Welcome Back

Welcome back, and hope you all had an opportunity to spend some quality time with family during the holidays.

In early January, we have continued our discussions with Spectra, and other firms who are interested in the energy industry. We informed them of our thoughts about the prospects of any future developments in the Nass Area. We continue to press the Provincial Government on the needs for developing a taxation regime respecting LNG.

We also lost a number of citizens during the holidays. There has been a significant flu strain going around, so I hope our families take care of each other.

We welcome a new member of the NLG Senior Management team for the office of Chief Financial Officer, Henry Roy. Mr. Roy has considerable experience in his field and worked with other Tribal Groups in the US and we are happy to have him with us.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive year.

LNG / Nisga’a Nation Strives for Sustainable Prosperity and Self-Reliance

To achieve this goal, Nisga’a Nation wishes to attract sustainable economic development, including LNG projects, to our area. The package attached is a preliminary description of available LNG sites on the Portland Inlet waterway, near the Nass River, on Canada’s west coast, north of Prince Rupert.

For more info:
www.nisgaanation.ca/opportunities/LNG

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2014 Nisga’a Nation Hobiyee

The Nisga’a Nation Hobiyee is an annual event of cultural dancing and feasting of traditional Nisga’a food that commemorates the start of a new harvest season. The 2014 Nisga’a Nation Hobiyee is hosted by the Nisga’a Village of Laxgalts’ap, BC.

To enter a Cultural Dance Group or for additional information please contact the Laxgalts’ap Village Government Office at 250 621 3212 or visit their website at www.laxgaltsap.ca

When: Friday Feb 21 (all day) to Saturday Feb 22, 2014 (all day)
Venue: Laxgalts’ap Community Centre
Location: Laxgalts’ap (Greenville)

Txeemsim / Our Brand Ambassador

You may have noticed on our website, and in other applications (this year’s Christmas card), that you are starting to see the image of Txeemsim showing up on select NLG branded materials. We are utilizing Txeemsim as a “brand ambassador” to reinforce our culture to our internal and external audiences. Txeemsim is not our logo, but is a secondary element that will also appear at various times in support of our “official Hayatskw logo”.

Txeemsim

Txeemsim is a supernatural being and grandson of K’am ligii hahlhaahl (the Chief of Heavens). Txeemsim brought light to K’alii-aksim Lisims (the Nass River) in a time that the Nisga’a lived in semi-darkness.
NVHA / Tobacco Free Recognition Program

Are you or someone you know living Tobacco Free?

Please submit your name for our recognition program taking place this February in Gitlax’t’aamiks.

If you quit recently, or long time ago, all that matters is you quit and are living tobacco free. Or if you are thinking about being tobacco free, let us know! For support call 811.

Nisg’a Valley Health Centre / Gitlax’t’aamiks
Call Cherie for more info: 250 633 5000
cmercer@nisgaahealth.bc.ca

Nisg’a Highway OPEN / Gingolx to Laxgalts’ap

The Ministry of Transportation has confirmed that the evening road closures of the Nisg’a Highway between Gingolx and Laxgalts’ap will no longer be required. The highway is now, and will continue to be, open to two-lane traffic.

Check www.drivebc.ca for current and up-to-date highway conditions and drive safe!

Notice of Candidates for Village Councillor (1) – Gitlax’t’aamiks

Notice in Accordance with Nisg’a Law

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES FOR VILLAGE COUNCILLOR FOR THE NISG’A’A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAX’T’AMIKS IN THE FEBRUARY 25, 2014 BY-ELECTION FOR THE NISG’A’A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAX’T’AMIKS

The candidates for Village Councillor for the Nisg’a Village Government of Gitlax’t’aamiks in the by-election for the Nisg’a Village Government of Gitlax’t’aamiks to be held on February 25, 2014 are:

Calvin H. Morven
Sadie H. Parnell O’Donaghey
Jean Clayton
Nisg’a Elections Officer

Gitmaxmak’ay News / January 2014

The January 2014 New Year’s Edition of the Gitmaxmak’ay (Prince Rupert/Port Edward) Nisg’a Society newsletter, Gitmaxmak’ay News may be viewed at www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/jan%202014.pdf
The exhibition, called *Sticks & Stones*, presents his personal work and honours the influence of master photographers Minor White and Edward Weston. Their photographs and writings offered critical encouragement along the way.

By way of background, many of Gary's photos appear on our website, and have appeared in many NLG publications including our famous award-winning coffee table book *Nisga’a: people of the Nass River* (although these photos will not be part of this show this time around).

Gary describes the subject matter for this exhibition as ‘old time’ photos. Congratulations Gary.
The cover page of the 2013 T1 Tax Form will include two questions where eligible individuals need to tick the box marked "YES" indicating that they are residents on Nisga’a Lands OR are a Nisga’a citizen resident on Nisga’a Lands.

**TICK YES ON YOUR T1 TAX FORM**

At tax time, if you are

a. a resident on Nisga’a Lands, OR
b. a Nisga’a citizen resident on Nisga’a Lands

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

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

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

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**Nisga’a Lisims Government**

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**Keep a copy of your T1 form as NLG may hold a “Tick the Box Contest” with prizes. Details to come.**
Resolution / Adopted December 18, 2013

Property Taxes

MOVED THAT:
The Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive endorse the letter attached to this Motion as Appendix “A” and approve the proposal attached to this Motion as Appendix “B”.

Resolution / Adopted December 18, 2013

Treaty Loan Repayment

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive

1. approve, and
2. authorize and direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, for and on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation, to execute and deliver to the Bank the Amending Letter, substantially in the form attached to this motion, with such amendments as the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer consider advisable after consultation with legal counsel.

Resolution / Adopted December 18, 2013

Emergency Coordinator Designation

MOVED THAT:
the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive appoint Bobby Clark as the Emergency Coordinator in accordance with Section 2 of the Act.

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.
Highlights from NLG Executive Meeting
January 22–23, 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 January 22, 2014
Nass Area Strategy Projects**

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisg’a Lisims Government adopt the four recommendations outlined in the memorandum entitled “Communication Issues on Nass Area Strategy Projects” attached to this motion as Schedule “A.”

**Resolution / Adopted January 23, 2014
New Chief Financial Officer**

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the appointment of Mr. Roy as Chief Financial Officer effective immediately.

**Resolution / Adopted January 23, 2014
Annual Fishing Plan**

MOVED THAT the Executive:
1. approve and adopt the draft Nisg’a annual fishing plan for 2014/2015 prepared by the Director and attached to this motion as Schedule “A” (the “Annual Fishing Plan”);
2. direct the Director to forward the Annual Fishing Plan to the Joint Fisheries Management Committee; and
3. direct the Director to publish the Annual Fishing Plan in accordance with Nisg’a Law.

**Resolution / Adopted January 23, 2014
Moose Recovery Plan**

MOVED THAT the Executive approve and direct the Director to take steps to implement the Nass Moose Recovery Plan.

In addition to the items referenced above, regular business carried out by the Executive of Nisg’a Lisims Government includes opening prayer, adoption of agenda, minutes and financial statements.