President’s Comments

We began the month of May with an engaging biennial Special Assembly of the Nisg’a Nation. In keeping with our theme of sustainable prosperity, we demonstrated our fiscal discipline on the opening day of the Assembly with a symbolic ceremony to burn our $84 million dollar treaty loan. This significant milestone demonstrates to the world that we at Nisg’a Nation are prudent financial managers and have paid for all the costs we encountered to settle the Nisg’a Final Agreement. We thank the Nisg’a Village of Gitwinksihlkw for their first-rate hospitality and all of our NLG staff for their excellent work in planning and coordinating the week-long event. We thank our guests including TransCanada Pipeline and Spectra Energy. Most of all, I want to pay special thanks to our guest speakers Dr. Joseph Gosnell and Edmond Wright for their encouraging message reminding us that the opportunities that are now before us are exactly what our elders fought for in securing the Nisg’a Treaty.

Of course we also thank the hundreds of Nisg’a citizens who took the time to participate in person and online via our Lives continued on page 2

Nisg’a Nation enters into benefit agreement with Avanti

JUNE 3, 2014 / Vancouver, British Columbia: Avanti Mining Inc. (TSX Venture: AVT) (OTC:AVNMF.PK), its wholly owned subsidiary Avanti Kitsault Mine Ltd. (“Avanti” or the “Company”) and the Nisg’a Nation are pleased to announce that they have concluded a comprehensive agreement in connection with Avanti’s proposed Kitsault Molybdenum Mine Project in northwestern British Columbia. The agreement will address a number of outstanding Nisg’a concerns in respect of environmental protection, provide economic benefits to the Nisg’a Nation (including a net smelter royalty of up to 2% based on prevailing molybdenum prices), and resolve all outstanding litigation.

The project is located within the Nass Area, in which the Nisg’a Nation has certain treaty rights under the Nisg’a
Stream broadcast. I am happy to say that combined with our on-line viewers, we had one of the highest participation rates in years. We have heard your priorities and concerns and as I committed at Special Assembly we will be providing our report back to the people at the end of July 2014.

Some of those economic opportunities that we have discussed and reported on are now starting to bear fruit as we are pleased to have finally reached an agreement with Avanti that will enable the project to proceed while ensuring that our treaty rights are respected. This is indeed proof that we seek sustainable prosperity and that proponents need to work effectively with Nisg̱a’a Nation in accordance with the requirements of the Treaty to ensure their project will succeed.

We also attended the LNG in BC conference in Vancouver in late May, and the World LNG Summit in San Antonio, Texas in early June. At both conferences we had the opportunity to network and show that we are now proponents for establishing an LNG processing facility within the Nass Area in which Nisg̱a’a Nation would have an ownership interest. We are seeking to establish relations with willing partners for such a project.

In the coming weeks the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) will be hosting 4 Open Houses in the Nass Valley with respect to proposed projects on Nisg̱a’a Lands. We strongly encourage Nass Valley residents to participate in this important process to learn about these projects and to offer your feedback.

Finally, we are very pleased to see our Nisg̱a’a graduates preparing themselves to pursue these opportunities in a diverse range of areas of studies including Amy Parent who received her PhD in Education from UBC, Debra Febril who is receiving her law degree as part of the inaugural class from the Faculty of Law at Thompson Rivers University and our very own Executive Director Cheryl Stephens who received her Master’s in Business Administration from UNBC. Congratulations to one and all!

Si’aamhl wilin,

Sim’oogit K’aw’e’en / H. Mitchell Stevens
President

Nisg̱a’a Nation enters into benefit agreement... / continued from page 1

Final Agreement. Avanti and the Nisg̱a’a Nation previously had a number of outstanding differences regarding the project and related permitting, but have recently been in direct discussions to resolve those issues and that has proven successful.

“We are pleased to have finally reached an agreement with Avanti that will enable the project to proceed while ensuring that our treaty rights are respected, and our Nation’s environment is protected” said Mitchell Stevens, President of the Nisg̱a’a Nation. “We wish to congratulate Avanti’s new executive team who approached us with a sincere interest in addressing our concerns with the Project, which we were then able to work through without delay. This demonstrates that when proponents take the Nisg̱a’a Nation’s interests and concerns seriously, practical agreements can be reached in a timely manner. We are now counting on the provincial and federal governments to fulfil their responsibilities under our Treaty in respect of this and other projects in our area.”

“This agreement marks the start of a new and promising chapter in our relations with the Nisg̱a’a Nation” said Avanti President and Chief Executive Officer, Gordon Bogden. “We are confident it will provide meaningful benefits to all parties, including Nisg̱a’a individuals and businesses, and we look forward to growing this partnership”.

The Kitsault Mine operated previously from 1968 to 1972 and from 1980 to 1982. Construction to reopen the project under a modern day mine plan is expected to start in 2014, subject to receipt of final permits. Total investment in the project will be approximately $1-billion and, when in production, the mine will provide up to 300 full-time jobs during its anticipated 14-year life. The project will be subject to extensive environmental and permitting conditions and monitoring programs. The Kitsault Mine Project received an environmental assessment certificate from the province of British Columbia in March 2013. A federal environmental assessment decision is expected in the near future.

