 250 633 2228 ext 1113.
Nisga’a Highway sign installed at Kalum Lake Lookout

On October 27, 2017 the Rosswood Community Association installed the first of two commemorative signs at the Kalum Lake look out rest stop on Nisga’a Highway 113.

The sign reads:

‘The Nisga’a Highway

This ancient transportation corridor between two major river systems, the Skeena and Nass, was originally used by Indigenous Peoples and later by trappers, miners, loggers, homesteaders and telegraph linemen. A public road finally connected the Kitsumkalum and the Nisga’a territories in 1979.

Province of British Columbia 2017’
Employment Opportunities

Nisga’a Lisims Government

JOB POSTING

POSTED: December 5, 2017 Closes: January 2, 2018

POSITION: Family Group Conferencing Coordinator

SALARY RANGE: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

SUPERVISOR: Nisga’a Child and Family Services Director

HOURS: 35 hours per week

TERM: Permanent Full Time

LOCATION: Terrace or Gitlaxt’aamiks (providing service to both locations)

JOB SUMMARY:
The Family Group Conference Coordinator has broad responsibilities to work with diverse community partners with respect to the delivery of family group conferencing within the various communities in the region. The position organizes family group conferences, ensures the family and other participants understand the purpose and process of the conference, and works with the family and the referring social worker to determine the terms and conditions of the conference. The Coordinator works closely with families and Aboriginal agency or Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) staff to determine who is to attend a conference (involving community members as appropriate), conducts the conference and documents the outcome of the plan proposed by the family.

DUTIES:
1. Plans and develops a process to carry out family group conferences (FGC), according to the procedures identified in MCFD’s Family Group Conference Reference Guide. Uses approved data entry tools to record and track FGC outcomes. Provides regular progress reports on the usage and effectiveness of FGCs.
2. Develops and delivers training and educational materials that provide an orientation for MCFD and delegated Aboriginal agency staff regarding the FGC process. Promotes awareness and encourages use of the FGC by communities/agencies serving families that have NCFS and MCFD involvement.
3. Prepares for FGCs by assisting families to identify family members, extended family and other significant people who may participate in the conference, and by contacting the identified people to invite and prepare them for the conference. Works with families to identify the supports that they have and the supports that they will need to develop a workable plan to ensure the child’s safety and well-being. Connects with community resources that can assist in FGCs though the provision of language or cultural interpretation, and ensures that the individuals selected are acceptable to the family. Identifies service providers in conjunction with both the child protection worker and the family.
4. Arranges logistics for setting up the conference including venue, transportation, refreshments and childcare.
5. Facilitates FGCs where the family members meet with the service providers involved with the case (including the child protection social worker) in a manner that is respectful of and empowering to families and that allows the family to participate fully in decision-making.
6. Plans, prepares for and implements a review process with the agreement of the participants.
7. Plans and tracks budgets assigned to the Family Group Conferencing initiative to ensure the most effective use of resources and prepares documents for presentation to court as required.

EDUCATION / KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / ABILITIES:
1. Post-secondary education in a related field is highly preferred; extensive directly related experience may be considered.
2. Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills including an ability to communicate complex information to a wide variety of audiences;
3. Demonstrated professionalism, judgement, diplomacy, tact, and sound decision making ability;
4. Ability to prioritize, organize and manage a workload often including multiple, competing demands;
5. Knowledge of the Nisga’a language and culture is a definite asset;
6. Must have a valid BC Driver’s license and be able to travel as required.

OTHER: The successful candidate will be required to have/complete/provide:
1. A valid BC Driver’s license with current Driver’s 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 pm on January 2, 2018. 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 Resource Department
P.O. BOX 231, Gitlaxt’aamiks, B.C., VOJ 1A0
Fax Number: 250-633-2367 Email: hrdept@nisgaa.net
Employment Opportunities

Communications Coordinator

About the Opportunity
Currently, Nisga’a Lisims Government has an exciting new position for a Communications Coordinator to join the group in Gitla’xt’aamiks (also known as New Aiyansh) in beautiful British Columbia.

Under the direction of the Director of Communications and Inter-governmental Relations, you will be responsible for providing communication services to departments of Nisga’a Lisims Government (NLG). The Communications Coordinator works in the administrative offices of NLG, and supports implementation of the NLG communication strategy, and will provide support in writing, editing and producing consistent and quality communications materials for NLG, particularly in respect of desktop publishing, website, social media, and photography.

