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President’s Message

I want to express my condolences to the families suffering recent losses. I offer continued prayers to those who are grieving and suffering hardship, and those who are battling cancer and other illnesses.

At its March 2019 sitting, Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a adopted the provisional budget of the Nisga’a Nation for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The provisional budget process ensures the budget meets the needs and priorities of the Nation, within the provisions of the Nisga’a Financial Administration Act. I had the opportunity to sit in with the finance committee and heard the requests of the Nation; I remain dedicated to considering how we can best provide for our people.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the many graduates celebrating their convocations. We have graduates from high school, post-secondary, and even a doctoral degree. Education is important and I am impressed with the commitment to learning I see in our Nation.

Finally, I wish to extend congratulations to Sim’oogit Hleék, Dr. Joseph Gosnell, on his most recent achievement of being appointed the University of Northern British Columbia’s 7th Chancellor. Si’aamhl wilin, Joe!

As we head into the summer months, I encourage everyone to pay attention to the wildfire risks. Any fire bans will be posted on the NLG website, www.nisgaanation.ca.
Federal Indian Day Schools Class Action

Did you attend any of the Indian Day Schools listed below?

If so, you can apply to be a 'Class Member' in the Class Action that may qualify you for compensation from $10K - $200K based on your attendance / experience at the Indian Day School.

For the application form and further updates and information on the status of the settlement, visit www.indiandayschools.com

If you require further assistance or information, contact your local Indian Day Schools volunteer committee member, or the Volunteer Coordinator Reg Percival at reginaldp@nisgaa.net

Nass Valley Indian Day Schools (Excerpted from 'Schedule K – Indian Day Schools List')

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Deanna Nyce Defends PhD Dissertation at UBC


Deanna was enrolled in UBC’s Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate Program and her defence consisted of a 30 minute presentation summarizing major research findings in her dissertation, including the knowledge and wisdom of the 10 simgigat and sigidimhaanak research interviewees.

After short deliberation, the committee announce that Deanna had passed with no revision required. Deanna will receive her PhD at UBC convocation this spring.

Si’aamhl wilin (soon to be) Dr Nyce!
WE HAVE RELOCATED!

Nisga’a Employment Skills & Training can now be found at:
4714 Tait Avenue, New Aiyansh, B.C.
V0J 1A0
(Old Nisga’a Pacific Ventures building)

We will be OPEN to the public
March 25, 2019
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March 20, 2019

Modern Treaty Holders Welcome Negotiation Loan Forgiveness and Reimbursement Commitment in Federal Budget

OTTAWA, ONTARIO – Members of the Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) are responding positively to Budget 2019’s announcement that treaty negotiation loans will be either forgiven or reimbursed.

“The commitment to forgive and reimburse treaty negotiation loans is welcome news,” said Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) President and LCAC co-chair Aluki Kotierk. “We look forward to working with this government to clarify details in the coming months.”

The 2018 Budget ended the practice of funding negotiations through loans, and mentioned loan forgiveness and reimbursement, but provided no specific financial commitment or timelines. LCAC members had asked that the Trudeau government address this important issue in Budget 2019, and are extremely pleased to learn that Canada has responded positively.

Debts accumulated during treaty negotiations, which can take decades to complete, range from $2 million to more than $80 million. Since concluding negotiations some treaty holders had managed to repay the loans at the expense of other pressing needs. Reimbursement of these funds by Canada presents a welcome opportunity to invest in a multitude of high-priority projects on the ground in modern treaty communities.

“It will allow us to address some high priority projects,” said Nisga’a Nation President and LCAC co-chair Eva Clayton. “We paid the money that we had borrowed to negotiate our agreement in 2014, and are excited to get that money back, to use it for the benefit of our people.”

Budget 2019 proposes funding of $1.4 billion to forgive all outstanding comprehensive claim negotiation loans and to reimburse more than 200 Indigenous governments and communities.

Formed in 2003, the Land Claims Agreements Coalition has membership representing Inuit, First Nation and Métis modern treaty organizations and governments in Canada. Our objective is to ensure that modern treaties are fully implemented. Modern treaties affect nearly half of Canada’s land, water and resources.

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Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) was in session March 27-29, 2019 with the motion to pass the 2019-2020 Provisional Budget of the Nisga’a Nation as its primary agenda item.

The House also entertained the election of Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Kevin McKay - who was recently elected as Councillor for Laxgalts’ap in a by-election, was elected as Speaker of the House and incumbent Deputy Speaker Claude Barton maintained his role as Deputy Speaker by acclamation.

In his opening statements Speaker McKay thanked the House for the vote of confidence and acknowledged the service of Deputy Speaker Claude Barton who has filled the role of acting Speaker since the untimely passing of late Speaker Craig McKay.

Speaker McKay then acknowledged the leadership and service of late Speaker Craig McKay and also acknowledged his family and wilp in supporting him in his years of public service.
Harry Nyce Sr. Honored for 31 Years of Service on RDKS Board

During the meeting of the WSN on March 27, 2019, representatives from the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine attended to make a presentation to Harry Nyce Sr. to note his 31 years of service on their Board of Directors.