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Kitsault Mine Project / Cooperation and benefits agreement

Nisg’a Lisims Government and Avanti Kitsault Mine Ltd., the proponent for the proposed Kitsault Mine Project, have entered into a Cooperation and Benefits Agreement (the “Agreement”). The Agreement provides for benefits to the Nisg’a Nation and requires cooperation and engagement between the parties in respect of the steps required for the permitting of the Project. Below is a summary of the key provisions of the Agreement.

**ENGAGEMENT IN RESPECT OF FUTURE AUTHORIZATIONS**

- Avanti will provide NLG with all relevant information it intends to submit to regulatory authorities in support of applications for authorizations required for the Project in a timely manner so that NLG can review and provide comments to Avanti and the applicable regulatory authorities.

- Avanti must consider NLG comments and provide written responses before filing the materials with the applicable regulatory authority.

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS**

- Two one-time payments from Avanti to the Nisg’a Nation:
  - The first payment is payable within 30 days of the signing of the Agreement, as contribution towards the Nisg’a Nation’s costs in participating in the ongoing implementation of the conditions to environmental permits and the Agreement; and
  - The second payment within 30 days of Avanti executing the necessary funding commitments for financing the Project.

- Annual revenue sharing payments to the Nisg’a Nation:
  - A minimum annual royalty or a percentage (as high as 2%) of net smelter revenue (where the percentage is determined by the price of molybdenum) – whichever is greater.

**EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

- Avanti and NLG will coordinate on identifying employment opportunities in relation to the Project and ways to develop the skills and capacity of Nisg’a citizens and Nisg’a businesses to participate in such opportunities.

- Avanti will notify NLG of employment and contracting opportunities in respect of the construction, operation and closure of the Project, and attempt to achieve employment and contracting objectives.

- Avanti will make payments in support of the employment initiatives described above as follows:
  - Avanti will make a contribution towards Nisg’a training and education programs that have as their goal increasing the capacity of Nisg’a citizens and businesses to participate in opportunities related to the Project; and
  - Avanti will make a contribution towards a post-secondary scholarship fund to be administered by NLG.

- NLG will prepare and maintain a roster of Nisg’a citizens interested in working on the Project, and a roster of qualified Nisg’a businesses.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- NLG and Avanti have also agreed on steps required to address outstanding issues related to water quality, human health and fish habitat mitigation so that the Project can be built and operated in an environmentally responsible and safe manner.
Nisga’a Special Assembly / Sustainable Prosperity

THE THEME FOR THIS YEARS’ ASSEMBLY:

Wannihl dim wilaa dildilshl K’alii Aksim Nisga’a dim wilaa adigwil sgihl amaa wil / The Nisga’a Nation will prosper as a self-reliant society with a sustainable economy

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OPENING DAY

It was a great opening day at the 2014 Special Assembly in Gitwinksihlkw. We opened in accordance with our culture with the presentation of the G-anim Siwilyeenskw by our Council of Elders, followed by welcome by the President of Nisga’a Nation Mitchell Stevens and host Chief Councillor Ron Nyce.

Immediately following the opening, NLG undertook a ceremony to celebrate Nisga’a Nation’s final loan payment to Canada respecting the negotiation of the Nisga’a Treaty. Our repayment was financed through RBC to save millions of dollars in future interest by repaying it early during this present period of low interest rates.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DAY 2

Highlights from Tuesday at the Special Assembly in Gitwinksihlkw included:

• The report from Finance which reported on the financial status of the Nation

• The report from Lands and Resources on their activities, especially in support of the Nass Area Strategy

• The Report from Fisheries and Wildlife on managing our fisheries and wildlife,

• The report from Communications and Intergovernmental Relations which included reference to our Nisga’a identity project which proudly features Txeemsim.

Questions from the floor were varied and wide ranging, all of which was webcast.
It was another great day at the Special Assembly.

We heard reports from Programs and Services which touched on many areas of importance to our people including justice, education, child protection, language and culture.

We also heard about the interesting initiatives that the staff at NLG do to support many noteworthy causes including Christmas food hamper, women’s day, and anti-bullying to name a few.

Our first guest speaker Dr. Joseph Gosnell gave a moving presentation about the history of our struggle to resolve the land question where he encouraged Nisga’a Nation to pursue the opportunities that are being presented to us in the Nass Area. He stated that as a result of our Treaty, the decisions about our lands and any future developments that might take place on it, are ours to make. In our language, he repeated, ‘Don’t be afraid. You can do it.’

Our second guest speaker Edmond Wright then gave his comments about future issues and areas for the Nisga’a Nation to consider.

We closed with a presentation by Nisga’a Economic Development Manager Bert Mercer who spoke about preparing for prosperity and how his department is overseeing the completion of the fibre optic connection to the Nass Valley. He also updated on the quality of life strategy.

Finally, we had over 500 online web views of the Special Assembly, so a shout out to all those Nisga’a citizens who attended the Special Assembly via the world wide web!

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM DAY 4 OF SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**

Day 4 of the Special Assembly in Gitwinksihlkw featured presentations from representatives of TransCanada and Spectra Energy who listened to the comments and concerns expressed by Nisga’a citizens, and responded to almost every one of them.

Many Nisga’a citizens raised questions about the environment, benefits, jobs, and fisheries.

Spectra sponsored day three’s lunch; TransCanada sponsored day four.

Once again, please visit our Special Assembly site for reports, to watch the webcast, and more!

