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Special Assembly of The Nisga'a Nation 2010

Laxgalts'ap
September 13th - September 17th



SAYT-K'ILIM-GOOT — ONE HEART, ONE PATH, ONE NATION

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Our Vision

In the spirit of Sayt-K'ilim-Goot, the Nisga'a Nation is a place where:

- our Ayuuk, language, and culture are the foundation of our identity
- learning is a way of life
- we strive for sustainable prosperity and self-reliance
- we inspire trust and understanding through effective communications, and
- our governance and services evolve to meet our people's needs.



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Agenda

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration
- 1:00 pm Presentation of Ganim Siwilyeenskw
Reading of the Declaration of the Nisga'a Nation - Oscar Mercer,
Sim'oogit Ksim Xsaan
Call to Order by Chairperson Kevin McKay
Invocation by the Reverend James Moore
Introduction of Co-Chairs Franklin Alexcee, Wallace Clark
- 1:30 pm Welcome address by Willard Martin, Sim'oogit Ni'isyuus
Chief Councillor of the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap

Opening Remarks by President of the Nisga'a Nation, page 6
Sim'oogit K'aw'een, Mr. H. Mitchell Stevens
- 2:00 pm Reading of the Special Assembly Rules of Procedure page 7
- Special Assembly Rules Committee

Executive Reports

Mr. H. Mitchell Stevens, President page 8
Sim'oogit K'aw'een

Mr. Kevin McKay, NLG Executive Chairperson page 9
W'ii Ajiksim Gibaygum Xsgaak

Mr. Edmond Wright, Secretary-Treasurer page 11
Sim'oogit K'amluugidis

Mr. Fred Tolmie, Chief Executive Officer page 13

Ms. Angela D'Elia, In-House Legal Counsel page 16
- 4:00 pm Executive — Question Period
- 5:00 pm Adjournment for the day
- 5:00 PM Welcome dinner hosted by the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14

- 8:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am Call to Order by Co-chairs Clifford Azak, Charles Morven
Invocation by the Reverend Harry Moore
- 9:15 am Concurrent Sessions
Finance - Chair: Peter Leeson page 33
Programs and Services - Chair: Juanita Parnell page 47
Lands and Resources - Chair: Henry Stephens page 28
Fish and Wildlife - Chair: Gerald Robinson page 53
- 11:30 am Report to Plenary - Chair: Clifford Azak
- 12:15 pm Role Model Panel
- 1:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
Finance - Chair: Barb Zvatora page 33
Programs and Services - Chair: Sherry Small page 47
Lands and Resources - Chair: Keith Tait page 28
Fish and Wildlife - Chair: Claude Barton page 53
- 4:00 pm Report to Plenary - Chair: Charles Morven
- 5:00 pm Adjournment for the day

Evening cultural and entertainment activities will be posted and announced by the host community

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16

- 8:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am Call to Order by Co-chairs Gwen Nelson, William Moore
Invocation by the Reverend Gary Davis Sr.
- 9:15 am Concurrent Sessions
Finance - Chair: Peter Lambright page 33
Programs and Services - Chair: Brent Adams page 47
Lands and Resources - Chair: Vernon Stephens page 28
Fish and Wildlife - Chair: Hubert Haldane page 53
- 11:30 am Report to Plenary - Chair: Gwen Nelson
- 12:15 pm Role Model Panel
- 1:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
Finance - Chair: Phyllis Adams page 33
Programs and Services - Chair: Elaine Moore page 47
Lands and Resources - Chair: Jeanette Costello page 28
Fish and Wildlife - Chair: Craig McKay page 53
- 4:00 pm Report to Plenary - Chair: William Moore
- 5:00 pm Adjournment for the day

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17

- 8:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am Call to Order by Chairs Linda Adams-Tait, Matthew Bright Jr.
Invocation by the Reverend Lyle Adams
- 9:15 am Priorities of the Nation
Executive Officers, CEO

Presentation and Question Period

Chair returns to Executive Chair Kevin McKay
- 11:30 am Closing Remarks by President H. Mitchell Stevens
- 12:00 pm Retirement of Ganim Siwilyeensk

Closing Prayer by the Reverend James Moore

Closing Lunch



President's Message

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Simgigat, Sigidim haanak, K'uba wilskihkw, gans t_xaa n'itkws k'uba tk'ihkw.

As we convene our 5th Special Assembly since the effective date of May 11, 2000, we pause to honour the memory and contributions of Nisga'a citizens who have passed on since our last Assembly held in Gitlaxt'aamix in 2008.

We mourn the loss of President Nelson Leeson and all of the Nations former leaders who helped build the Nisga'a Nation. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the contribution of other members of the Nisga'a Public service.

To our guests, it is a pleasure to welcome each of you to our territory. A land ownership that is fully recognized by the governments of Canada and British Columbia.

This year, the community of Laxgalts'ap hosts the Special Assembly of the Nation. As said by those before me, the Special Assemblies of the Nisga'a Nation are a statutory obligation. Our democratic system depends on an informed Nisga'a citizenry. Access to information will enable you to participate in the governance of our Nations administrations. Your participation helps to determine priorities for public spending and to hold your elected members accountable. For this reason, the Nation will meet September 13 through to September 17 to talk about the performance of your government.

We gather together at an exciting period, after celebrating our 10th anniversary of our agreement, and now that journey toward a treaty is over. We the Nisga'a Nation are focused on the future.

An important part of that future will be to protect the Nass River, support economic and community development, and preserve and promote Nisga'a culture.

So far, we have enacted two sets of Laws, the first are the ones necessary to meet Treaty requirements such as land enactments, and those essential to carry out governance like the Nisga'a Citizenship, Financial Administration Act, and the second grouping of strategic importance to the Nisga'a Nation such as the Nisga'a Business Development Act, and our Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act. These Laws move the Nisga'a Nation into a realm where there is no longer a social approach to dealing with economic issues.

Our approach is this, our governance will evolve at a pace that suits our needs and it corresponds to our capacity to deliver.

We are all unique individual citizens who have something to offer. I encourage all of you to fully engage in this Assembly. Most of all, I would ask that you be mindful and respectful of the differences of opinions of the members of our Nation.

- Si'aamhl wilsim - T'ooyak_siy nisim

Sim'oogit K'aw'een
H. Mitchell Stevens, President

Rules of Procedure

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1. The Chairpersons shall be members of the Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG) Executive who are not Officers of the NLG Executive.
2. All sessions will start on time.
3. Any person under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs will not be allowed in the assembly hall.
4. VHF mobile radiophones must be turned off before they can be brought into the assembly hall and must remain off inside the assembly hall. Only emergency and security personnel will be allowed to operate VHF phones in the assembly hall.
5. Nisga'a citizens may register as delegates of the special assembly ("Delegates").
6. Non-Nisga'a citizens may register as observers of the special assembly ("Observers"). Only persons who have registered at the special assembly are entitled to be present in the assembly hall.
7. Delegates may ask questions about the presentation given and must keep the question to no more than 2 minutes.
8. Delegates may make recommendations to Nisga'a Government regarding a matter on the agenda.
9. Presenters must allow at least one third of their time allocation for question period.
10. Each presentation and question-period must be completed within the time allotted on the agenda.
11. In recognition of Nisga'a laws enacted by Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a, recommendations must not obligate Nisga'a Government to appropriate or expend funds, and must not be contrary to Nisga'a enactments.
12. In addition to the above rules, the Chairpersons of the Special Assembly have the authority and discretion necessary to preserve order and decorum.

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March 30th, 2010 Sworn in as President of the Nisga'a Nation.

Welcome to the 5th Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation.

The Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation has designated the President as one of the Officers of Nisga'a Lisims Government and a member of the Executive and ex-officio to all committees.

It is for this reason that after taking office as President that I immediately requested status reports from all the Directors of Nisga'a Lisims Government.

Reports provided to the President's office:

- Chief Executive Officer,
- Director of Finance,
- Director of Lands and Resources,
- Director of Fish and Wildlife,
- Director of Programs and Services
- Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations
- In-House Legal Counsel, and
- Nisga'a Commercial Group

I also requested an update on all of the Nisga'a Institutions:

- School District #92,
- Wilp Wilxo'oskwil Nisga'a, and
- Nisga'a Valley Health Authority

In reviewing all of the reports, the Directors were given certain timelines within reason to get specific tasks done.