Ron Poole, CAO, and Yvonne Koerner, CFO, presented Mr. Nyce with a gift and spoke. According to Mr. Poole, in addition to his time on the RDKS Board, Mr. Nyce has served on many committees at the provincial & federal level and it was noted that he was the first Indigenous president of the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

“During his 30 years, Harry was a part of many projects too numerous to mention that benefited the communities and people of the Kitimat-Stikine region. His effect on the board was felt in his strong interest and influence in the areas of health, education and the environment.”

In his response, Mr. Nyce noted that he was pleased to be part of the Nisga’a Nation’s long history of supporting the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, and past members from the Nass Valley were responsible for starting Nisga’a Valley Health and School District #92.

Harry Nyce Sr. is the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife for the Nisga’a Lisims Government, and the staff and executive congratulate and commend him on his many years of service to the community.
Communique to Nisga’a Citizens - LNG Development

March 29, 2019, Gitlax’tamiks, B.C. - The Nisga’a Nation strives for sustainable prosperity and wishes to see the development of a sustainable economic base in the Nass Valley that will improve the quality of life of Nisga’a citizens.

In light of renewed interest in the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) sector, Wilp Sł’ayuułk’i Nisg’a met today to determine the path forward for the Nisga’a Nation.

At present, Nisga’a Lisims Government is actively engaged in facilitating preliminary site assessment activity with prospective proponents who have interest in LNG development on Nisga’a Lands and within the Nass Area.

While this site assessment activity is in the very early stages, Nass Valley residents may from time to time see or hear increased air (helicopter) or ground (trucks, ATV’s, etc) traffic within Nisga’a Lands. Residents can rest assured that NLG staff are engaged and aware of this activity, and are actively working with these proponents to ensure all activity is within Nisga’a Law.

We will also ensure that any proposed developments that take place in the Nass Area and within Nisga’a Lands must adhere to our Treaty rights – in particular the Environmental Assessment and Protection Chapter of the Nisga’a Treaty.

Nisga’a Government is currently developing Nisga’a Environmental Assessment and Protection legislation that will strengthen the requirements of our Treaty and to ensure our social, economic and cultural aspirations are met and adhered to.

In closing, we wish to reiterate that should any of these assessments move forward in a more meaningful way the, Nisga’a Government will implement a plan to ensure that we are regularly communicating with Nisga’a citizens in respect of any substantive LNG development on Nisga’a Lands and within the Nass Area.

For more information, visit our website at www.nisgaanation.ca
Students from NESS marched from the school to the Nisga'a Lisims Government building in Gitlax'xt'aamiks on Tuesday, April 2 for World Autism Awareness Day. The theme was gwisgwoosgum goypax, or "Light it Up Blue". Wearing blue shirts to mark the occasion, students and teachers gathered outside the NLG building.

Executive Chairperson Brian Tait and Willard Martin, Sim'oogit Ni'isyuus, Chairperson of the Council Of Elders addressed the students, speaking about kindness and doing our best to support everyone in the community. Grade 1/2 teacher Lena Griffin and Grade 8 student Kristin Young also spoke. A recording of the event can be found on the NLG Facebook page.

World Autism Awareness Day exists to raise awareness about and encourage support for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
President Clayton Appears Before Senate Committee on Transport & Communications re: Bill C-48

Nisga’a Nation President Eva Clayton appeared before the Senate Committee on Transport and Communications as a witness in Terrace on April 17, 2019.

President Clayton presented the Nisga’a Lisims Government’s opposition to the bill on the basis that the Nisga’a Nation was not properly consulted on the bill, nor were its implications to the Nisga’a Treaty considered by the federal government.

“"This legislation was introduced without any discussion about the significant implications it would have on the Nisga’a Nation and the Nisga’a Treaty." President Clayton said to the Committee. "In the weeks that preceded the introduction of Bill C-48, we urged the Minister, his Cabinet colleagues and staff that the moratorium must not be introduced before the implications on our Nation and our Treaty were well understood and that the moratorium should not cover our Treaty area. Despite these efforts, our appeals fell on deaf ears and the legislation was introduced without any further dialogue with the Nisga’a Nation."

The President’s full remarks are available on the NLG website, www.nisgaanation.ca

Administrative Decisions Review Board Sworn In

On April 23, 2019, a new Administration Decision Review Board took oath of office at Nisga’a Lisims Government.

The board members sworn in are:
La’kek, David Griffin, Gitwinksihlkw, BC
Noxs Ayugaak, Phyllis Alexcee, Gitwinksihlkw, BC
W’ii T’axgenx, Ed McMillan, Gitlaxt’aamiks BC
Chester Moore replicates Nisga’a cultural treasure

Sim’oogit Haymaas, Chester Moore, delivered a cultural masterpiece he replicated to the NLG offices on May 1. The original piece, that originates from Wilps Haymaas’s ancestors, is one of 300+ cultural treasures that were repatriated and are now housed at the Nisga’a Museum in Laxgalts’ap.