To view the webcast: https://new.livestream.com/accounts/8043264/events/2944457

To view Special Assembly materials: www.nisgaanation.ca/news/2014-special-assembly-nisgaa-nation

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**Highlights from Day 3 Special Assembly**

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**NISGA’A MATRIARCH ALICE AZAK SPEAKS AT THE HONOURING WOMEN CEREMONY DURING THE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY.**

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Nisga’a Special Assembly / 2014
UBC Aboriginal graduates include first Nisga’a PhD

ON SATURDAY, MAY 24, the Graduation Ceremony for UBC Aboriginal Graduates at the UBC First Nations Longhouse from the 2013/14 academic year included the first Nisga’a PhD.

Amy Parent is of the House of Ni'is joohl (Earl Stevens). Her Nisga’a name is Nox Ayaa Wilt. She has a beautiful daughter named Willow, with Dennis Brode. Amy completed a Bachelors degree in Political Science, Masters in Education, and PhD in Education.

She is currently doing a Post Doctoral Fellowship at UBC for the next year, still working within the realm of Indigenous education. Her post doctoral work will be focusing on assisting the university to recruit and retain Indigenous doctoral students. She is also working in teacher education and has been developing materials for professors who wish to teach Indigenous content.

Rosetta Doolan’s Nisga’a name is Yuuhadaax which means “Taking the Lead”. She is of the Killer Whale clan, from the house of Ni’syuu. She completed a Bachelors Degree in Education at the University of British Columbia in August 2013.

After her first year working as a teacher’s assistant in Gingolx, she knew then that she wanted to be a teacher. She applied to UBC’s Native Indian Teacher Education Program at the Kamloops NITEP centre.

After she completed two years in Kamloops she went back home to work as a teacher’s assistant for ten years. During that time she started the Gingolx Rediscovery youth camping program which was affiliated through the Rediscovery International Foundation. One of her goals is to bring back the camping program which will be on Nisga’a Lands. From the years of experience working in schools and camping with the youth, she knew it was time to come back to school and finish her degree. Completing her degree has been an amazing experience. She has learned a lot from so many wonderful teachers and is very excited to put her studies into practice! The best quote she heard from one of her teachers was, “Go with strength, Return with Honor!” This is exactly what she plans to do!

“As teachers, we have the very distinct responsibility to lead with excellence and with a deep sense of responsibility, for our authority is God-given. While our students are told to submit to our authority, we must be Leaders worth Following!” — Cultivating an Effective Classroom Environment

Kristen Davis is the daughter of Floyd and Anita Davis. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree with major in Biology, Ecology option.

The Secretary Treasurer, Corinne McKay, was honoured to be invited to the UBC First Nations Long House graduation celebration. “It is heartwarming to see young people achieve these milestones in their lives. Congratulations to all graduates and their families for their educational achievements”.

L-R: Corinne McKay, NLG Secretary Treasurer; Amy Parent, PhD Education; Rosetta Doolan, BEd; Kristen Davis, BSc, Major in Biology, Ecology Option.

Amy Parent, PhD Education
I have been privileged to attend several Graduation Ceremonies this month. Training is a valuable investment that provides returns many times over. There is a direct correlation between level of education and increased earnings — Congratulations to all the Graduates!

The Provincial Government released these projections, there will be tremendous opportunities; especially for those who are proactive in securing training.

How many job openings are expected?

• 1,027,400 job openings are expected for BC over the ten-year period

• Close to two-thirds of job openings (676,400) will be due to replacement demand as a result of retiring workers

• The other one-third of job openings (351,000) will be due to the new jobs that result from economic growth

• Demand for workers in B.C. is expected to grow by an annual average rate of 1.4 percent over the ten-year period. (British Columbia Labour Market Outlook: 2010-2020)

FISCAL FINANCING AGREEMENT

The Nisga’a Nation, Canada and British Columbia have entered into a Fiscal Financing Agreement (FFA) that provides that every 5 years the parties will attempt to reach agreement on funding for the provisions of programs and services. In preparation for the new FFA negotiations an FFA Working Group has been established and a Framework has been prepared of all programs.

To prepare the business case for increased funding, and prepare for the Data Collection Process meetings will held to engage Village Governments and entities on June 11th, 2014.

CAPITAL FINANCE COMMISSION

The Capital Finance Commission met May 28th to consider a draft Housing Policy as required in the Nisga’a Capital (New Assets) Finance Commission Act. A Working Group has been established to consider the draft for adoption at the next Executive meeting.

NEW HOUSING INVESTMENT

At the recent Executive meeting, approval was provided for 59 million dollars to invest additional resources for housing renovations, improvements, and construction of new housing. The annual Provincial Income Taxes has been budgeted for repayment of the funds. Each of the Village Governments have begun work to inspect homes and develop plans to address issues in each community. The additional funds will not affect the current housing programs in each community; rather it is intended to address current housing issues and for new housing starts.
As a young kid growing up in the Nass Valley region of northwestern B.C., Seth Williams didn’t have a discus, a steel shot or a javelin to whip his throwing arm into shape.

Instead, he tossed cut-up tree logs onto trucks as part of his daily firewood gathering chores. It was hard work but it obviously served him well.

The 15-year-old from New Aiyansh won all the throwing events he entered over the weekend at the Spruce Capital track and field meet at Masich Place Stadium, the final competition for Williams and his fellow Nisga’a Nation track team members before they head to Regina for the North American Indigenous Games, July 20-27.