More specifically, on a regular basis you will have the following responsibilities:
• Supporting NLG’s communications strategy through communications activities including public and media relations management on behalf of NLG.
• Liaising with staff from various NLG departments and the general public to respond to requests for information, as well as to collaborate on joint initiatives and events.
• Handling the media and coordinating responses for identified NLG spokesperson.
• Writing, editing and producing a diverse range of communications media such as social and online media, internal briefs, newsletters, brochures, displays, speeches and presentations.
• Ensuring overall quality, consistency and effectiveness of complex communication materials.
• Co-ordinating the production and distribution of internal and external products such as internet, website, annual reports and other public information materials.
• Determining content in conjunction with Department Directors and Managers.
• Researching and writing articles and producing materials, while also working with designers, photographers and printers.
• Providing advice and guidance to team members in all aspects of written work to ensure quality messages and materials.
• Contributing to the development and content management of the NLG’s web site.
• Actively participating in the department’s role to support NLG’s emergency management program.
• Other related duties as may be assigned.
• We invite you to apply if you have a minimum of 3 years experience in a similar role and an associate degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline such as Communications, Public Relations or web/media design, but will consider equivalent experience. Experience with a similar indigenous or political organization will be considered an asset.

Read further about this exciting opportunity and see how you may apply at the following link: http://applynow.net.au/jobs/94339-communications-coordinator
Resolution 2017/88/November 22, 2017

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Resolution 2017/90/November 23, 2017

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CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government (the “Executive”) has reviewed a briefing note from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, attached to this briefing note as Appendix A, which brought forward a recommendation from the Nisga’a Fisheries and Wildlife Committee concerning eulachon management;

AND CONSIDERING THAT Ian Morven has requested the issuance of licence of occupation over Lot #21 of Lax Do’oots’ip issued under section 17 of the Nisga’a Land Act to develop a fish camp;

MOVED THAT under section 6(2) of the Nisga’a Land Act, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive grant Ian Morven, a licence of occupation in the form substantially the same as the one attached to this motion as Appendix “A” which is the same form as the licence attached to the Management Plan.

1. the Director of Lands and Resources, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to Ian Morven, for execution and return, a licence of occupation substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix “A”; and

2. upon the execution by Ian Morven and return to the Director of the licence of occupation delivered under paragraph (1) along with the fees requested under the terms of the licence of occupation, the Director be authorized to date and execute the licence of occupation on behalf of the Executive.

MOVED THAT the Executive direct the Chief Executive Officer to oversee the establishment of a negotiating team to enter into discussions with neighbouring Tsimshian nations regarding their annual eulachon harvest in the Nass River estuary.

Resolution 2017/95/November 23, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT Lax Do’oots’ip is identified as a Heritage Preservation Zone under the Nisga’a Lisims Government Land Use Plan (2002):

AND CONSIDERING THAT a management plan was prepared for Lax Do’oots’ip dated March 18, 2014 (the “Management Plan”) which recognizes both the cultural important of Lax Do’oots’ip and the desire to develop Lax Do’oots’ip in a responsible and sensitive manner;

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CONSIDERING THAT Jesse Dyer has requested the issuance of lease issued under section 17 of the Nisga’a Land Act to clear one hectare on Nisga’a Lands at the location identified in the legal description schedule of the attached lease (the “Land”) for the purposes of developing and operating an automotive repair shop (the “Automotive Shop”);

AND FURTHER CONSIDERING THAT the proposed access road for the Automotive Shop is located within the Nisga’a Highway corridor and paragraph 45 of chapter 7 of the Nisga’a Final Agreement requires the Nisga’a Nation to consult with British Columbia on land use decisions relating to the development of Nisga’a Lands adjacent to the Nisga’a Highway corridor.

MOVED THAT
1. the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”), authorize the Chief Executive Officer in coordination with the Director and Lands Manager to provide formal notice to the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to commence consultation on the Automotive Shop under paragraph 69 of Chapter 2 of the Nisga’a Final Agreement.
2. under section 6(2) of the Nisga’a Land Act, the Executive grant Jesse Dyer, a lease in the form substantially the same as the one attached to this motion as Appendix “A”.
3. the Director of Lands and Resources, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to Jesse Dyer, for execution and return, a lease substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix “A”; and
4. upon:
   a. the execution by Jesse Dyer and return to the Director of the lease delivered under paragraph (1) along fees requested under the terms of the lease,
   b. the provision of the regulatory permits and authorizations required by Jesse Dyer to commence clearing and develop the Land, and
   c. the consultation obligations with the Province of British Columbia under paragraph 45 of chapter 7 of the Nisga’a Final Agreement having been met, the Director be authorized to date and execute the lease on behalf of the Executive.