The piece will remain on display at NLG until it is moved to the Nisga’a Museum.
The B.C. government hosted delegates from the Nisga’a nation at the Legislature in Victoria on May 9 in advance of the May 11 anniversary of the Nisga’a treaty. Premier Horgan spoke, along with Ministers Fraser and Mark. NLG President Eva Clayton addressed the crowd as well. The Kwhlii Gibaygum Nisga’a Dancers lead the procession into the Hall of Honour and performed at the end of the ceremony.

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**B.C., Nisga’a Nation celebrate treaty anniversary**

VICTORIA — The Nisga’a Nation and the Government of British Columbia marked the 19th anniversary of the Nisga’a Treaty with a flag ceremony at B.C.’s Parliament buildings.

“We are very honoured by the kind gesture of our Treaty partner, the Government of British Columbia in hosting this Nisga’a Treaty anniversary event,” said Eva Clayton, President, Nisga’a Nation. “This truly demonstrates that the Province values our government-to-government relationship and shared responsibility in the ongoing implementation of the Nisga’a Treaty.”

On May 11, 2000, the Nisga’a Nation became the first modern treaty Nation in British Columbia. This landmark event ended any authority of the federal Indian Act and established a new relationship between British Columbia, Canada and the Nisga’a Nation.

“I am proud to be a citizen of the Nisga’a Nation with deep roots in Laxgalts’ap,” said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training and MLA for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant. “This anniversary represents another major milestone in the Nation’s journey to self-determination. This treaty is empowering Nisga’a citizens through education, cultural and economic opportunities, cultivating thriving conditions for generations to come.”

The treaty anniversary flag display in the Hall of Honour is a demonstration of a shared commitment to reconciliation, and an important reminder of the unique government-to-government relationship between B.C. and treaty Nations.

“As the first Nation to achieve a modern treaty in B.C., I congratulate the Nisga’a Nation for all they have accomplished as leaders in self-governance and self-determination,” said Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. “I am excited to see what the generation of young people who have grown up only knowing themselves as citizens of a self-governing treaty nation will achieve as the leaders of tomorrow.”

Since the treaty came into effect, the Nisga’a people have thrived as a self-governing Nation, providing healthcare, cultural education and economic opportunities for Nisga’a citizens.

“Congratulations to the Nisga’a Nation on your hard work, building a future where the Nisga’a people can thrive and grow,” said Carolyn Bennett, federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations. “We are proud to work with you on your journey to self-determination as you continue to create new opportunities for future generations.”

Preserving and promoting culture is a priority for the Nisga’a Nation. A significant achievement of the Treaty has been the return of more than 300 Nisga’a treasures to the Nation. Those
B.C. & Nisga’a Nation Celebrate Treaty Anniversary cont.

artifacts are now housed in a permanent place of honour in the Nisga’a Museum, which ranks among the world’s finest collections of Northwest Coast Indigenous art.

Medical care for members is provided by the Nisga’a Valley Health Authority. It is responsible for public health-care programs and operates a diagnostic centre and satellite clinics in Nisga’a villages. The authority provides physician services, home care, cultural community health representatives and administration of non-insured health benefits.

Quick Facts:

- The Nisga’a Nation, with more than 7,000 people, is represented by the Nisga’a Lisims Government.
- The treaty negotiation process provides a framework for three parties—First Nations, B.C. and Canada—to work toward the common goal of reconciliation and to build a new relationship through treaties.
- Some major components integral to modern treaty-making include Indigenous Rights, self-government, land and resources, financial agreements, fishing and forestry.

Learn More:
Nisga’a Lisims Government: http://www.nisgaanation.ca/

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Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
250 208-9621

Bobby Clark
Director, Communications and Inter-Governmental Relations
Nisga’a Lisims Government
250 633-3022

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Nisga’a Day 2019

A Nisga’a Day ceremony was held on May 11, 2019 during the Emergency Preparedness Conference at the Gitlaxt’aamiks Recreation Centre. Brian Tait, Executive Chairperson for the Nisga’a Lisims Government, acted as Emcee for the proceedings. President Eva Clayton offered remarks, commenting on how it was fitting to recognize Nisga’a Day during a conference dedicated to Emergency Preparedness.

"It is through the foresight of our negotiators of the Nisga’a Treaty that the Nisga’a Nation is the designated local authority on Nisga’a Lands," President Clayton said, "and it is very important that we continue to educate and prepare ourselves for the myriad of hazards that surround us."

The ceremony was concluded with a prayer by Pastor Damien Azak and cakes bearing the Nisga’a flag. Happy Nisga’a Day to all!
The Nisga'a Museum is open for the season as of Friday, May 17!

This year the museum is showcasing a 2 year temporary exhibition entitled “Healing Ways” which will walk patrons through from spirituality and a few medicinal plant practices of the Nisga’a Halayt, walking through the darkness to light patrons will experience cultural uses from the past to present.