To read the full story, go to: www.princegeorgecitizen.com/sports/nisga-a-nation-on-fast-track-to-indigenous-games-1.1120927
Notice of Candidates for Village Councillor of the Nisga’a Village of Gitlaxt’aamiks

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES FOR

VILLAGE COUNCILLOR FOR THE NISGA’A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAX’T’AAMIKS

IN THE JULY 8, 2014 BY-ELECTION

FOR THE NISGA’A VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF GITLAX’T’AAMIKS

The candidates for Village Councillor for the Nisga’a Village Government of Gitlaxt’aamiks in the by-election for the Nisga’a Village Government of Gitlaxt’aamiks to be held on July 8, 2014 are:

CURT K. JOHNSON
HERBERT B. MORVEN
RENEE A. MORVEN
SADIE H. PARNELL O’DONAGHEY

May 27, 2014
Jean Clayton
Nisga’a Elections Officer

Nisga’a hereditary chief named to Order of BC

A NISGA’A HEREDITARY CHIEF WILL BE HONOURED WITH THE ORDER OF BC LATER THIS YEAR.

Chief Chester Moore, a hereditary chieftain from the Nisga’a Community of Gingolx, is one of 25 people who will receive the award in a ceremony this November as announced by lieutenant-governor Judith Guichon, chancellor of the order, May 28.

To read the full story, go to: www.terracestandard.com/community/261014661.html
The *Nisga’a Landholding Transition Act* is now in effect. Please join us to learn more about what the Act does and how you may be able to use it to obtain fee simple ownership of a residential lot in a Nisga’a Village.

**Prince Rupert**

Mon July 21 / Prince Rupert Nisga’a Hall / 7pm to 9pm

**Terrace**

Tue July 22 / Terrace Community Room / 7pm to 9pm

**Vancouver**

Sat July 26 / Holiday Inn Express Vancouver (Hastings & Renfrew) / 2:30pm to 4:30pm

**Gingolx**

Mon July 28 / Gingolx Long House / 7pm to 9pm

**Laxgalts’ap**

Tue July 29 / Laxgalts’ap Community Centre Cafeteria Area / 7pm to 9pm

**GitlaXT’aamiks**

Wed July 30 / GitlaXT’aamiks Gitmidiik Hall / 7pm to 9pm

**Gitwinksihlkw**

Thu July 31 / Gitwinksihlkw Village Government Chambers / 7pm to 9pm

The sessions will be of interest to Nisga’a citizens interested in owning a residential lot in a Nisga’a village, whether or not they currently own a Nisga’a Village entitlement or Nisga’a Nation entitlement.

For more information: TEL 250 633 3091
TOLL FREE 1 866 633 0888 land.title@nisgaa.net

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**BC asks for First Nations input on LNG**

**Vancouver** / The B.C. government is trying to bring First Nations on board to its ambitious natural gas venture by asking for their input on environmental issues at the early stages of each project.

Aboriginal Relations Minister John Rustad said Friday the initiative marks a new way of dealing with First Nations, companies and government with respect to an industry that the provincial government said could be worth billions.


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**Nisga’a people reach financial milestone with debt-payback**

**Vancouver and Gitwinksihlkw, BC** / When the Nisga’a people gathered in the Nass Valley in northern British Columbia this week for a special assembly of their government, they began the event with a symbolic fire.

This wasn’t the usual native smudging ceremony, in which smoke is wafted over participants in a cleansing ritual. It was far more prosaic than that. It was a good old-fashioned “mortgage burning” as the Nisga’a marked the final repayment of an $84-million debt they built up, borrowing from the federal government to finance the costs of 26 years of treaty negotiations.

Museum opens for the season with arts festival

LAXÇALTS’AP, BC / On Sunday, May 11 the Nisg̱a’a Museum re-opened its doors to the public for a community celebration – the First Annual Nisg̱a’a Museum Arts Festival. The aim of the festival was to foster and promote Nisg̱a’a traditional and contemporary art and crafts. "We at the Nisg̱a’a Museum recognize that the arts are an essential component to the vitality of our community. This event will help the Museum to build relationships with local artists and hopefully inspire a new generation of artisans," noted museum director Darrin Martens. "By hosting this event we hope to foster a dynamic, innovative annual art festival where all visitors and residents, emerging artists and “non-artists” alike may engage with the arts in its many forms in a supportive and valued environment." The Museum featured performances by the Gitlx̱wtx’aamiks Ceremonial Dancers, local youth musicians Shaina Stephens, Darrian Mills and Billie Davis, and valley artisans Alver Tait, Janelle Borne and Vanessa Morgan. Nisg̱a’a Museum Advisory Committee Chairperson and event MC Zora McMillian encouraged everyone to, “celebrate all that is Nisg̱a’a.”

Mitchell Stevens, President of the Nisg̱a’a Nation, stated "We were very pleased to see so many Nisg̱a’a citizens and visitors from outside of the Valley in attendance on May 11 at our first Nisg̱a’a Museum Arts Festival. We welcome the world to visit our permanent collection of Nisg̱a’a art and artifacts." May 11 is a significant day for the Nation. It is the day in which all Nisg̱a’a acknowledge and celebrate the effective date of the Nisg̱a’a Final Agreement.