The complaint of the Nisga'a citizens was that your Government was taking far too long to reply to concerns, and that there was a bottleneck within our own system.

I am very happy to report to you that in working through the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) office we are addressing those concerns.

As of June 24, 2010 the Nisga'a Nation now has a National Policy on Education.

We have also signed an agreement, per the Nisga'a Treaty, with the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority as the Nation's Health Service Provider.

Currently the Nation's Social Development Policy is being reviewed along with the School District #92 (Nisga'a) funding agreement.

In regards to the Nation fiduciary obligations as per the Nisga'a Final Agreement, I am also involved with all the external opportunities that the Nisga'a Treaty provides to the Nisga'a Nation. Just to mention a few, such as the Northwest Transmission Line, Avanti Mining, and Seabridge. As President I am charged with making sure that the interests and the assets of the Nisga'a Nation are secure and protected as per the terms and conditions of the Nisga'a Treaty.

I have continually made the statement that changes are inevitable. The Nisga'a Nation will be a major component of that economic change going forward. Most of all, the Nisga'a Nation will be a major benefactor of all development, which is consistent with our Vision Statement – Sayt K'il'hl Genxhl Luu-Yoxgum Ahl Ts'im Sayt – K'il'im Goot.

S'aamhl wilsim – T'ooyaksiy Nisim
Sim'oogit K'aw'een
H. Mitchell Stevens, President

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Greetings to all Nisga'a citizens and our non-Nisga'a guests.

Welcome to the 5th Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation since May 11, 2000. The Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap is the host community of the 2010 Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation. As always, we are anxious to experience the warm hospitality that Laxgalts'ap has extended in the past.

Since the 2008 Special Assembly, the Nisga'a Nation has endured the untimely passing of two prominent NLG elected officials; our Late President Nelson Leeson and Laxgalts'ap Village Government member, the Late Dr. Jacob McKay. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the immediate and extended families of these exceptional individuals for their decades of Public Service to the Nisga'a Nation. Their vision in leading the Nisga'a Nation will serve as a lasting legacy that will continue to guide present, and future Nisga'a Governments.

My main responsibility is to chair all meetings of the NLG Executive. Regular meetings of the NLG Executive are usually held once every four weeks. Since the 2008 Special Assembly, there has been 25 regular meetings of the NLG Executive. The NLG Executive reports to Wilp Si'yuuḱhl Nisga'a (WSN), usually every 3 or 4 months. As per the Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation, I am also an Officer of NLG along with our President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Chairperson of the Council of Elders. The Officers carry out responsibilities as assigned by the Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation and WSN, and they make regular reports on duties carried out to the NLG Executive and WSN. I continue to represent NLG on the Tripartite Implementation Committee and the Land Claims Agreement Coalition (LCAC).

In November 2008, the Nisga'a Nation went to the polls in the regular National election. In December 2009 Laxgalts'ap had a by-election to fill a vacancy in the position of Councillor to the Laxgalts'ap Village

Government. In March 2010, the Nisga'a Nation went to the polls in a by-election to fill the vacancy in the Office of the President. More recently, in July 2010, Laxgalts'ap went to the polls in a by-election to fill a vacancy in the position of Councillor to Laxgalts'ap Village Government. Notwithstanding the challenges as a result of these elections, the NLG was able to carry out the business of governing the Nisga'a Nation due to the efforts of those Nisga'a electors whose votes filled these vacancies.

Since the 2008 Special Assembly there have been too many significant milestones to list here. A few are worthy of mention. On May 11, 2010, the Nisga'a Nation proudly celebrated the 10th anniversary of implementing the Nisga'a Final Agreement. We were honoured to welcome many non-Nisga'a guests to witness this historic celebration. Once again our heartfelt thanks to the Nisga'a Village of Gitlax'taamix for being the hosts on May 11, 2010.

February 1, 2010 was another proud day for the Nisga'a Nation as we were honoured to welcome the 2010 Olympic torch Relay on to Nisga'a Lands. This unique experience will continue to inspire Nisga'a athletes to uphold the ideals and principles that represent the Olympic movement.

Also worthy of note, in July 2009 the Nisga'a Nation hosted a very successful B.C. Annual Elder's Conference in Terrace, B.C. Congratulations to the collective efforts of the Nisga'a Nation in surpassing all expectations.

The Special Assemblies of the Nisga'a Nation provide an opportunity for NLG to update citizens on various issues. It is just as important for NLG to hear directly from Nisga'a citizens what their priorities are. I encourage all Nisga'a citizens to use the 2010 Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation to let NLG know what your priorities and needs are.

In addition to the regular reports provided in each Nisga'a community, you are reminded that almost all of the NLG Executive meetings and WSN sittings are

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open to the public. You are welcome to observe these meetings. In carrying out our shared responsibilities in Nisga'a Government together, we do so with "One Heart, One Path, One Nation".

I sincerely hope that the 2010 Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation meets your expectations.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin McKay, Executive Chairperson



Office of the Secretary-Treasurer

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Welcome to the 5th Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation. Prior to the Nisga'a Treaty coming into effect on May 11, 2000, the Nisga'a Nation held 41 Annual Assemblies and a Special Assembly on October 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, 1998 in Laxgalts'ap to consider the Nisga'a Final Agreement, and debate a motion to refer the agreement and the Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation to a referendum. The outcome is part of our history.

The past 2 years and 4 months has been very difficult for many Nisga'a citizens because of the illnesses and loss of loved ones. I especially want to remember the loss of our President, Sim'oogit Axhlaawaals, Nelson Leeson, my colleague and life-long friend.

Nisga'a Nation Budget

As per the Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation, the Nisga'a Financial Administration Act, the Nisga'a Government Act and other financial related Acts, I have fulfilled my responsibilities to oversee the finances of the Nisga'a Nation.

The Nisga'a Nation Provisional Budget for an upcoming fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) must be approved by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) by March 31 immediately prior to the new fiscal year. The Nisga'a Nation Final Budget must also be approved by WSN by October 31 during that particular fiscal year.

In fiscal years 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 our final budgets were balanced budgets. Our financial audits in both fiscal years were clean audits (as were all previous years' audits).

Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement

The Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement (FFA) provides us with agreed-upon programs and services funding. The FFA provides base year funding that includes annual population and price adjustments. FFA funds from British Columbia and Canada are flowed through Nisga'a Lisims Government to finance the

operations of the 4 Nisga'a Village Governments, 3 Nisga'a Urban Societies, Nisga'a Valley Health Authority, School District No. 92 (Nisga'a), Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute and Nisga'a Lisims Government.

Delays in completing a new FFA was reported by our CEO, Mr. Fred Tolmie, at the 2008 Special Assembly.

In March 2009, Canada informed Nisga'a Lisims Government that a mandate to complete the new FFA was received from Ottawa. Negotiations started in April 2009 and continued non-stop for 10 months. A new Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement was signed in February 2010, and the term of the FFA is for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2015.

Nisga'a Settlement Trust (NST)

This year we retained PBI Actuarial Consultants Ltd. to summarize the investment performance of the Nisga'a Settlement Trust. The findings and recommendations on the investment review were discussed with the Nisga'a Finance Committee. Recommendations from our consultants will form the basis of NLG administrative and finance committee follow up.

Our Nisga'a Finance Committee also received reports from our NST Trustee and 3 Investment Managers. The Trustee and Investment Managers also gave us a summary of the investment performance.

The investment performance review by our actuarial consultants also included whether our Trustee and Managers were in compliance with the NST Agreement and Nisga'a Lisims Government's Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures. Our actuaries are a completely independent group not attached to the NST Trustee and Investment Managers.

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Taxation

Taxation is a broad area and must be dealt with in several areas. These are the issues that must be completed.

- Conversion of the Provincial Sales Tax Rebate Agreement into a Harmonized Sales Tax Rebate Agreement.
- Amendments to the Nisga'a Own Source Revenue Capacity Agreement.
- Continued review of property taxation and the selection of a Tax Authority by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.
- Preparation for income tax being payable effective 2013.
- The coordination of Nisga'a Lisims Government or Nisga'a Village Government taxation, of any person, with existing federal or provincial tax systems.