CONSIDERING THAT Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a passed Resolution 2004/03, directing the Nisga’a Nation to consider establishing an annual budget allocation to hold a Special Assembly every two years;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the last Special Assembly was held in Gitlax’t’aams in May of 2016;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT under section 62 of the Nisga’a Government Act the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”)

(a) may call a Special Assembly by passing a motion with the support of at least two-thirds of its members;
(b) must determine the date, duration and location of the Special Assembly if so called;

MOVED THAT the Executive:
1. call a Special Assembly of the Nisga’a Nation to take place in the Nisga’a Village of Gingolx from May 7 to 11, 2018; and
2. direct the Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations to coordinate the preliminary planning for the Special Assembly and provide periodic reports to the Executive, as requested.
CONSIDERING THAT
A. The new bylaws (the “Bylaws”) of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority (“NVHA”) became effective on November 6, 2017;
B. The Nisga’a Nation as represented by the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) is the sole member of NVHA;
C. James Moore, Sylvia Jessie Stephens, Peter Graham Stevens, Kimberly Jessica Azak, Norman Hayduk and Maureen Morven are the current directors of NVHA (the “Current Directors”);
D. Pursuant to section 6.8 of the Bylaws, the Executive may remove each of the Current Directors as a director of NVHA;
E. Pursuant to section 6.6 of the Bylaws, the Executive may exercise its discretion and determine that the length of the term of directors appointed to fill vacant director positions is less than three years;
F. The Executive has determined that Geoffrey Crampton, Robert J. Smith, Angeline Nyce and Amy Nyce are persons qualified under the Bylaws to be appointed as directors of NVHA;
G. Pursuant to section 6.4 of the Bylaws, the Executive may appoint qualified persons as directors of NVHA to fill vacancies on the NVHA board of directors; and
H. The Executive wishes to remove the Current Directors, set the term for the directors to be appointed to fill some of the vacancies created by the removal of the Current Directors, and appoint four new directors to fill some of the vacancies created by the removal of the Current Directors,

MOVED THAT the Executive:
1. remove each of the Current Directors as a director of NVHA, effective immediately;
2. determine that the term of each of the persons that the Nisga’a Nation is appointing by these resolutions to fill vacancies on the NVHA board is two years, commencing on the date of this resolution and, notwithstanding section 6.6 of the Bylaws, ending on the second anniversary of the date of these resolutions;
3. appoint Geoffrey Crampton, Robert J. Smith, Angeline Nyce and Amy Nyce as directors of NVHA, effective immediately; and
4. authorize and direct the President of Nisga’a Lisims Government, Eva Clayton, to execute and deliver to NVHA this resolution of the Executive giving effect to these resolutions.
Resolution 2017/101/December 12, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT:
• the Nisga’a Nation as represented by the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) is the sole member of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority (the “Society”);
• the Executive has had an opportunity to review the audited financial statements of the Society for the financial year ending March 31, 2017 in conjunction with the internal financial statements of the Society for the period from April 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017, as submitted by the directors of the Society; and
• the Executive has had an opportunity to review the minutes of the October 12, 2016 Annual General Meeting and the June 29, 2017 Special General Meeting of the Society,

MOVED THAT the Executive:
1. Approve the financial statements of the Society for the financial year ended March 31, 2017, as submitted by the directors.
2. Approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016 Annual General Meeting and the June 29, 2017 Special General Meeting.
3. Confirm the number of directors at 4.
4. Confirm the following persons as directors of the Society for a 2 year term commencing November 23, 2017 and in accordance with bylaw 6.7 ending at the close of the 2019 annual general meeting of the Society or until their successors are appointed:
   GEOFFREY CRAMPTON
   ROBERT J. SMITH ANGELINE S.B. NYCE
   AMY NYCE
5. Appoint Robert J. Smith as Chair and to serve as Chair until the close of the 2019 annual general meeting of the Society or until his successor is appointed.
6. Appoint KPMG LLP as the auditor for the Society until the close of the next annual general meeting, or until a successor is appointed, at a remuneration to be fixed by the directors.
7. Authorize and direct the President of Nisga’a Lisims Government to execute and deliver to the Society resolutions of the Executive giving effect to these resolutions.