The Museum also opened three new temporary exhibitions: Emily Carr Returns to Ank’id’a, Basketry from the Northwest Coast and New Acquisitions. These exhibitions are the first in a series of temporary exhibitions for the Nisg̱a’a Museum to engage and animate its collections in new and innovative ways as well as enhance our relationships with museum partners from across the province. For this year’s temporary exhibition program we have chosen to include a series of baskets from Nations’

Nisg̱a’a Museum receives national media coverage

Following a recent visit to the Nass Valley during the week of Special Assembly, The Globe and Mail published two feature articles on the Nisg̱a’a Museum on Sunday May 18th:

Nisg̱a’a Museum houses repatriated treasures taken from the Nass Valley centuries ago

New exhibition brings Emily Carr’s artwork to place of conception
Open House and Invitation to Comment (Gitwinskihlkw & Gitlaax’t’aamiks)

The BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) has scheduled Open Houses that includes dates and locations in the Nass Valley with respect to proposed projects that will impact Nisga’a Lands.

Nisga’a Lisims Government encourages all residents living on Nisga’a Lands to participate in the Open Houses that will be taking place as follows:

**OPEN HOUSE AND INVITATION TO COMMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED WESTCOAST CONNECTOR GAS TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 18, 2014 /**

Gitwinskihlkw Open House
Ts’oohl Ts’ap Memorial Centre
Between the hours of 4:30pm and 8:30pm (Dinner served)

Shuttle service provided for residents of Gitlaax’t’aamiks to participate, contact Gitlaax’t’aamiks Village Government for information.

The Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Project has now submitted its application to obtain an environmental assessment certificate which is required before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. The application can be viewed at the EAO website (www.eao.gov.bc.ca), or any village office.

The EAO invites public comment on the application during the public comment period, which runs from May 14, 2014 to June 27, 2014. The EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

By Online Form: [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca)
By Fax: 250 387 0230
By Mail: Nathan Braun
Project Assessment Manager
Environmental Assessment Office
PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC v8w 9v1

Open House and Invitation to Comment (Gingolx & Laxgals’ap)

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**OPEN HOUSE AND INVITATION TO COMMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED WESTCOAST CONNECTOR GAS TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

**THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2014 /**

Gingolx Open House
Gingolx Memorial Centre
Between the hours of 4:30pm and 8:30pm (Dinner served)

Shuttle service provided for residents of Laxgals’ap to participate, contact Laxgals’ap Village Government for information.

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OPEN HOUSE AND INVITATION TO COMMENT:
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED PRINCE RUPERT GAS TRANSMISSION PROJECT

MONDAY JUNE 23, 2014 /
Gitlax’t’aamiks Open House
Gitmidilik Auditorium
Between the hours of 4:30pm and 8:30pm (Dinner served)

Shuttle service provided for residents of Gitwinksihilkw to participate, contact Gitwinksihilkw Village Government for information.

The Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project has submitted its application to obtain an environmental assessment certificate, which is required before any work can be undertaken on the proposed project. The application can be viewed at the EAO website (www.eao.gov.bc.ca), or any village office.

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The Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project is also preparing a park boundary adjustment application for the Nisga’a Memorial Lava Bed Park. Information on the application will be available at each of the open houses. A summary of the application and comment link is available at www.princerupertgas.com. Public comments on the application will be accepted between May 26 to July 9, 2014. A summary of comments will be provided to BC Parks.

Open House and Invitation to Comment (Laxgals’ap & Gingolx)

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OPEN HOUSE AND INVITATION TO COMMENT:
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED PRINCE RUPERT GAS TRANSMISSION PROJECT

TUESDAY JUNE 24, 2014 /
Laxgals’ap Open House
Laxgals’ap Community Centre
Between the hours of 4:30pm and 8:30pm (Dinner served)

Shuttle service provided for residents of Gingolx to participate, contact Gingolx Village Government for information.

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At the beginning of each monthly meeting of the Executive, the NLG Senior Management provide briefing reports that highlight their department’s monthly administrative activity and meetings attended.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER / COLLIER AZAK**

The CEO reported that he attended a meeting with directors and senior managers on April 25th, 2014 to ensure communication and coordination of items are established, another key issue discussed was a query on NLG staff participation in a forum regarding the Special Assembly on May 12th which was well attended with full participation by staff.

The CEO attended Officer Briefings on April 28, May 12, 13, and 14; attended a meeting to review the initial port proposal, pipelines, and restructuring of NLG companies.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / CHERYL STEPHENS**

The Executive Director continued work with NCFS Director, In House Legal Counsel (IHLC) and the Director of Programs and Services regarding Implementation and Transition Planning for move to C6. She continued to attend meetings with prospective proponents and review all correspondence relating to referrals relating to Nass Area Strategy, and continued meetings with all Village Government CAOs regarding potential Employment and Contracting opportunities. She attended Special Assembly, Officers briefings, Tripartite Implementation and Tripartite Finance, Senior Management Team meeting.

**FINANCE / HENRY ROY**

The CFO reported that the market value of the Settlement Trust has increased from $227,708,417 (3/31/14) to $229,866,567 an increase of 1.0%; NLG received final Capital Transfer payments from Canada and BC. Treaty loan was paid down completely and a remaining balance of $12m was transferred to the Settlement Trust. The CFO participated in meetings with Board of Directors of NCG and our Officers on Friday May 16.

Regarding Capital and Maintenance, a working group was established, consisting of Henry Roy (CFO), Stephanie Lysyk (IHLC), Eric Nyce (CPA) and Andrew Robinson (Village Governments) that would review comments made during the meeting and complete a Housing Policy to bring forward to the Executive. Audit is underway and Auditors are on-site and expect to complete audit on schedule. Regarding Nisga’a Museum Art Festival on May 11, over 500 visitors were recorded at the Museum that day.