Nisga'a Capital Finance Commission (NCFC)

The base year funding provided by Canada within the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement is to enable the replacement and major maintenance of agreed-upon capital assets for a period of 36 years. The owners of the capital assets are the 4 Nisga'a Village Governments, Nisga'a Valley Health Authority and Nisga'a Lisims Government. All commissioners are appointed by the Nisga'a Village Governments and the NLG Executive pursuant to the NCFC Act. The NCFC meets regularly to review and approve applications from the owners of the asset fund.

The construction of the Nisga'a Museum in Laxgalts'ap is a major project assigned to the NCFC by the NLG Executive. As is evident, the museum construction is nearing completion.

After meetings in Ottawa with the Canadian Museum of Civilization officials, and in Victoria with the Royal British Columbia Museum officials, agreement was reached that the Nisga'a Artifacts and 1 totem pole will arrive at the Nisga'a Museum on September 15, 2010.

Conclusion

As an Officer of Nisga'a Lisims Government my tasks go far beyond the NLG Secretary Treasurer portfolio.

Over the past two years we have been very busy responding to proponents as it relates to the Nass Area Strategy. Proponents include mining companies, hydro generation companies, and the proposed Northwest Transmission Line Project.

I want to thank our Chief Executive Officer and the NLG staff for the great work they provide to the Nisga'a Nation.

- Edmond Wright
Secretary-Treasurer



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The 2010 Special Assembly marks an incredible milestone in the early history of a post treaty era of the Nisga'a Nation.

The Nation celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Nisga'a Final Agreement. We arrived at this important milestone with considerable momentum. We are poised to make significant leaps forward in the next few years.

We were overjoyed to share in the celebration of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games when the Olympic torch arrived in New Aiyansh.

In the last two years we've seen two Nisga'a Villages improve infrastructure by paving streets. There are presently two recreation centres in various stages of development, the Nisga'a Museum is in the final stages of construction and we are eagerly anticipating the repatriation of Nisga'a artifacts from the Museum of Civilization and the Royal BC Museum.

This historic moment will be the highlight of this 10th Anniversary and Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation as we're afforded the opportunity to join in celebration of the historic repatriation of Nisga'a artifacts in their future home, the Nisga'a Museum.

Nass Area Strategy

Since the last special assembly a great deal of effort has gone into preserving Nisga'a environmental and economic rights under the Nisga'a Final Agreement in the Nass Area. This is the Nass Area Strategy.

The Nass Area covers almost 27,000 square kilometers. About 8% of this area is Nisga'a Lands which roughly correspond to what people think of as the Nass Valley from Nass Camp to the coast. The Nation owns and has control over development on Nisga'a Lands. The Nation also has comprehensive rights relating to consultation and environmental assessment over proposed developments in the rest of the Nass Area.

These rights will vary by project but will always include the Treaty rights set out in the Environmental Protection

and Assessment Chapter of the Nisga'a Final Agreement (Chapter 10) which are triggered any time a potential project may reasonably be expected to have adverse environmental effects on residents of Nisga'a Lands, Nisga'a Lands or Nisga'a Treaty interests.

In the Fall of 2008, the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive mandated NLG senior management to create a strategy to respond to proposed development in the Nass Area. The strategy's objective is to ensure developments in the Nass Area will proceed only when all Nisga'a Treaty rights under the Nisga'a Final Agreement have been complied with, including those Treaty rights dealing with economic, social, cultural and environmental interests. The Nation will rely on these Treaty provisions to ensure that Nisga'a Treaty interests are protected.

The Nass Area Strategy is a set of principles and a process used by Nisga'a Lisims Government management and, if necessary, its Officers and Executive to ensure Nisga'a Treaty rights are complied with.

The strategy, which is being directed by the NLG Executive, will be used to ensure the environmental rights explicitly guaranteed by the Nisga'a Final Agreement are strictly enforced and that our traditional uses of the land, our harvesting practices, our land ownership and our land use plans are respected and adhered to.

A basic principle of the strategy is that only environmentally sound resource development projects consistent with Nisga'a Treaty rights will proceed. Only when these elements are satisfied will the Nation explore the opportunity for Nisga'a economic development.

These opportunities will vary by project but may include:

- Equity Ownership
- Revenue Sharing
- Royalties
- Contracting Opportunities
- Direct Employment
- Joint Venturing Opportunities

Under no circumstances will the Nation accept a trade

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off between environmental protection and economic benefits. Public meetings have been undertaken with one proponent with plans to undertake resource development within the Nass Area. It is expected that additional public information sessions will be planned with other proponents as necessary.

Landholding Transition Act

After substantial Nisga'a consultation, Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a enacted the Landholding Transition Act. This historic legislation is significant in that it will provide for the optional transition of landholdings from Nisga'a entitlements to fee simple lands. The underlying title of these lands will always belong to the Nisga'a Nation, regardless of the fee simple holder.

Subsurface Resources

The Nisga'a Nation is presently considering a framework that will enable the development of subsurface resources on Nisga'a Lands. The development of these resources will be subject to the protection of historical, economic and cultural land uses. These competing land uses will be considered as "no go" zones and will also include those areas of environmental sensitivity. It is anticipated that significant Nisga'a consultation will be considered in the continued planning of this regulatory regime.

Carbon Sequestration Legislation

Nisga'a Nation recently passed legislation that will provide for carbon sequestration. It is expected that this legislation will result in the investment of presently non-productive Nass bottom lands and lead to the ecorestoration of these lands while providing important revenue opportunities for the Nisga'a Nation.

Nass River Marine Stewardship Certification

The Marine Stewardship Council certified the Nass watershed sockeye fishery as meeting the Council's

standards for sustainability on July 2 2010. The Nass received the highest MSC score (92/100) for both BC and Alaska. The three major areas assessed in the report – condition of stocks, environmental impacts and management scored 92/100, 91/100 and 97/100 respectively. The Council's assessment found stocks in the Nass Area watershed are at healthy levels with the numbers of fish making it to the spawning grounds at or above target levels for 16 of the last 18 years. The report specifically noted "The Nass system is relatively unique in BC sockeye salmon fisheries as there are no data to suggest significant depletion of any of the sockeye salmon stocks." The certification opens up new markets for Nisga'a wild salmon.

Fiscal Financing Agreement

The Nisga'a Nation's initial fiscal financing agreement expired March 31, 2006. Since then the Nation has pursued finalization of a subsequent fiscal financing agreement. In April 2009, Canada informed the Nisga'a Nation that the Federal Government had approved a mandate for the Nisga'a Nation FFA negotiations.

After eight months of negotiations a new Fiscal Financing agreement was concluded. The new FFA contains provisions for base year and one-time funding amounts with annual adjustors for subsequent years of funding that will be adjusted based upon a price adjustment factor and a Nisga'a population factor.

Funded programs and services include government and local services, land and resource management, health programs, social and income assistance programs, education programs, capital programs and fishery programs. Programs & services funding includes funding for Nisga'a Lisims Government, Nisga'a Village Governments, Nisga'a Urban Locals, Nisga'a Valley Health Authority, School District No. 92 (Nisga'a), Wilp Wilxo'oskwil Nisga'a Institute, and the Nisga'a Capital Finance Commission. For the first time funding for

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Nisga'a Child and Family Services is included under the FFA and the funding model is consistent with the principles of the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement.

After technical and legal reviews were completed the Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement was signed by the Nisga'a Nation, British Columbia and Canada on February 26, 2010. The term of the new FFA is 6 years with effective dates of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2015.

Nisga'a Child and Family Services Delegated Enabling Agreement

The Nisga'a Nation also concluded negotiation of a new Nisga'a Nation Delivery Services Agreement (NNSDA). The NNSDA establishes administrative arrangements for the delivery of Delegated Services so that the First Nations Director can delegate authority for children in care to NCFS Staff

NLG is obligated to maintain an administrative structure meeting British Columbia standards to ensure that NCFS staff deliver services in accordance with the Act, and these standards. This agreement provides for the delivery of Child and Family Services throughout the Northwest Corridor and provides language where the Nisga'a Nation and the First Nations Director will provide assistance to NLG in its efforts to develop the arrangements necessary to provided delegated services to Nisga'a children outside the northwest corridor. A joint advisory committee established under this agreement which includes the NLG CEO, Director of Programs and Services and NCFS Manager.