The annual hours for the Nisga’a Museum are as follows:

Spring: (May-June) Weds-Sunday 10 am-6 pm, Victoria Day 10am-5pm
Summer: (July-August) 7 days a week 10 am- 6 pm
Fall: (after Labour day long weekend) Sept-October Weds-Sunday 10 am-6 pm
Winter: Closed for Season, open by appointment only

Brand new to the Nisga’a Museum gift shop this season is t-shirts! They will also be carrying items from Wolf Pack Apparel, Selina’s Arts and Crafts, Chasity Stevens beaded earrings, Alice Clayton Moccasins, Alver Tait Jewelry and carving, Jada Creations and Calvin McNeil Carving. If anyone wishes to consign with the Nisga’a Museum, please have them contact Jolene Sampare at jolenes@nisgaa.net.

If any groups wish to visit the museum, we encourage you to call ahead to make a group booking, this will assist us in having adequate staffing available to the group as well as a scheduled time for a thorough tour.
Newly elected Village Councillor for Gitwinksihlkw takes oath of office at Nisga'a Lisims Government

On May 23, 2019, Nisga'a Lisims Government was proud to announce the swearing-in ceremony of Axdii Sga k'aax, Andrew Nyce. Councillor Nyce was the successful candidate for the May 15, 2019 By-election for Council member for the Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw.

The ceremony was conducted by the In-House Legal Counsel team along with the Chairperson Council of Elders, Sim'oogit Ni'isyuus. Honourable member Andrew Nyce is from Gitwinksihlkw, BC and is from the house of Wii Gadin Xsgaak gans Baxkap of the Laxgibuu tribe.
Property Tax 2019 - Reminder

The Nisga’a Nation is responsible for the taxation of Nisga’a Lands. Tax notices were sent out by Nisga’a Lisims Government on May 13, 2019. More information regarding the July 2, 2019 deadline, accepted methods of payment, late penalties, and more, is available on the Nisga’a Lisims Government website, www.nisgaanation.ca.

If you have any questions regarding property tax, please contact (250) 633-3000 or taxadministrator@nisgaa.net

Executive Briefing Report - Finance Department

Nisga’a Settlement Trust

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Dr. Joseph Gosnell Sworn in as UNBC Chancellor

Dr. Joseph Gosnell, Sim'oogit Hleek, was sworn in as the University of Northern British Columbia's seventh Chancellor on Friday, May 31, 2019. The event took place in Prince George, B.C. during the university's 26th convocation ceremony.

Many congratulations to Dr. Gosnell!
NLG Executive March 2019 Resolutions

Resolution 2019/ 27/ March 4, 2019
MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive adopt the Agenda for the Extraordinary Executive Meeting for March 4, 2019 as amended.

*IN CAMERA*

Resolution 2019/ 28/ March 25, 2019
MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive adopt the Agenda for the Executive Meeting, dated March 25 & 26, 2019 as presented.

Resolution 2019/ 29/ March 25, 2019
MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive adopt the Summary of Resolutions and Proceedings of the Executive for February 20 & March 4, 2019, as presented.

Resolution 2019/ 30/ March 25, 2019
MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive supports the Gitmaxmak’ay Nisga’a Society’s application to the Coast Opportunity Funds for the Wilp Sihoon Smokehouse Phase IT Project in the amount of $86,713.

Resolution 2019/ 31/ March 25, 2019
MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive adopt the financial statements for the periods ending January 31, 2019 and February 28, 2019 as presented by the Chief Financial Officer and as attached to this motion.

Resolution 2019/ 32/ March 25, 2019
MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive receive the minutes of the Nisga’a Finance Committee meetings held on February 19, 2019, and March 14, 15 and 22, 2019, as presented.

Resolution 2019/ 33/ March 25, 2019
CONSIDERING THAT under section 29 of the Nisga’a Financial Administration Act, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) must recommend to Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a the draft provisional budget for the Nisga’a Nation for the next fiscal year by March 27, 2019;
MOVED THAT the Executive
1. approve the draft provisional budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, substantially in the form attached to this motion; and
2. direct the Chief Financial Officer to prepare a letter from the Executive to Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a, to be tabled at the next Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a meeting scheduled to begin on March 27, 2019, that includes:
   • the recommended provisional budget; a statement, prepared by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the Nisga’a Nation established accounting policies, of the revenue and expenditure of the Nisga’a Nation from the end of the fiscal year to the most recent date practicable; and
   • a copy of the audited financial statements for the Nisga’a Nation for the most recently completed fiscal year.
NLG Executive March 2019 Resolutions

Resolution 2019/34/ March 25, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT The Nisga’a Lisims Government Directorate of Lands and Resources has collaborated with Northwest Hydraulics Consulting ("NHC") to apply to First Nations Adapt Program for funding (the "Funding") to develop hydrologic models and collect data such as LiDAR, satellite imagery, among other forms of data (the "Contract Work");
The application for Funding was presented to the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government (the “Executive”) on December 20, 2018;
Nisga’a Lisims Government has received the Funding and has negotiated a draft agreement with NHC in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Agreement") for the completion of the Contract Work;

MOVED THAT the Executive
1. approve the Agreement; and
2. direct the Director of Lands and Resources, for and on behalf of the Nisga’a Nation, to execute and deliver to NHC the Agreement substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A", with such modifications as may be determined to be appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer of Nisga’a Lisims Government in coordination with legal counsel.

