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Nisga'a Nation congratulates the people of Kitsumkalum on historic treaty and constitution vote

Nisga'a Lisims Government extends heartfelt congratulations to Chief Councilor Troy Sam and the Kitsumkalum First Nation on the successful ratification of their constitution and treaty—an achievement that marks a transformative step towards self-government and Indigenous sovereignty.

“With an overwhelming majority of Kitsumkalum members voting in favour of both the constitution and the treaty, this is a proud and historic moment for your Nation,” said President Eva Clayton. “The Nisga'a Nation celebrates alongside you as you move forward in reclaiming your inherent rights and building a future grounded in your own laws, values, and governance.”

The Kitsumkalum Treaty, once ratified by the provincial and federal governments, will enable the Nation to move beyond the Indian Act and exercise full jurisdiction over its lands, resources, and internal affairs. President Clayton acknowledges the courage and leadership demonstrated by Chief Councilor Troy Sam and the Kitsumkalum community throughout this process.

“As fellow treaty holders, we understand the significance of this journey and the strength it takes to embrace change while honouring tradition,” President Clayton added. “We stand in solidarity with Kitsumkalum as you prepare for this new era of opportunity, accountability, and self-determination.”

The Nisga'a Nation looks forward to continued collaboration and mutual support as Indigenous Nations across British Columbia and Canada advance their rights and governance.

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