The principles that guide the operation of the agreement were designed to ensure that Nisga'a Nation values will be applied whenever delegated staff provided services to children in care under this Agreement.

Treaty Loan Refinancing

The Nisga'a Nation refinanced the Nisga'a Nation Treaty

Loan. The treaty loan was refinanced in order to take advantage of historically low commercial financing rates. Where the treaty provided for repayment of the loan at a rate of just over 5%, Nisga'a Lisims Government was able to negotiate a floating rate loan of just under 2%. This refinancing is expected to save the Nisga'a Nation between 1-2 Million dollars in interest costs over the remaining term of the loan.

Future Initiatives

There are a number of substantial resource development projects seeking an environmental certificate.

Nisga'a Lisims Government will continue to engage these important projects with a view to ensuring that Nisga'a Treaty interests are protected, environmental standards are appropriate and that Nisga'a Citizens benefit from any projects that respect the treaty and are environmentally sound. The Nisga'a Nation is also considering a legislative framework that will enable resource developments on Nisga'a Lands. Any such developments must be environmentally sound and the Nisga'a Nation must benefit from any development under this framework. It is anticipated that Nisga'a public consultation will be undertaken to determine "no-go" zones for resource development on Nisga'a lands.

Conclusion

While it's never enough to be satisfied with our present accomplishments, we're confident that the government is moving forward in a concerted effort to listen to its citizens and consider more effective means of serving the public. Your thoughtful and constructive input will provide further ideas and exciting initiatives which we look forward to delivering in the years ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frederic Tolmie, CA, CAFM
Chief Executive Officer

Office of the In-House Legal Counsel/Law Clerk

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The Office of the In-House Legal Counsel / Law Clerk is responsible for providing a wide range of legal services to Nisga'a Lisims Government ("NLG").

As In-House Legal Counsel, I am responsible for advising Nisga'a Lisims Government on matters relating to the Nisga'a Final Agreement, Nisga'a policy and Nisga'a law, and also drafting and consolidating Nisga'a legislation. I provide advice to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO"), the various NLG Directorates and Departments and NLG Executive Committees. I am also responsible for developing and managing the legal budget, and retaining and coordinating the provision of legal services by outside legal counsel. To assist with this, our Office has instituted a legal requests system for all staff at NLG.

As Law Clerk, I am responsible for maintaining the Nisga'a Registry of Laws. I am also responsible for advising Nisga'a elected representatives on legal and procedural matters arising during sittings of Wilp Si'ayuuḱhl Nisga'a ("WSN") and meetings of the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive").

The Office of the In-House Legal Counsel / Law Clerk reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer, and provides monthly briefings to the NLG Executive. In my role, I am supported by an administrative assistant and the Legislative Assistant.

Since the last Special Assembly in April of 2008, I have become increasingly involved in a number of legal projects, and have continued to advise NLG on a variety of legal matters.

Ongoing Projects:

Nass Area Strategy

In mid-2008, NLG developed the Nass Area Strategy as a policy for dealing with the various development initiatives being undertaken within the Nass Area. The Nass Area Strategy included the development of the Nass Area Strategy Working Group (the "NASWG"),

which is the group responsible for responding to referrals that NLG receives in respect of development projects within the Nass Area. The NASWG meets on a regular basis to review new referrals and the basic approach of the Nass Area Strategy. As a member of the NASWG, I have assisted in the development of templates for responding to referrals and the development of communication protocols for entering into discussions with proponents of development projects, I have met with proponents to discuss proposed projects for the Nass Area and I have been working with representatives from the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to discuss the environmental considerations arising from the proposed projects.

Nisga'a Elections

Since April 2008, the Nisga'a Nation has held a general election and three by-elections, two in Laxgalts'ap and one for the office of President of Nisga'a Lisims Government. As In-House Legal Counsel, I provided legal advice and assistance to the Nisga'a Elections Office throughout the election process. I also meet with the Nisga'a Elections Officer on an ongoing basis to review the elections process and to discuss areas of improvement for the elections legislation.

Wills and Estates Project

The Wills and Estates Project commenced during the 2008/2009 fiscal year, and has continued since that time. The objective of this project is to address outstanding wills and estates matters for Nisga'a citizens residing or having property on Nisga'a Lands. As In-House Legal Counsel, I am responsible for overseeing the project. I work very closely with the Wills and Estates Coordinator and the outside legal counsel responsible

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for providing legal services under the project. Regularly scheduled legal clinics are held in the Nisga'a Villages.

Nisga'a Treaty Implementation

I, along with the Chairperson of NLG and the CEO sit as representatives from the Nisga'a Nation on the Nisga'a Nation Tripartite Implementation Committee. This Committee provides a forum for the three parties to discuss issues arising with respect to the implementation of the Nisga'a Final Agreement. The Committee generally meets two to three times per year.

Also in the area of treaty implementation, I, along with the Chairperson, represent the Nisga'a Nation on the Land Claims Agreements Coalition (the "Coalition"), which is a coalition of Aboriginal organizations across Canada with modern land claims agreements. The Nisga'a Nation is one of the co-chairs of the Coalition. Part of the Coalition's function is to advocate for the full and proper implementation of modern treaties in Canada.

Treaty Amendments

The Nisga'a Nation, Canada and British Columbia are currently working on various amendments to the Nisga'a Final Agreement. Many of the amendments are required to address various typographical errors inadvertently included in the Treaty, and to make changes that were contemplated in the original terms of the Treaty. NLG's General Counsel has been working on the amendments.

Fiscal Financing Agreement

From mid- to late-2009, I assisted in the negotiations that resulted in a new fiscal financing agreement for the Nisga'a Nation.

Nisga'a Valley Health Authority

I have been working with the CEO and various NLG directors to develop a new funding agreement between

the Nisga'a Nation and the Nisga'a Valley Health Authority.

Programs and Services Policy Development

I have been involved with various policy initiatives being undertaken by the NLG Programs and Services Directorate, including the development of the Nisga'a Post-Secondary Education Assistance Program Policy, the Ayuukhl Nisga'a Access to Information Policy and a policy governing the exercise of the Nisga'a Nation's standing rights in child custody matters. Most recently, I have been asked to assist with amendments to the Social Development Policy.

Labour Negotiations

After certification of Nisga'a Child and Family Services ("NCFS") staff with the British Columbia Government Employees' Union in March 2008, I, along with other representatives from NLG, became involved in the union negotiations. The certification of the union was subsequently cancelled in March 2010. NLG is working with NCFS staff to address outstanding issues.

Angling Guide Licences

I have been working with the NLG Fish and Wildlife Directorate and British Columbia to develop a policy for the treatment of angling guide licences for waters within Nisga'a Lands.

Nisga'a Landholding Project

The Nisga'a Landholding Project is a major project that will enable the fee simple ownership of property by Nisga'a citizens on Nisga'a Lands. Much of the legislative work associated with this project has been undertaken by NLG's General Counsel. To date, various pieces of legislation have been enacted by WSN, but not yet brought in force. Before the legislation can be brought into force, additional legislation will need to be

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put in place, including: the Nisga'a Property Law Act, the Nisga'a Law and Equity Act, the Nisga'a Partition of Property Act and the Nisga'a Expropriation Act. This additional suite of legislation will likely be brought before WSN for its consideration this fall.

Enforcement and Prosecution of Nisga'a Laws

NLG is currently undertaking the development of a framework for the enforcement and prosecution of Nisga'a laws. This is a major project that will require the development of a number of policies that will serve as guidelines for the proper and consistent enforcement of Nisga'a laws and prosecution of any violations of those laws. I am working with external legal counsel to develop this framework, and it is anticipated that the initial phase of the framework will be in place by this coming fall.