Resolution 2019/35/ March 25, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT the Director of Lands and Resources and the Emergency Response Services Manager of Nisga’a Lisims Government have prepared an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Flood Risk Assessment Grant, which application is attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "UBCM Flood Risk Assessment grant application")
the UBCM Flood Risk Assessment grant application requests funding in the amount of $150,000;
the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed the UBCM Flood Risk Assessment grant application;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the submission of the UBCM Flood Risk Assessment grant application.

Resolution 2019/36/ March 25, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT the Director of Lands and Resources and the Emergency Response Services Manager of Nisga’a Lisims Government have prepared an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - 2019 Emergency Operations Centers, which application is attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "UBCM Emergency Operations Center grant application");

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the submission of the UBCM Emergency Operations Center grant application.

Resolution 2019/37/ March 26, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT the term of appointment for each of the current members of the Board of Nisga’a Administrative Decisions Review Board ("NADRB" or the "Board") is set to expire at the end of March, 2019;
AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Executive of the Nisga’a Lisims Government (the “Executive”) directed the administration to post a request for expressions of interest in appointments to the NADRB, and has considered the responses received to that request for expressions of interest:

MOVED THAT the Executive now appoint

1. Mr. David Griffin to serve as the Chair of the NADRB for a term of three years; and
2. Mr. Edward McMillan to serve as Board member for a term of 3 years and
3. Ms. Phyllis Alexcee to serve as Board member for a term of 3 years.

Resolution 2019/42/ March 26, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT the Finance Committee at its meeting of February 19, 2019, as recorded in the minutes of that meeting received under Executive resolution 2019/32 (the “Finance Committee motion”), recommended as follows:

1. the Nisga’a Villages each take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the Nisga’a Nation is brought into compliance with its reporting requirements under all contribution agreements between Nisga’a Nation and Canada in respect of that Village;
2. Executive direct that the Nisga’a Nation negotiate a single contribution between Canada and the Nisga’a Nation to handle targeted funding from Canada with the goals of:
   • improving the responsiveness of Canada to the infrastructure needs of the Villages;
   • minimizing potential competition among the Nisga’a Villages for targeted funding from Canada;
   • ensuring that the reporting requirements reflect the structure of Nisga’a Government; and
3. Executive obtain recommendations on the best way to ensure that the Nisga’a Nation has the information available to it, including information it needs from the Nisga’a Villages, to comply with reporting requirements in past and future contribution agreements;

MOVED THAT the Executive hereby accept the recommendation and make the directions outlined in the Finance Committee motion.

Resolution 2019/43/ March 26, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT the Finance Committee at its meeting of March 22, 2019, as recorded in the minutes of that meeting received under Executive resolution 2019/32 (the “Finance Committee motion”), recommended that the Executive direct the Chief Financial Officer and Finance Department to bring back policy options on funding allocations considering FDDIPI, Income Tax and Property Tax funding, to be completed as to align with the timing of increased Fiscal Financing Agreement funding expected in July 2019;

MOVED THAT the Executive hereby accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and make the directions outlined in the Finance Committee motion.
Resolution 2019/45/ April 24, 2019

MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive adopt the Agenda for the Executive Meeting, dated April 24 and 25, 2019 as presented.

Resolution 2019/46/ April 24, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT section 23(1) of the Nisga’a Administrative Decisions Review Act (the “Act”) requires the administrative review officer to make a written report to the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) on an annual basis; the administrative review officer of the Nisga’a Administrative Decisions Review Board has prepared an annual report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which report is attached as Appendix A to this motion (the “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 Nisga’a, as required by section 23 (2) of the Act,
3. recommend to Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a that the ARO Annual Report be forwarded to Nisga’a Lisims Government Committees, Nisga’a Village Governments, Nisga’a Valley Health Authority, and Nisga’a Urban Local Offices, to review the ARO Annual Report and act on those areas within their respective jurisdictions.

Resolution 2019/47/ April 24, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government (the “Executive”) has reviewed a letter, dated April 17, 2019, addressed to the President of the Nisga’a Nation from the General Manager of the Northern Native Fishing Corporation (“NNFC”), explaining that the financial viability of the NNFC is suffering due to payment owed to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for unleased N.A.G. licences;

MOVED THAT the Executive
1. support NNFC’s request that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans waive the fees for unleased N.A.G. licences starting on July 31, 2019; and
2. direct that a letter to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans be drafted for the President’s signature expressing the Nisga’a Nation’s support for NNFC’s initiative in this regard.

Resolution 2019/48/ April 25, 2019

MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive adopt the Summary of Resolutions and Proceedings of the Executive for March 24, 25 and 29, 2019, as presented.