Resolution 2017/102/December 12, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT:
• the Nisga’a Nation as represented by the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) is the sole member of the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority (the “Society”);
• bylaw 7.4 of the Society’s bylaws provides that directors of the Society may receive remuneration and receive reimbursement of expenses from the Society in accordance with policies established by the board and approved by the Executive;
• the board of the Society has recommended a remuneration and reimbursement policy by motion dated November 29, 2017 (the “Policy”); and
• the Executive has had an opportunity to review and wishes to approve the Policy for the purposes of bylaw 7.4 of the Society’s bylaws,

MOVED THAT the Executive:
1. Approve the Policy pursuant to bylaw 7.4 of the Society’s bylaws.
2. Authorize and direct the President of Nisga’a Lisims Government to execute and deliver to the Society resolutions of the Executive giving effect to these resolutions.
Resolution 2017/103/December 12, 2017

CONSIDERING THAT:
under section 44(3) of the Nisga’a Government Act (the “Act”), the President of Nisga’a Lisims Government has provided to the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) a list of names of persons whom the President recommends for appointment to the Council of Elders; and
under section 44(4) of the Act, the Executive must, from the list provided by the President, appoint four regular members and four alternate members of the Council of Elders and designate the alternate members as alternates for particular regular members;

MOVED THAT
1. under section 44(4)(a) of the Act, the Executive appoint the following persons as regular members of the Council of Elders, each for a term of office to commence when he takes the oath of office following this appointment and to expire when any member of the Council who is appointed under section 44(4) in November of 2019 takes the oath of office:
   Clyde Garret Davis, Gitla’t'aamiks (La’xsgiik) Jacob Nyce, Gitwinksihlkw (La’xgibuu)
   Arnold Harry Martin, La’xgals’ap (La’xgibuu)
   Harry Moore, Gingołx (Canada);
2. under section 44(4)(a) of the Act, the Executive appoint the following persons as alternate members of the Council of Elders, each for a term of two years, more or less, to commence when he or she takes the oath of office following this appointment and to expire when any member of the Council who is appointed under section 44(4) in November of 2019 takes the oath of office:
   Lorene Plante, Gitla’t’aamiks (La’xgibuu)
   Oliver McNeil, Gitwinksihlkw (Canada)
   Wilma Moore, La’xgals’ap (Giskaast)
   Lavinia Clayton, Gingołx (La’xsgiik)
3. under section 44(4)(b) of the Act, the Executive designate:
   Lorene Plante as the alternate member for regular Council member Clyde Garret Davis
   Oliver McNeil as the alternate member for regular Council member Jacob Nyce,
   Wilma Moore as the alternate member for regular Council member Arnold Harry Martin,
   and Lavinia Clayton as the alternate member for regular Council member Harry Moore.

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CONSIDERING THAT a vacancy has occurred in the office of an alternate member of the Council of Elders for the term ending December 2018;

MOVED THAT under section 44(6)(b) of the Nisga’a Government Act, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive:
1. appoint Simoogit Axiqwindaskw, Jeffrey Clifford Azak, Gitwinksihlkw (La’xgibuu), to fill the current vacancy that exists in the office of the alternate member of the Council of Elders for the remainder of that term of office, to commence when Mr. Azak takes the oath of office following his appointment and to expire when any member of the Council appointed under section 44(4) of the Nisga’a Government Act takes the oath of office following his or her appointment in November of 2018; and
2. designate Mr. Clifford Azak as the alternate member for regular Council member Mr. Perry Azak.
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CONSIDERING THAT British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") has applied under section 17 of the Nisga’a Land Act for a licence of occupation to undertake ongoing maintenance work from time to time in the Ksi Mat’in Creek (the “Work”) as part of the fish habitat compensation project initiated under the Northwest Transmission Line at the location identified in the legal description schedule of the licence of occupation attached to this motion as Appendix “A”; 

AND FURTHER CONSIDERING THAT it is in the best interests of the Nisga’a Nation to facilitate the Work;

MOVED THAT

1. under section 6(2) of the Nisga’a Land Act, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) grant BC Hydro a licence of occupation substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix “A”; 

2. the Director of Lands and Resources (the “Director”), on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to BC Hydro, for execution and return, a licence of occupation substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix “A”; and

3. upon the execution by an authorized signatory of BC Hydro and return to the Director of the licence delivered under paragraph (2), the Director be authorized to date and execute the licence on behalf of the Executive.