

Nisga'a Lisims Government Newsletter / January 2014



Sayt-K'ilim-Goot

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In this issue /////

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.

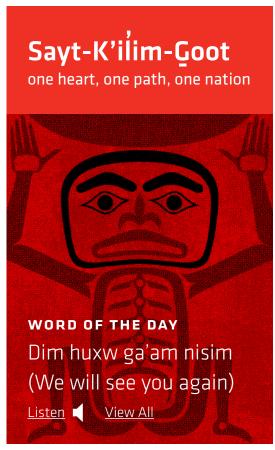
To enter a Cultural Dance Group or for additional information please contact the Laxgalts'ap Village Government Office at 250 621 3212 or visit their website at www.laxgaltsap.ca

When: Friday Feb 21 (all day) to Saturday Feb 22, 2014 (all day)

Venue: Laxgalts'ap Community Centre **Location:** Laxgalts'ap (Greenville)

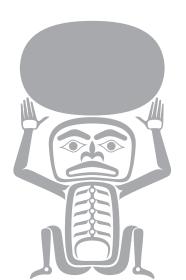


Txeemsim / Our Brand Ambassador



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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 Gitlaxt'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.

Nisga'a Valley Health Centre / Gitlaxt'aamiks Call Cherie for more info: 250 633 5000 cmercer@nisgaahealth.bc.ca



Notice in Accordance with Nisga'a Law

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES FOR VILLAGE COUNCILLOR FOR THE NISGA'A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS IN THE FEBRUARY 25, 2014 BY-ELECTION FOR THE NISGA'A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS

The candidates for Village Councillor for the Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlax't'aamiks in the by-election for the Nisga'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 Nisga'a Elections Officer



Nisga'a Highway OPEN / Gingolx to Laxgalts'ap

The Ministry of Transportation has confirmed that the evening road closures of the Nisga'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 <u>www.drivebc.ca</u> for current and up-to-date highway conditions and drive safe!

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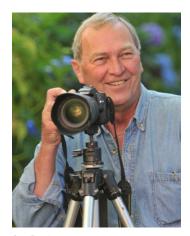
The January 2014 New Year's Edition of the Gitmaxmak'ay (Prince Rupert/Port Edward)
Nisga'a Society newsletter, Gitmaxmak'ay News may be viewed at www.nisgaanation.ca/sites/default/files/Jan%202014.pdf

NLG Photographer Fiegehen Hosts Vancouver Photo Exhibition

On January 28, longtime photographer to the Nisga'a Nation, Gary Fiegehen opened a successful exhibition of his photos at the Silk Purse Arts Centre, 1570 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver. The exhibit ran until Feb 16, 2014.

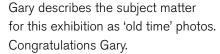
Trees Against a Winter Sky.

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.



Gary Fiegehen

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).





The Stein Valley.



The Rock Garden.



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Tick the Box /////

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

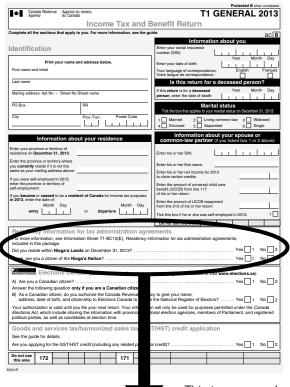
- a. a resident on Nisga'a Lands, **OR**
- b. a Nisga'a citizen resident on Nisga'a Lands

Remember to TICK YES ON YOUR T1 TAX FORM.

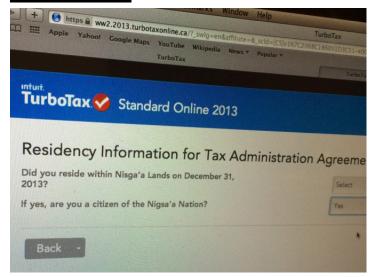
If you TICK YES ON YOUR T1 TAX FORM, the taxes you pay will benefit the NISGA'A NATION and ALL RESIDENTS ON NISGA'A LANDS.

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.

Filing on paper:



Filing online:





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This is on page 1 of your T1 tax form

Residency information for tax administration agreements

For more information, see Information Sheet T1-BC10(E), Residency information for tax administration agreements, included in this package.

Did you reside within Nisga'a Lands on December 31, 2013?

If yes, are you a citizen of the Nisga'a Nation?

Yes 1 No 2

TICK THE BOX =
TAXES BACK TO THE
NISGA'A NATION

* Keep a copy of your T1 form as NLG may hold a "Tick the Box Contest" with prizes. Details to come.

Executive Highlights ///

Highlights from NLG Executive Meeting December 18, 2013

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 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
- 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.

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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 Nisga'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 Renewal Licence

MOVED THAT the Executive grant to PRGTL a renewal of the Licence in the form substantially the same as the one attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

- the Director of Lands and Resources (the "Director"), on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to PRGTL, for execution and return, a renewal of the Licence substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A"; and
- upon the execution by PRGTL and return to the Director of the Licence delivered under paragraph (1), the Director be authorized to execute the renewal of the Licence on behalf of the Executive.

Resolution / Adopted January 23, 2014 Annual Fishing Plan

MOVED THAT the Executive:

- approve and adopt the draft Nisga'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 Nisga'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 Nisga'a Lisims Government includes opening prayer, adoption of agenda, minutes and financial statements.



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