Resolution 2019/49/ April 25, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government (the “Executive”) has directed the Chief Executive Officer to organize, and arrangements have now been made for, a three-day strategic planning session focused on governance to be held in Gitwinksihlkw on May 28, 29 and 30, 2019;

MOVED THAT the Executive direct the Chief Executive Officer to
1. organize and make arrangements for a further three-day strategic planning session, focused on economic development for the Nisga’a Nation, to take place following the strategic
planning session on governance; and
2. advise the Executive of the location and date of the economic development strategic planning session as soon as the details have been arranged.

Resolution 2019/51/ April 25, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT
1. the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy Funding Agreement ("ASETS Agreement") among the Nisga’a Nation and Canada expired on March 31, 2019;
2. the Nisga’a Nation and Canada negotiated a new Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program Funding Agreement (the "ISET Agreement") for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2029, but such agreement was not ready for Executive approval during the March 2019 Executive meeting;
3. a legal review of the proposed ISET Agreement was completed and the Chief Executive Officer believed that:
   • it was desirable for the Nisga’a Nation to enter into the proposed ISET Agreement;
   • it was necessary that the proposed ISET Agreement be executed before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive; and
   • the proposed ISET Agreement is of such a nature that the calling of an unscheduled meeting of the Executive was not warranted;
4. the Chief Executive Officer, after consulting with the Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel, accordingly executed the ISET Agreement on behalf of the Nisga’a Nation on April 16, 2019 under authority of Executive Resolution 2008/19 (standing authority to execute non-FFA funding and service agreements in specified circumstances);
5. execution of the ISET Agreement by the Chief Executive Officer under authority of Executive Resolution 2008/19 requires ratification by a subsequent Executive Resolution;
6. executing the ISET Agreement in the interests of the Nisga’a Nation;

MOVED THAT the Executive ratify the execution of the ISET Agreement attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

Resolution 2019/52/ April 25, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT under the Nisga’a Real Property Tax Act (the "Act"), the Executive has enacted, and may from time to time amend, the Nisga’a Real Property Tax Rate Regulation (the "Rate Regulation");

AND CONSIDERING THAT the Executive has reviewed a briefing note provided by the Chief Financial Officer dated April 24, 2019, entitled "Property Tax Rates for 2019 and the Nisga’a Real Property Tax Rate Amendment Regulation, 2019," attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Property Tax Rates for 2019 briefing note"), which briefing note recommends that the Executive:
1. not amend the element D rate of 64.39 prescribed in the Rate Regulation for Class 2 properties for 2018;
2. not establish an element D rate for Class S and 6 properties in the Rate Regulation which allows the total tax rate for such properties to be determined under section 15 of the Tax Act; and
3. adopt the table of rates for 2019 set out in the Property Tax Rates for 2019 briefing note;

MOVED THAT the Executive accept the recommendations and adopt the table of rates set out in the Property Tax Rates for 2019 briefing note.
Resolution 2019/ 53/ April 25, 2019

MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive receive the minutes of the Nisga’a Finance Committee meeting held on April 11, 2019, as presented.

Resolution 2019/ 54/ April 25, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT Hlgu Isgwit is a site within the Heritage Preservation Zone identified in the Nisga’a Land Use Plan originally adopted by the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government (the “Executive") by resolution 2002 / 198;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government (the "Executive") has reviewed the letter dated April 1, 2019, addressed to the Executive Chairperson by the Chief Executive Officer of NDIT concerning its conditional approval of funding for the project entitled "Nisga’a Wood Carving Structure Construction";

MOVED THAT the Executive endorse and express its full support for the application to NDIT for funding for the project entitled "Nisga’a Wood Carving Structure Construction."

Resolution 2019/ 55/ April 25, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT Hlgu Isgwit is a site within the Heritage Preservation Zone identified in the Nisga’a Land Use Plan originally adopted by the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government (the "Executive") by resolution 2002 / 198;

AND CONSIDERING THAT pursuant to resolution 2016 / 48, the Executive adopted a management plan for the Hlgu Isgwit site (the "Hlgu Isgwit Management Plan") so that the hot springs could be developed for tourism purposes while protecting the cultural, heritage and environmental significance of the site;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the current Hlgu Isgwit General Area under the Nisga’a Lisims Government Heritage Preservation Zone Site Management Plan for the Hlgu Isgwit site does not currently include the developed hot springs, and that additional seeps or springs have been identified outside the Hlgu Isgwit General Area;

MOVED THAT the Executive direct that
1. the Hlgu Isgwit General Area be revised as shown on the attached sketch attached; and
2. the revised Hlgu Isgwit General Area sketch be attached to the Nisga’a Lisims Government Heritage Preservation Zone and to the Hlgu Isgwit Management Plan.

Resolution 2019/ 56/ April 25, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga’a Nation, the Oil and Gas Commission (BC) and the Environmental Assessment Office (BC) entered into the Nisga’a Nation/NRS Liaison Program (the "Program") Agreement effective April 1, 2016 (the "Agreement") which sets out the terms of reference for a coordinated enforcement and information strategy and government-to-government relationship;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the parties are interested in extending the Agreement;
AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT extending the Agreement is in the interests of the Nisga’a Nation;

MOVED THAT the Executive
1. approve; and
2. authorize and direct the Director of Lands & Resources, for and on behalf of the Nisga’a Nation, to execute the letter agreement to extend the term of the Program substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix “A”.