Carbon Sequestration on Nisga'a Lands

Earlier this year, WSN enacted the Nisga'a Forest Amendment Act, 2010, which amends the Nisga'a Forest Act to enable ecosystem restoration and carbon sequestration projects to take place on Nisga'a Lands. This new legislation will allow NLG to enter into projects that will restore those portions of Nisga'a Lands that were devastated by past logging practices, while also allowing the Nisga'a Nation to profit from any economic benefits that may be derived from the carbon stored in the trees planted in the restored areas. I have been working with members of the NLG Lands and Resources Directorate and outside legal counsel to develop one such project for the Nass Bottomlands.

Members Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the elected members of the Nisga'a Nation are held accountable to the Nisga'a citizens that they represent, WSN enacted the Members' Code of Conduct (the "Code"), which forms a part of the Nisga'a Government Act. The Code outlines the

responsibilities of the elected members and also sets out procedures for filing complaints against members who have violated their duties under the Code. In the 2009/2010 fiscal year, WSN considered a complaint brought under the Code against one of its members and ruled on the appropriate action to be taken in respect of the matter.

Nisga'a Registry of Laws

The Nisga'a Registry of Laws is housed in NLG's offices and may be accessed by the public. The Registry is updated on a regular basis, as new laws are enacted by WSN and new regulations are passed by the Executive. To date, the Nisga'a Registry consists of more than 150 enactments. Many of these enactments may now be accessed electronically on the NLG website.

Since April 2008, WSN has enacted a number of new Nisga'a laws, including the following:

Nisga'a Goods and Services Tax Act, NLGSR 2008/06

Nisga'a Elections Act, NLGSR 2008/07

Nisga'a Financial Administration Amendment Act No. 1, 2008, NLGSR 2008/14

Nisga'a Financial Administration Amendment Act No. 2, 2008, NLGSR 2008/17

Nisga'a Personnel Administration Amendment Act No. 1, 2008, NLGSR 2008/18

Nisga'a Museum Construction Financing Act, NLGSR 2009/01

Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act, NLGSR 2009/02

Nisga'a Community Planning and Zoning Enabling Act, NLGSR 2010/01

Nisga'a Nation Entitlement Amendment Act, NLGSR 2010/02

Nisga'a Forest Amendment Act, 2010, NLGSR 2010/03

During the same period, the Executive has enacted various regulations to accompany laws previously enacted by WSN.

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Litigation

The Nisga'a Nation is currently involved in various litigation matters.

House of Sga'nisim v. Canada (Attorney General), also known as the Robinson case, has been ongoing since March of 2000. A trial date for this matter has now been set for October of the current year.

Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh, as represented by the Nisga'a Village Government of New Aiyansh and Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive v. David Nairne & Associates Ltd., et al. is an action commenced by the Nisga'a Nation in support of its claim that the companies responsible for constructing the NLG government building acted negligently and breached their contracts in relation to the design and construction of the building. The trial for this matter is scheduled to commence in June 2011.

Upcoming Projects

Nisga'a Property Taxation NLG is currently working on developing a plan for property taxation of Nisga'a citizens.

Nisga'a Elections Act I will be working with the Nisga'a Elections Officer to review the current Nisga'a Elections Act and discuss recommendations for revision to the processes and procedures set out in the legislation.

Nisga'a Subsurface Resources NLG is currently working on developing a scheme that will govern the use and regulation of Nisga'a subsurface resources.

Community Tripartite Agreement After numerous requests from the Nisga'a Nation, British Columbia and Canada have committed to working with the Nisga'a Nation to review the Community Tripartite Agreement with a view to amending the current form of agreement. This work is planned for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted by,
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In-House Legal Counsel / Law Clerk



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Director of Lands and Resources — Collier Azak

The 2010 Special Assembly report of the Directorate of Lands and Resources includes reports by each of the three departments of Forest Resources, Lands and the Land Title Office. I would like to acknowledge the hard

work of staff in each of our departments who for the past two years have worked diligently to carry out the work required to maintain the statutory, policy and operational responsibilities of the directorate.

Department Of Forest Resources

The team includes:

- Warren Fekete, RPF, Forest Resources Manager
- Sean Harris, Nisga'a Resource Officer
- Kimi Hisanaga, GIS Technician
- Owen Fritch, GIS Technician
- Bert Azak, Enforcement Coordinator/Officer

The following were prominent areas of activity to the forests on Nisga'a Lands:

- Timber Harvest Activity,
- BC obligations,
- Consultation of Nisga'a Citizens,
- Forest Restoration and Carbon Offset Projects
- Mountain Pine Beetle

Timber Harvest Activity

Since the Effective Date NLG has administered approximately 500,000 m³ of timber harvesting; the majority since 2005:

2000-2005	56,600 m ³
2005	132,000 m ³
2006	72,100 m ³
2007	92,400 m ³
2008	25,000 m ³
2009	82,000 m ³
2010	40,000 m ³ (approx)

During logging NLG collects a "silviculture levy," the levy funds are managed by NLG specifically to ensure reforestation of cut-blocks is funded over the long term. The current fund is approximately \$900,000.

Tough times continue for the forest economy in BC, especially in the Northwest. Two factors have kept the small amount of logging on-going in Nisga'a Lands;

- Cedar markets are very good,
- Sawlog exports have been viable since 2005.

BC Obligations: Well On Their Way To Meeting Their Obligations

The BC Government through the Ministry of Forests and Range have accepted and have worked very closely with the Director of Lands and Resources to ensure the objectives of the Nisga'a Nation and the obligations of the Nisga'a Final Agreement have been met.

Over the past five years the BC Government has spent \$2 million to meet obligations following the bankruptcy of New Skeena Forest Products. Projects include:

- road maintenance deactivation
- replanting
- brushing and spacing
- soil decontamination and remediation
- addressing forest health, mountain pine beetle

At the request of the Director of Lands and Resources, the Forest Practices Board, the independent provincial watchdog, completed an audit of the obligations assumed by the BC government in 2008. The audit recognized the Crown's effort to take real steps to meet its obligations.

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Forest Restoration

In 2006 WSN passed a resolution to seek funding for restoration of the Nass Bottomlands. Global warming has presented a new opportunity to fund these forest restoration activities. In July 2010 WSN enacted legislation that enables the passage of carbon rights that will ultimately fund these restoration activities.

These projects could inject 20-30 million dollars into the local economy over the next 20 years.

Silviculture – Nisga'a Nation Obligations

In 2009 the Nisga'a Nation surveyed this first blocks logged since 2000 on Nisga'a Lands by the Nisga'a Nation, the results showed that multiple species, including cedar have been successful stocked. These blocks are expected to easily meet free-growing requirements for the next survey.

This is significant since it shows that through our legislation, policies and actions, we have successfully met our reforestation obligations under the Nisga'a Forest Act.

GIS Department

We currently have two part time GIS technicians. They provide services to Nisga'a Lisims Government, Village Governments and Urban Locals. We use ArcGIS to maintain digital data from a variety of sources, including:

- 2009 and 2010 aerial photography
- 2001 aerial photography
- forest inventory information
- TRIM I and II base information
- cultural atlas information
- data related to all activities in the Nass Area
- emergency planning mapping
- digital information about Village infrastructure

Department Of Resource Enforcement

Over the past six months the Department of Resource Enforcement has been working with the Directorate of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Directorate of Lands and Resources to implement the Enforcement procedures and policies for the Enforcement of Nisga'a Laws under the Fisheries and Wildlife Act, Nisga'a Forest Act and Nisga'a Offence Act.

Currently, enforcement consists of six personnel, three from the ranks of the Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife Department, two from the ranks of the Nisga'a Lands and Resource Department, and one from the Department of Resource Enforcement.

Along with the internal communications strategies, we have been in communication with Department of Fisheries and Oceans and BC Conservation Service to ensure that Nisga'a, Provincial and Federal laws are in compliance within Nisga'a Lands. The Federal Fisheries Officers, located in the Nass Valley as well as Terrace, have been instrumental in providing guidance and assistance in the compliance of the Nisga'a Fisheries legislation. Several joint patrols have been conducted with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans enforcing Nisga'a resource extraction as well as resource extraction in portions of the Nass Area.