**LANDS & RESOURCES / WARREN FEKETE**

The Lands & Resource Director reported on logging activity where a total of 1,206,391 m³ was harvested and scaled from Nisga’a Lands in April 2014. A draft feasibility report was received for review to further a possible hydroelectric development within and adjacent to Nisga’a Lands. An update will be provided to the Executive in June, following some refinement of run of river and storage options, fisheries impacts review and transmission options.

For Special Use Permits, Assessments and studies to support the engineering and environmental plans for the proposed pipelines continue on Nisga’a Lands through Special use permits issued by my office.

An update will be provided with respect to the the Gitzyon Watershed will be providing an update on mitigation planning that continues within the Gitzyon and Gingit community watersheds.

For the Nisga’a Public lands License Forest development Plan, work is continuing on the NLG review of the Lisims Forest Resources LP proposed harvesting and road building activities for the next 5 years. No timeline for approval has been established.

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On the Northwest Transmission Line, BC Hydro is on the final stages of tower installation and stringing of the lines. The last tower to be constructed along the entire line is located within the Gitzyon watershed, the line stringing will occur over the next three weeks and energized after that. The operation date is set around the beginning of July this year.

In the GIS Department, the GIS tech has resigned to take a position in Terrace; the position is soon to be advertised.

On the Grizzly Hill Weather Station, Installation of a weather station by MOTI is expected to commence soon near Grizzly Hill.

NLG will be providing our resources to review and consult with Laxgals’ap administration for environmental, routing and planning.

**FISHERIES & WILDLIFE / HARRY NYCE SR.**

The Director reported that he continues to monitor the Nisga’a Fisheries and Wildlife operation during time off via emails, attended and presented at the 2014 Nisga’a Special Assembly. The Director attended JFMC meeting in Smithers on May 22nd.

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES / ROBERTA STEWART**

In the Access to Justice department, Police reported their public campaign on NO Drinking and Driving in light of the upcoming graduation celebration. A video clip will be developed to bring to the communities and N.E.S.S. In the Ayuuk Nisga’a Department, there is an ongoing work progress on language authority: *Nisga’a Heritage Act* and name plates.

Community workshops are being explored for the K’aats booklet.

In the Nisga’a Child & Family Services department, both Supported Child Development and the Infant Development submitted proposals to the Aboriginal Services Initiatives with MCFD, to an estimated amount of $900,000.

In the Social Development section, A Motivating self for success; a personal and professional development proposal was submitted to the Aboriginal Community Based Delivery partnership Program in partnership with WWNI. The proposal amount is $351,000.

The Terrace Office is continuing programs and services, for further details check out the display at the Terrace Office. Coming up is a graduation dinner and is scheduled for June 13, 2014.

In the Youth Organizing Youth section, the Minerva Foundation in partnership with NVHA, and SD92 will be providing workshops for young girls to enhance self esteem. For young men, a Cultural camp is being explored with the help of Preston Guno, co-founder of Warriors camp. On June 20,2014, The YOV, NVHA, YEW, SD92 and NLG Justice will be holding a strategic think tank to coordinate summer programs and after school programs for Nisga’a Youth. For outdoor recreation, an environmental rafting education program for youth is being explored with K’san House & Rafting Co.

In the Education sector, The Nisga’a Post-Secondary Education Assistance Policy 2014 will be tabled at the June 2014 Executive Meeting. In 2013/2014, the numbers of students sponsored in Gingolx: 100 students, Laxgals’ap: 92 students, Gitwinksihlkw: 24 students, Gitlax’t’aamiks: No info available at this time.

In the Health section, the NVHA 5 year evaluation will be tabled at the June Executive, this will allow NLG Officers and Senior Management the time to review the report.

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Summary of Resolutions from NLG Executive Meeting May 29–30, 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 May 30, 2014
ARO Annual Report

MOVED THAT the Executive
1. receive the ARO Annual Report;
2. take the necessary steps to lay the ARO Annual Report before Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisg’a’a, as required by section 23(2) of the Act,
3. recommend to Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisg’a’a that the ARO Annual Report be forwarded to Nisg’a’a Lisims Government Committees, Nisg’a’a Village Governments, Nisg’a’a Valley Health Authority, and Nisg’a’a Urban Local Offices, to review the ARO Annual Report and act on those areas within their respective jurisdictions.

Resolution / Adopted May 30, 2014
Moses McKay two-year term

MOVED THAT the Nisg’a’a Lisims Government Executive appoint Moses McKay for a term of two years to the NADRB Board.

Resolution / Adopted May 30, 2014
First Directors Appointed

MOVED THAT Edmond Wright, Frederic Tolmie, Angeline Nyce, Andrew Robinson, Darlene Morgan, Harry M. Nyce, Jr. and Glen Leslie Clayton be appointed as the first directors of the new company that is to be incorporated to act as the general partner of the new master limited partnership contemplated by the reorganization of the Nation’s commercial entities approved by the Executive of Nisg’a’a Lisims Government under Executive Resolution 2013/84.

Resolution / Adopted May 30, 2014
New Revolving Term Facility (“RTF”)

MOVED THAT the Executive:
1. acknowledge the $9,000,000 RTF for housing and other capital projects, with targeted funding to come from Personal Income Tax Revenue, in an amount not less than $750,000 annually, to be used to support repayment of advances under the RTF; and

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2. authorize the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Executive Officer of Nisga’a Lisims Government, on behalf of the Nisga’a Nation, to execute such documentation as may be required by the Bank to give effect to this Motion.