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Resolution 2019/ 59/ May 22, 2019

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive adopt the Agenda for the Executive Meeting, dated May 22 and 23, 2019 as presented.

Resolution 2019/ 60/ May 22, 2019

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive adopt the Summary of Resolutions and Proceedings of the Executive for April 24 and 25, 2019, as presented.

Resolution 2019/ 61/ May 22, 2019

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive nominate Mr. William Moore to hold the position of director on the Board of Directors of the Northern Native Fishing Corporation ("NNFC") for the term 2019 to 2021, which nomination will be communicated with the General Manager of NNFC forthwith.

Resolution 2019/ 64/ May 22, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT Markus Haines has applied under section 17 of the Nisga'a Land Act for a licence of occupation enabling him to establish a recreational site with a cabin at a site on the Nass River and to construct an access road to the site from the Nisga'a Highway.

MOVED THAT under section 6 of the Nisga'a Land Act, the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") grant to Markus Haines a licence of occupation, as follows:

1. the Director of Lands and Resources (the "Director"), on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to Markus Haines, for execution and return, a licence of occupation substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Licence"); and

2. upon Markus Haines' execution and return of the Licence to the Director, the Director be authorized to date and execute the Licence on behalf of the Executive.

Resolution 2019/ 67/ May 23, 2019

CONSIDERING THAT:

1. the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement requires the Nisga'a Nation to provide Nisga'a citizens and Nisga'a Indians ordinarily resident in Canada with financial support to attend accredited post-secondary education or training institutions;

2. in 2010, pursuant to Executive resolution 2010 / 61, the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Executive") adopted a Nisga'a Post Secondary Education Assistance Program Policy to be applied consistently by each Nisga'a Village Government (the "Education Policy");

3. in 2014, the Education Policy was amended pursuant to Executive resolution 2014 / 61;

4. since 2016, a working group consisting of, among others, the Education Administrators from each of the four Nisga'a Village Governments and representatives from the Nisga'a Lisims Government Programs and Services Directorate has been working together to draft further amendments to the Education Policy and has now compiled a revised draft version of the Education Policy for the Executive's review (the "2019 Education Policy"), attached to this motion as Appendix "A";

5. the Executive has reviewed the draft 2019 Education Policy;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the 2019 Education Policy attached to this motion as Appendix "A" to be effective immediately.
CONSIDERING THAT the matter of language revitalization and preservation has been the subject of prolonged discussions with limited progress;

AND CONSIDERING THAT it has become clear that a large majority of the Nisga’a people have expressed it as of urgent priority;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga’a Final Agreement, Chapter 11, Nisga’a Government, paragraph 41, states:
Nisga’a Lisims Government may make laws to preserve, promote, and develop Nisga’a culture and Nisga’a language, including laws to authorize or accredit the use, reproduction, and representation of Nisga’a cultural symbols and practices, and the teaching of Nisga’a language.

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Council of Elders have provided a briefing note, dated May 23, 2019, relaying its recommendation that a new Department (directorate) be formed to address language revitalization and preservation (the “COE briefing note”);

MOVED THAT the Executive accept the Council of Elders’ request that it investigate the possibility of creating a Department (directorate) within Nisga’a Lisims Government in order to address these urgent concerns in relation to language revitalization and preservation as recommended in the COE briefing note.
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RESOLUTION 2019 / 01

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a adopt the proposed agenda for this sitting included in the notice of the sitting issued by the Speaker.

MOVED BY: Brian Tait

SECONDED BY: Matthew Bright Jr.

VOTE:
Yes 29 No 0 Abstain 0

Date: March 27, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019 / 02

CONSIDERING THAT the nomination of Mr. Claude Barton for Deputy Speaker has been moved and seconded, and no further nominations have been forthcoming;

MOVED THAT the nominations cease for the election of the Deputy Speaker for Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a.

MOVED BY: Corinne McKay

SECONDED BY: Brian Tait

VOTE:
Yes 31 No 0 Abstain 0

Date: March 27, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019 / 03

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga’a Nation to enter into the 2019 Nisga’a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement Extension Agreement with Canada and British Columbia substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the “FFA Extension Agreement”);

AND CONSIDERING THAT before ratifying an amendment to the Nisga’a Nation Fiscal Financing, Wilp Si’ayuuk.hl Nisga’a must request and consider a report from the finance committee summarizing the significant financial and legal implications of extending the fiscal agreement;

MOVED THAT Wilp Si’ayuuk.hl Nisga’a request and consider a report from the Nisga’a Finance Committee on the FFA Extension Agreement.