One main objective is to ensure that we are working as a team in protecting and preserving our natural resources. Through an increased presence on the land this will be exhibited through consistent uniforms, logos, decals, consistent enforcement policies, procedures and standards, and constant communication between departments and other enforcement agencies. With this in mind we have also been in contact with BC Conservation Services on several occasions when dealing with wildlife situations that may pose a threat to society.

Over the next few months there will be a more pronounced presence from Nisga'a enforcement as we

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move into the mushroom and hunting season. Again, the Department of Resource Enforcement's objective will be to show presence and to ensure compliance to Nisga'a, Provincial and Federal laws and regulations.

Lands Department

The team includes:

- Mansell Griffin, Lands Manager
- Henry Moore, Lands Officer

The Lands Department is responsible for the implementation of the Lands, Land Title, Access and Roads and Rights of Way chapters of the Nisga'a Final Agreement.

The Nisga'a Land Act, Nisga'a Land Title Act, Nisga'a Village Entitlement Act, Nisga'a Nation Entitlement Act, Nisga'a Lands Designation Act and Nisga'a Highway Construction Act are the primary legislation that regulates the use, management and ownership of Nisga'a Lands, although other acts also include provisions that affect Nisga'a Lands.

The Lands Department is organized into a number of program units. Overall management is the responsibility of the Lands Manager, although specific tasks within program areas are assigned to Lands staff in accordance with their interest and training. Program areas are linked to the approved budget of Nisga'a Lisims Government and the priorities established by Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a. All staff members are responsible for keeping their projects within approved budgets.

Program areas include:

- **3071 Administration**
General Lands Department administration, staffing, budget and management of external contracts.
- **3040 Lisims Land Registry Management** of all tenures granted over Nisga'a lands, including rights of way, provincial secondary roads and communication facilities

- **3065 Land Management**
General land management, including clean-up, signage, liability issues, fees and taxes, as well as land use planning and survey review.

Program Areas (cont'd)

- **3066 Waste Management**
Developing a waste management strategy for Nisga'a Lands
- **3067 Subsurface Resource Management**
Management of subsurface resources, such as gravel

In addition to the above program areas, the Lands Department has been involved in regional land use planning, maintaining communication with the local Highways staff regarding the maintenance of Hwy 113, assisting the Approving Officer with subdivision review and approval processes, determining the feasibility of developing hydro-electric power generation, evaluating referrals from BC and Canada and participating in Environmental Assessments.

3040 Lisims Land Registry

The Lisims Land Registry is the record of all interest in Nisga'a Lands granted by the Nisga'a Nation. An update on applications that were underway in 2008 and new applications since that time follows.

Application 2007-06

Date of application: Sept 14, 2007.

The application was from Nass Valley Gateway Ltd. It is application 2006-02 amended from an application to develop a quarry to an application to explore aggregate materials.

This application is currently "on hold" until such time as Nisga'a Lisims Government introduces and adopts appropriate legislation and regulations to properly handle applications for mineral tenure. It is expected at that time the applicant will seek what appropriate permits

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and licences are required in the new legal regime under development.

Application #2006-04

Date of Application: Nov 08, 2006.

Date of Approval: Nov 28, 2007.

File # NL 600012.

This application was from Laxgalts'ap Village Government for a licence of occupation over the Grizzly Hill Pit for the purposes of operating a gravel quarry. This licence is now registered in the Lisims Land Registry.

Application 2008-01

Date of Application Feb 28, 2008..

Date of Approval August 26, 2008.

File # NL 300030

This is the revised application from BC Hydro for a licence of occupation in support of distribution works to provide electricity to the Salt Shed within the MoT gravel pit at the Sandhill Pit. This application was approved by the Executive and is not registered in the Lisims Land Registry

Application 2007-02

Date of application: Feb 20, 2007.

Date of Approval: April 23, 2008.

File # NL 600013

This application was from the New Aiyansh Village Government for a licence of occupation for the purposes of operating a landfill. The Landfill already exists and has existed for a very long time. A permit from the Ministry of Environment exists and by all accounts the Landfill is and has been operated by the Village Government to an exemplary standard. The application is only to regularize the pit to bring it into conformance with Nisga'a legislation such as the Nisga'a Land Act.

Application 2007-03

Date of Application Feb 20, 2007.

This application was from New Aiyansh Village Government for a renewal of its current licence of occupation over the Sandhill Pit (also known as the Aiyansh Pit) with some amendments. At the time of writing it is expected that this application will return to the Executive for consideration in the fall of 2010.

Application 2008-02

Date of Application: April 1, 2008 (resubmitted by Sii T'ax Development Corp June 26, 2008)

Date of Approval: Sept 26, 2008.

This application was initially from Mideek Millworks and resubmitted by Sii T'ax Development Corp for a Licence of Occupation in the vicinity of the access road to the Old Aiyansh Landing. The licence would be for the operation of a sawmill as well as a stockyard and cold decking area. The application was approved by the Executive in September of that year and a licence was offered but this was around the same time that the Mill stopped operating. We have not heard from the applicant and expect to contact the Development Corp about his application in the Fall of 2010 to determine if they do wish to sign the Licence or abandon the application.

Application 2008-03

Date of Application: Aug 14, 2008.

Date of application revision: Sept 24, 2008.

Date of Approval: Dec 17, 2008.

File # NL 600015

This application was from Gitwinksihlkw for a Lease for the purposes of constructing and operating a "Playing Field" about 3km up the Canyon Mainline, near Gitwinksihlkw Village Lands. The initial application was for a Licence and was revised to be for a Lease. The application was approved by the Executive and registered in the Lisims Land Registry.

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Application 2008-04

Date of Application: Aug 25, 2008.

Date of Approval: Aug 25, 2008.

File # NL 600014

This application was made by the Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw for a licence of occupation near the mouth of Ksi Ts'oohl Ts'ap for the purposes of "installing works to facilitate the extraction of water for transport by truck to the Village's impoundment dam." It was an emergency application made to ensure the village maintained sufficient drinking water and water for fire protection. The application was quickly approved and the Licence registered.

Application 2008-05

Date of Application: Nov 12, 2008.

Date of Approval: Feb 26, 2009

This is an application that was made by Reg Sampare for a licence of occupation adjacent to the Grizzly Hill Quarry operated by the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap for the purposes of constructing and operating an additional quarry. The application was approved and a licence offered Reg Sampare but a signed Licence has not yet been returned. Mr. Sampare will be contacted again in the fall of 2010 to ensure he still desires the Licence or wishes to abandon it.

Application 2009-01

Date of Application: May 12, 2009.

Date of Approval: Dec 15, 2009

This was an application from Skeena Valley Expeditions (SVE) for a landing site for River Rafts at the Old Aiyansh landing site. The application was approved but with more onerous provisions than applied for. The applicant expressed some dismay but did not indicate if the Licence offered would be accepted or not. SVE will be contacted this fall to determine if in fact they do not wish to accept the Licence.

Application 2010-01

Date of Application: Mar 26, 2010.

Date of Approval: June 23, 2010

This is an application from Mel Barton for a licence of occupation near Red Bluff for the purposes of operating an oolichan camp. The application was approved and a Licence offered to Mr. Barton but a signed Licence has not yet been returned to our office. We will be following up with Mel in the fall of 2010.

3065 Land Management

As part of Land Management for Nisga'a Lands we install and maintain signage, conduct land use planning, maintain the various land use plans we have for Nisga'a Lands and our fee simple properties, conduct inspections on our properties and on tenures on Nisga'a Lands and review the ongoing boundary survey's being undertaken by BC (such as the Nisga'a Highway Corridor surveys).

Signage

On various roads entering and exiting Nisga'a Lands we have installed "Entering Nisga'a Lands" signs. In addition we recently installed two large "Entrance Portal" signs. One at the South end of Lava Lake, within the Park, and the second at the marine wharf and breakwater at Ging olx. Both of these two signs read "The Nisga'a Nation Welcomes You"

Inspections

We periodically inspect land tenures such as the various MoT and Village operated quarries or the Landfill and we annually inspect our fee simple properties. As our properties are currently undeveloped inspection largely consists of inspecting for evidence of trespass and where there are existing buildings inspecting to determine safety of the structures. This year's inspection revealed that at present there is some evidence that our Mill Bay,

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Grizzly Bear Lake, Hattie Island and Gits'oohl properties are regularly trespassed upon and steps will be taken in the next fiscal year, budget permitting to address them.