Resolution / Adopted May 30, 2014
Renewed Licence of Occupation

MOVED THAT under section 6 of the Nisga’a Land Act, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive grant to PRGTL a renewal of the licence of occupation in a form substantially the same as the one attached to this motion as Appendix “A”.
1. the Director of Lands and Resources, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to PRGTL, for execution and return, a renewed licence of occupation substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix “A”; and
2. upon the execution by PRGTL and return to the Director of the renewed licence of occupation delivered under paragraph (1), the Director be authorized to date and execute the renewed licence of occupation on behalf of the Executive.

Resolution / Adopted May 30, 2014
Land Use Permit

MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive grant to PRGTL a land use permit in a form substantially the same as the one attached to this motion as Appendix “A” and that
1. the Director of Lands and Resources (the “Director”), on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to PRGTL, for execution and return, a land use permit substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix “A”; and
2. upon the execution by PRGTL and return to the Director of the land use permit delivered under paragraph (1), the Director be authorized to date and execute the land use permit on behalf of the Executive.

Resolution / Adopted May 30, 2014
K-12 Evaluation Memorandum

MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive:
1. receive the recommendations set out in the K-12 Evaluation memorandum; and
2. direct the Director of Programs and Services to work with Nisga’a Lisims Government senior administration to pursue the initiatives set out in the K-12 Evaluation memorandum.

Resolution / Adopted May 30, 2014
Family Support Memorandum

MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive:
1. endorse the recommendations set out in the Nisga’a Family Support memorandum; and
2. direct the Director of Programs and Services to work with Nisga’a Lisims Government senior administration to pursue the initiatives set out in the Nisga’a Family Support memorandum.

Resolution / Adopted May 30, 2014
Marine Fish Sampling Program

MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive approve the Marine Fish Sampling Program 2014 project application.

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.
**ECE / Infant Toddler Educator / Lax̉g̱alts’ap**

Ksi Xy’ans Daycare Head Start Job Opportunity

**POSITION:** Full time ECE / Infant Toddler Educator  
**FACILITY:** Ksi Xy’ans Daycare Head Start, Lax̉g̱alts’ap  
**CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled

**CAREGIVER QUALITIES:** The Early Childhood Educator/IT must have a passion to work with children ages 0-5 yrs. Professional, team player, is creative and a self-directed individual who will work to deliver the highest quality care in the thriving Ksi Xy’ans Daycare Head Start programs.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Basic ECE and/or Infant & Toddler certifications
- A valid safety oriented Child Care first aid certificate or willing to obtain one
- Criminal Record Check as require by Child Care Regulations
- Medical and Immunization clearance as required by CCR
- 3 letters of reference supporting your application
- Knowledge of the Nisg̱a’a Language and Culture
- Warm personality, team-focused and strong guiding and caring skills
- Must be in good physical condition to lift and carry young children.

**TYPICAL DUTIES:**

- Provides high-quality care for young children by offering a stimulating and nurturing environment for the physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social development of each child.
- Guiding and caring for children, providing a safe and healthy environment and maintaining ongoing.
- Open communication with parents as well as fellow staff.
- Contribute to ongoing operation of all KDHS programs to ensure the health and safety standards of Child Care Licensing Regulations (CCLR) are met.
- Participate in all housekeeping responsibilities as delegated by the Program Supervisor

Applicants are required to submit the following documents: resume, cover letter, 3 references and proof of application for a criminal record check. Thank you for your interest, however, only those short listed will be contacted.

**SUBMIT RESUME & REFERENCE LETTER(S) TO:**

Lax̉g̱alts’ap Village Government Reception  
Lax̉g̱alts’ap Village Government  
PO Box 200, Greenville BC V0J 1X0
GIS Technician / Gitlax̱t’aamiks

POSTED: June 6, 2014
CLOSES: July 11, 2014 at 5PM
POSITION: GIS Technician
SALARY: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience
SUPERVISOR: Lands Manager
HOURS: 35 hours per week
TERM: Full-Time Permanent
LOCATION: Gitlax̱t’aamiks (New Aiyansh), BC

JOB SUMMARY: Provide GIS technical support for Nisg̱a’a Lisims Government (NLG). Source, analyze and update Director of Lands and Resources GIS data.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide custom coverages for forests, lands and other resource planning and management, to assist in the preparation of technical reports and public consultation materials;

- Maintain, modify and populate NLG digital geographic database;

- Advise on technical solutions for departmental data and program needs.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree or advanced technical training in a lands or resources or community planning related discipline;

- Training in GIS applications;

- 2 years experience using GIS applications, including 2 years ESRI products in a government and/or resources management environment;

- Ability to use database management systems, image processing and VB programming, AML and/or Python an asset;

- Experience dealing with cadastral data in a Torrens title system environment, and familiarity with cadastral data management an asset;

- Experience and familiarity with industrial, government and GIS needs related to forest management an asset;

- Ability to understand and speak the Nisg̱a’a language an asset;

- Familiarity with the Nisg̱a’a culture an asset;

- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the job.