MOVED BY: Corinne McKay, Secretary-Treasurer

SECONDED BY: Edmond Wright

VOTE:
Yes 31 No 0 Abstain 0

Date: March 27, 2019
RESOLUTION 2019 / 04

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT the oral report of the Chief Financial Officer and general counsel regarding confidential funding negotiations, related to items 15(b)(ii) and 15(b)(iii) on the agenda, be considered by Wilp Si'ayuukh Nisga'a in camera.

MOVED BY: Clifford Morgan

SECONDED BY: Charles Morven

VOTE:
Yes 31  No 0  Abstain 0

Date: March 27, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019 / 05

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive has recommended that the Nisga'a Nation enter into a Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement Extension Agreement with Canada and British Columbia substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "FFA Extension Agreement");

AND CONSIDERING THAT, as required by section 56 of the Constitution of the Nation and section 12 of Nisga'a Programs and Services Delivery Act, Wilp Si'ayuukh Nisga'a has requested and considered a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the FFA Extension Agreement;

MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukh Nisga'a ratify the FFA Extension Agreement.

MOVED BY: Corinne McKay, Secretary-Treasurer

SECONDED BY: Brian Tait

VOTE:
Yes 30  No 0  Abstain 0

Date: March 27, 2019
RESOLUTION 2019 / 07

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Final Agreement currently prevents the Nisga'a Settlement Trust from investing in limited partnerships;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the trustee of the Nisga'a Settlement Trust has requested that it be permitted to invest in limited partnerships;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT an amendment of Chapter 15 of the Nisga'a Final Agreement as set out in Part II of the agreement attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Nisga'a Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 4)”) is required so as to enable amendments to the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement which will permit the Nisga'a Settlement Trust to invest in limited partnerships;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive has approved and authorized the terms of the Nisga'a Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 4), and recommended that Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a consent to the amendments to the Nisga'a Final Agreement set out therein;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the amendments to the Nisga'a Final Agreement set out in the Nisga'a Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 4) are -in the interest of the Nisga'a Nation,

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation, gives consent to the amendments to the Nisga'a Final Agreement set out in the Nisga'a Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 4), including as those amendments are translated into French to the satisfaction of the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive.

MOVED BY: Clifford Morgan
SECONDED BY: Claude Barton
VOTE:
Yes 32 No 0 Abstentions 0
Date: March 27, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019 / 08

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga’a Nation to enter into the Nisga’a Nation Taxation Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 2) with Canada and British Columbia substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A";

MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a request and consider a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the Nisga'a Nation Taxation Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 2).
RESOLUTION 2019 / 09

CONSIDERING THAT the trustee of the Nisga’a Settlement Trust has requested that it be permitted to invest in limited partnerships;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a has adopted a motion ratifying an amendment to the definition of Nisga’a settlement trust in Chapter 15 of the Nisga’a Final Agreement to enable amendments to the Nisga’a Nation Taxation Agreement which will permit the Nisga’a Settlement Trust to invest in limited partnerships;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT an amendment of the Nisga’a Nation Taxation Agreement as set out in the agreement attached to this motion as Appendix “A” (the “Nisga’a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement (No. 2)”) is required to permit the Nisga’a Settlement Trust to invest in limited partnerships;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT a number of other amendments to the Nisga’a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement (No. 2) are advisable given changes to federal laws and policies;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive has approved and authorized the terms of the Nisga’a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement (No. 2), and recommended that Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a

MOVED BY: Corinne McKay, Secretary-Treasurer

SECONDED BY: Brian Tait

VOTE:
Yes  31  No  0  Abstain  0

Date: March 27, 2019

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga’a Finance Committee has approved and authorized the terms of the Nisga’a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement (No. 2), provided a report to Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a on same, and recommended that Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nis a’a ratify the Nis a’a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement (No. 2);

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the amendments to the Nisga’a Nation Taxation Agreement set out in the Nisga’a Nation Taxation Agreement Amendment Agreement (No. 2) are in the interest of the Nisga’a Nation,

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a, on behalf of the Nisga’a Nation, give consent to the amendments to the Nisga’a Final Agreement set out therein;

MOVED BY: Juanita Parnell

SECONDED BY: George Moore

Vote:
Yes  32  No  0  Abstentions  0

Date: March 27, 2019
RESOLUTION 2019 / 10

CONSIDERING THAT pursuant to Section 30 of the Nisga'a Financial Administration Act, Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a must adopt a provisional budget for the Nisga'a Nation for the next fiscal year; and

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive has adopted and recommended for adoption by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a the provisional budget for the Nisga'a Nation for the next fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a hereby adopt the provisional budget for the Nisga'a Nation for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, attached as Appendix "A" to this motion.

MOVED BY: Corinne McKay, Secretary-Treasurer
SECONDED BY: Charles Morven

VOTE:
Yes 31 No 0 Abstain 0
Date: March 28, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019 / 11

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT the Rules of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a be suspended for an in camera presentation and discussion on energy matters for Day 3 of the March 2019 sitting of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.

MOVED BY: Brian Tait
SECONDED BY: Claude Barton

VOTE:
Yes 31 No 0 Abstain 0
Date: March 28, 2019