Our Xuji and Gits'oohl properties both have very old and dilapidated structures on them that, because they are at risk of collapsing, will need to be removed. These are issues we hope to address in the next fiscal year, budget permitting.

Land Use Planning

We completed a round of 7 community consultation meetings earlier this spring – seeking our public's views on the Land Use Plan, amendments wished for, if any, and their views on amendments we feel are either needed or suggested. Please look to the Special Assembly Booklet for more detail on the results of these meetings and expected next steps.

3066 Waste Management

Over the past couple years we engaged two professional consultants to assist us in the development of both a waste management plan for Nisga'a Lands and an operation plan for the Landfill. Both were completed in 2009 and received the approval of the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government. The Waste Management Strategy is expected to be implemented when the necessary funds are realized. To that end an application will be made to INAC as we plan for next fiscal year.

3067 Subsurface Resource Management

A law firm has been retained to assist NLG in developing laws and regulations for the management and development of our subsurface resources, such as gravel, mineral, and geothermal resources. Broad outlines of the new legislation have been developed and work continues between these specialized lawyers, General Counsel, staff and the Officers of NLG, with updates to the Executive of our progress as we work towards having

legislation for consideration by the Executive and WSN.

Regional Land Use Planning

Nass South SRMP

At the last Special Assembly we reported about the halting and “re-starting over again” of planning processes over what is being called the Nass South SRMP. Lands staff were involved heavily in the process of creating and establishing the Nass South SRMP, and saw it conclude in the spring of 2009. For reasons unclear to us, however, the Province has yet to legislate into law the SRMP and its protections.

When, if ever, the Nass South SRMP is enabled legislatively by the province we expect that there will be some effort to begin discussions on a similar SRMP for the Cranberry TSA.

Nisga'a Highway

Although the Nisga'a Highway is excluded from Nisga'a Lands, there is a range of highway issues associated that require involvement of Lands staff. These issues include:

Permits:

The on-going construction and maintenance projects associated with the Highway create a need to permit contractors, MOT employees, B.C. Hydro employees and others to undertake works on Nisga'a Lands. This use can range from the storage of equipment or materials to the siting and permitting of asphalt plants or other temporary facilities. Permits are issued for each use in order to manage liability issues avoid land or resource use conflicts.

Road Maintenance:

The Ministry of Transportation has the right to access gravel on Nisga'a Lands for the purposes of maintaining the Nisga'a Highway. This access is managed through a series of gravel management plans that are approved by Nisga'a Lisims Government. This ensures that gravel

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is available for both the Ministry of Transportation and its contractors and Nisga'a citizens and villages. NLG is working with MoT to ensure the gravel management plans will work for both MoT and the Nisga'a Nation in the long term.

Nechako North Coast Maintenance

NLG continues to work closely with the highway maintenance contractor, and the MoT. Seasonal meetings are convened by the MoT of stakeholders at which the performance of the contractor is assessed and graded. A bonus/or no bonus, is awarded to the Contractor based on this assessment. Winter maintenance on the Nisga'a Highway (which is a Class C classification) is governed by a contract between MoT and NNC. The classification allows accumulations of snow up to 4 inches. Nechako North Coast will conduct winter maintenance according to the contract, although priority is given to the school bus route between Gingolx and New Aiyansh.

Cranberry Forest Service Road

Efforts continue to see this road upgraded and made part of the Nisga'a Highway – with limited success to date.

Drive BC Camera

A Drive BC Camera was installed on the Nisga'a Highway at the Ksi Xy'ans bridge in Laxgalts'ap.

New Projects

NLG has confirmed with the MoT that five bridges remain in the Nass Valley to be replaced in order to meet highway standards. The MoT has placed this list as a priority for District funding by the Provincial Government. The MoT annual District budget determines

which projects are funded, considering there are many in the District. In 2008 we reported that the Diksangiik bridge was expected to be replaced in 2009. In addition, we reported, the section of road between Rosswood and Terrace would be repaved in 2009. Both of these projects did not move forward as expected. The paving was deferred to 2010 and at the time of writing is largely complete. It is expected to be complete by the date of the Special Assembly. The Diksangiik Bridge is now expected to be replaced in 2011.

Subdivision Approval

The purpose of subdivision approval is to ensure that subdivisions of land are undertaken in a safe and orderly way. Divisions 2 and 3 of the Nisga'a Land Title Act set out the rules for the subdivision of Nisga'a fee simple lands (including Village Lands) and creates the office of the Subdivision Approving Officer to oversee subdivision.

The Approving Officer recently approved the subdivision for the museum lot and adjacent Village Park lot. This Plan was submitted to the Registrar of Land Titles and is now registered.

Hydro-Electric Power Generation

At the Special Assembly held in 2008 we reported that we were in discussion with a proponent regarding the development of Small Hydro projects using the hydro power water reservation defined in the Treaty. Because these projects are relatively small and because BC Hydro has changed the price structure and method it considers awarding electricity purchase agreements (EPA's) for such projects. The 3 projects we identified and negotiations to finalize an agreement with a commercial partner to realize them have been effectively stalled them – probably until such a time as pricing from BC Hydro increases to make them more profitable ventures.

Evaluating Referrals And Participating In Environmental Assessment

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Referrals

We routinely receive referrals for Notices of Work for mineral exploration from MEMPR (Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources) and land less frequently from ILMB (Integrated Land Management Bureau) land tenure applications from tenure on Crown Lands – all within the Nass Area. Of these we typically ask for more information regarding impacts to our Treaty Interests (such as fish and wildlife) and what benefits will accrue from these projects to Nisga'a Citizens (such as employment and contract opportunities). We are slowly starting to see more and more Nisga'a Citizens being afforded and taking up these opportunities in the mineral exploration industry.

Environmental Assessments

We are currently involved in a number of Environmental Assessments and continue to ensure we are involved in all EA's that involve projects that may impact our Treaty Interests. The most notable of the existing EA's we are currently involved in are: The Northwest Transmission Line, The Kitsault Mine, the Syntaris Hydropower project and the Kerr-Sulphurets Mitchell Mine. For each of these projects Lands staff, alongside Fish and Wildlife staff, have or are participating in the technical working groups evaluating the environmental and Treaty Impacts. Of these only the NTL application is in a formal review. Each of the others, at the time of writing, remain in a "pre-application" stage of review.

Nisga'a Land Title Office

The team includes:

- Diane Cragg, Registrar of Land Titles
- Dorothy Elliott, Registry Clerk

Registrar of Land Titles

The Registrar of Land Titles is responsible for the implementation of the Land Title chapter of the Nisga'a Final Agreement, and the provisions of the Nisga'a Land Title Act, the Nisga'a Village Entitlement Act, and the Nisga'a Nation Entitlement Act. The Registrar is an Officer of WSN as set out in the Nisga'a Effective Date Procedures Act.

Land Title Office

The Nisga'a Land Title Office records all fee simple titles to Nisga'a Lands and charges against those titles. This includes all Nisga'a Village Entitlements and Nisga'a Nation Entitlements. It will also play a key role in the implementation of the Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act, and will be responsible for the registry of fee simple interests in residential lands in accordance with that Act.

The Land Title Office is the place where you register a new Entitlement that is granted by Village Government, or register a transfer of an Entitlement.

If you have an agreement with respect to village land that is not registered in the Nisga'a Land Title Office, that agreement has no effect in law.

Land title application forms are available at the Land Title Office. Hours are 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Monday to Friday.

Land Title Office Budget and Activity

The provisional 2010/2011 budget for the Nisga'a Land Title Office is \$192,536.00. This is an increase of \$22,611.00 over last year's final budget. This increase is primarily caused by the need to plan for increased staff in the Land Title Office to support the transfer to fee simple ownership of residential lands associated with the Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act and the activity generated by the Wills and Estates project coordinated by In-House Legal Counsel.