Applicants are required to submit a resume with cover letter describing their qualifications and experience prior to 5:00 pm on Friday, July 11, 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:

Nisg̱a’a Lisims Government
Attention: Human Resource Department
PO BOX 231, Gitlax̱t’aamiks BC V0J 1A0
FAX: 250 633 2367
hrdept@nisgaa.net
Administrative Assistant / Term Position

POSTED: June 5, 2014 CLOSES: June 19, 2014
POSITION: Administrative Assistant
SALARY RANGE: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience
SUPERVISOR: Programs and Services Director
HOURS: 35 hours per week
TERM: 6 month term (Subject to a Leave)
LOCATION: Gitlax't'amsiks (New Aiyansh), BC

JOB SUMMARY: The Administrative Assistant provides clerical, operational and administrative support in order to maintain reports, records and documentation for the Programs and Services files, administrative files and financial records for the department. The Administrative Assistant is required to have a good understanding of the programs and services of the directorate.

DUTIES:

• Under the direction of Programs and Services Director, the Administrative Assistant provides a full range of clerical, operational and administrative assistance to the Director and the Programs and Services staff;

• Develop and maintain an efficient filing system and maintain confidential information for the department;

• Provide assistance to implement, maintain and update various databases, records and reports for the department;

• When required, ensure all reports from managers of Programs and Services are prepared on a timely basis;

• Coordinate reporting materials required for NLG Executive monthly meetings and liaise with Executive Assistant to the CEO;

• Track and direct incoming mail/faxes and acknowledge receipt of correspondence;

• Generate POs, process invoices, coordinate department time and leave records, obtain authorization for payment;

• Draft correspondence, communication notices etc. and take/produce meeting minutes as required;

• Assist in preparation of arranging meetings, book travel / accommodation as required and prepare itineraries;

• Assist with maintaining adequate inventory of stationery and supplies;

• Other related duties.

EDUCATION:

• Grade 12 or GED equivalent required;

• Post Secondary education in Business or Administration preferred.

EXPERIENCE:

• Minimum of two years of combined clerical, administrative and receptionist experience required.

SKILLS/ABILITIES:

• Good understanding of the Programs and Services professional staff work requirements;

• Strong written and verbal communication skills with ability to work effectively with a variety of audiences;

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Job Opportunities

- Ability to maintain positive client relations under possible adverse circumstances;
- Ability to prioritize and manage a workload which often includes multiple competing demands;
- Dynamic, proven ability to engage others and work in a team environment;
- Highly organized and structured, with attention to detail;
- Proficient use of standard Microsoft applications;
- Must possess a positive, friendly attitude and a strong work ethic;
- Knowledge of the Nisga’a Treaty an asset;
- Ability to understand and speak or familiarity with Nisga’a language and culture an asset.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE/COMPLETE/PROVIDE:

- A valid BC Drivers’ license with recent drivers’ abstract;
- Three recent work related references;
- The successful candidate will be subject to a criminal record check.

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

APPLICATIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

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hrdept@nisgaa.net

Social Worker Team Lead (Child Protection)

LOCATION: Gitlax’t’aamiks, BC (within close proximity to Terrace). Relocation assistance on offer for the right candidate!

Don’t miss this opportunity to take on a leadership role with a world-class, First Nations organization!

Make a lasting difference in the lives of the children and families in the beautiful community of Gitlax’t’aamiks, BC!

Receive a generous 28 days of leave and a highly competitive salary of $38,29-542.54 (for C6-qualified candidates) with fantastic benefits!

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

The Nisga’a Lisims Government (NLG) building opened its doors in 2000, and has since been responsible for a vital set of functions carried out under various departments including Finance, Programs & Services, Fisheries & Wildlife, and Lands & Resources, all which contribute to the development of the surrounding area. NLG’s directives are governed under Nisga’a laws as well as federal and provincial laws.

Read more about this exciting opportunity and apply online http://jobs.applyfirst.ca/jobs/50982
Casual / On-Call Receptionist

**POSTED:** June 6, 2014  
**CLOSES:** June 20, 2014  
**POSITION:** Casual/On-Call Receptionist  
**SALARY RANGE:** $15.41  
**SUPERVISOR:** Department Manager  
**HOURS:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday  
**TERM:** As Required  
**LOCATION:** Gitlaxt’aamiks (New Aiyansh), BC  

**JOB SUMMARY:** Perform receptionist duties and provide administrative and clerical support.  

**DUTIES:**  
- Receive and direct visitors;  
- Receive and direct incoming telephone calls and take/deliver messages;  
- Receive, distribute and track incoming and outgoing mail/fax correspondence;  
- Assist with travel and meeting arrangements;  
- Perform other related duties such as typing, photocopying, shredding, filing etc.  
- Other general office duties as assigned.  

**EXPERIENCE:**  
- Previous experience as a receptionist required.  

**SKILLS/ABILITIES:**  
- Proficient use of standard Microsoft Office applications;  
- Accurate and efficient keyboarding;  
- Planning and organizational skills with attention to detail;  
- Excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills;  
- Familiarity with Nisga’a Culture and ability to speak and write the Nisga’a language is an asset.  

**OTHER:**  
- 3 recent work related references preferred  

Applicants are required to submit a resume with cover letter describing their qualifications and experience prior to 5:00 pm on June 20, 2014. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected will be contacted.  

**EDUCATION OR OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION:**  
- Minimum grade 12 or equivalency required;  
- Post Secondary training as Certified Office Assistant or in Business Administration an asset.  

**ALL RESUME PACKAGES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:**  
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