The following activity was recorded in the Nisga'a Land

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Title Office for the last four years:

Registry Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009
Raise or cancel title	2	1	0	0
Register, transmit or transfer charge	17	34	52	38
Other	8	6	12	5
Nisga'a Citizen support				
Info requests	123	190	204	139
Help with forms	43	72	85	55
Document Review	10	54	135	107
Other				
Nisga'a Village support				
Info requests	267	424	194	268
Help with forms	164	114	50	9
Document Review	148	104	98	62
Other	13			
External (non-Nisga'a) support				
Info requests	36	83	26	24
Help with forms	6			0
Document Review	2			0
Other			2	

The increase in volume in 2008 can be attributed mostly to the activity generated by the Wills and Estates project. Anecdotal information leads us to believe that the decrease in activity in 2009 is related to the fact that some people are waiting for the implementation of the Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act.

Nisga'a Individual Land Holding Project

Nisga'a Individual Landholding Project is an initiative that is intended to support Nisga'a citizens to benefit from the equity in their homes and support the development of a strong economy in the Nass.

Building on work that began in 2007, the following elements of the project were undertaken in the last two years:

Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act

The Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act was passed by WSN in the fall of 2009, and will come into effect by a regulation of the Executive when all of the other elements of the project are complete.

Before the Act was passed, in June of 2009, there were community information meetings held in each of the Nisga'a Villages and Urban Locals. The purposes of these meetings were to explain the draft legislation, give people an opportunity to have their questions answered, and to encourage them to make their elected officials aware of their views about this new legislation.

The Act will bring a significant change, and it is important that all Nisga'a citizens understand it: Nisga'a citizens will be able to obtain a grant of fee simple interest in residential lands in a Nisga'a Village with unrestricted transferability. This means that because Nisga'a citizens would own their lots in fee simple, they could be mortgaged, leased, or transferred to anyone, Nisga'a or non-Nisga'a, aboriginal or non-aboriginal. It would be possible to sell a lot, but it would also be possible to lose it to a mortgage default if you used it to borrow money you could not pay back. Participation will be voluntary. People will be able to retain their existing Nisga'a Village Entitlement or Nisga'a Nation Entitlement if they wish to.

Jurisdiction over the lands will not change. Each Nisga'a Village will retain the ability to pass laws with respect to the lands within its Village boundary. Land transactions will continue to be recorded in the Nisga'a Land Title Office. Consideration could be given to using the provincial land title system in the future.

It is believed that granting Nisga'a citizens this ability to use their residential properties to raise capital, as can other British Columbia residents, will further the Nisga'a Nation's goals of economic growth, investment and increased prosperity for Nisga'a citizens.

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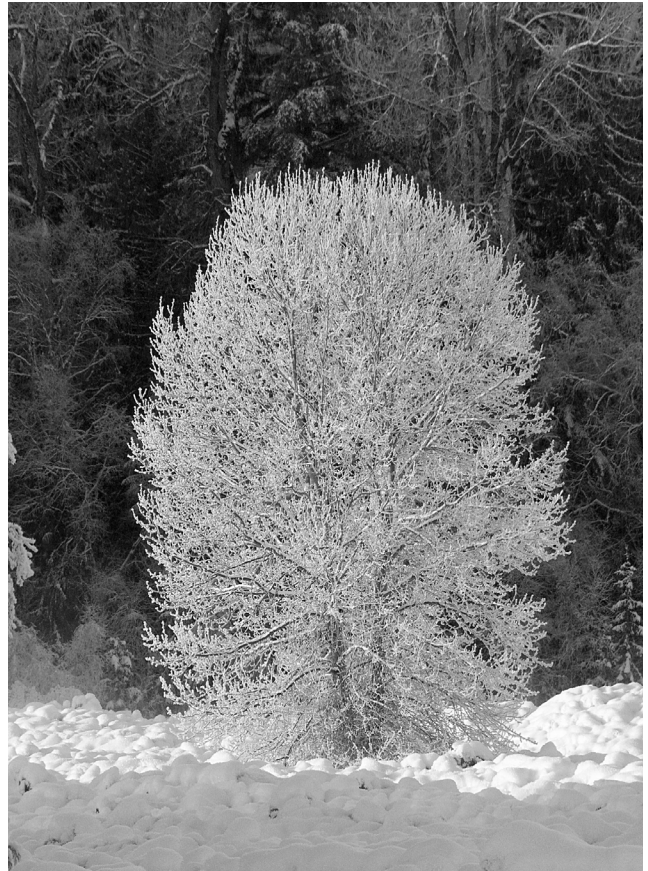
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Nisga'a Planning and Zoning Enabling Act

It is important that each village government be able to clearly and effectively exercise its jurisdiction once the Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act comes into force. For this reason, WSN Passed the Nisga'a Planning and Zoning Enabling Act to support village jurisdiction, and to assist each of the villages to ensure it has effective zoning laws for its residential lands. The passage of this legislation in March of 2010 was accompanied by model zoning laws for village consideration, and a commitment of support from NLG to assist each village as it works through the process of zoning its lands in accordance with the Act. This work is on-going and is expected to be completed by late fall.

Other Legislative and Administrative Elements of the Project

The ability to grant fee simple interests to Nisga'a Lands requires a significant re-write of the Nisga'a Land Title Act and its regulations. General Counsel is undertaking this task. As well, the administrative systems and database architecture of the Nisga'a Land Title Office require updating and revising to effect the new legislation. This work is also expected to be completed this winter.



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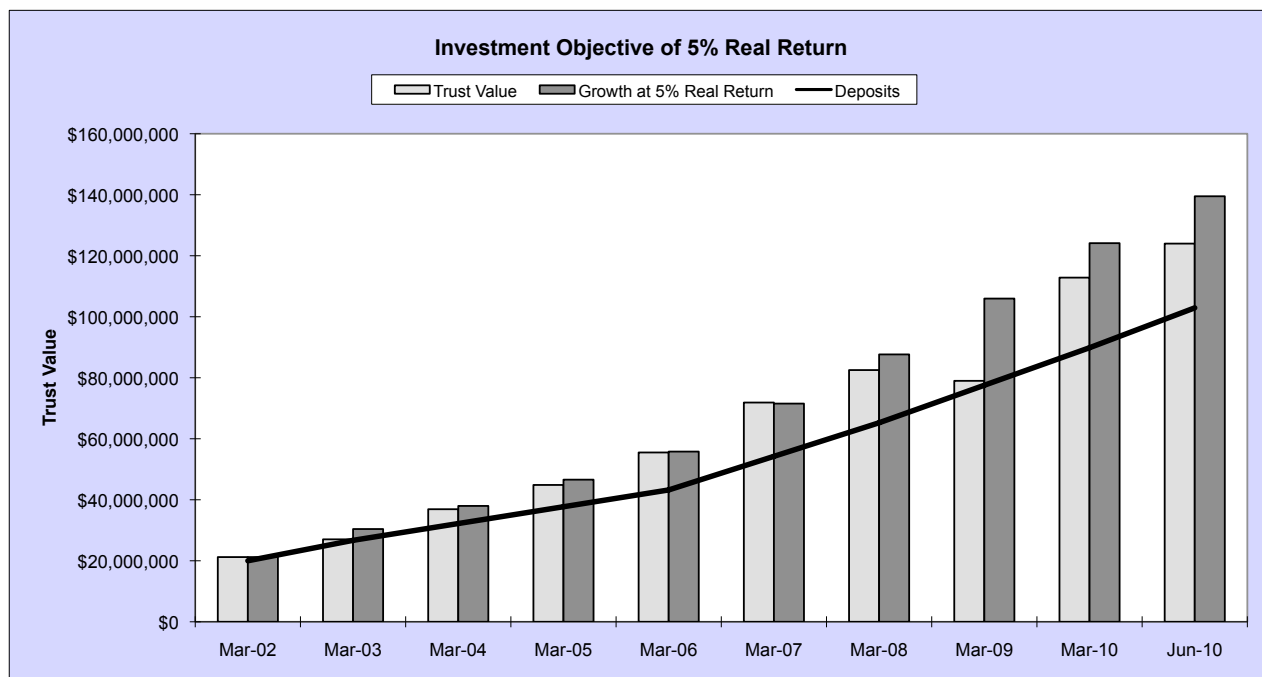
Nisga'a Interim Settlement Trust

Since the last Special Assembly in 2008, the world economy has seen major turbulence. This has resulted in tumultuous and volatile equity markets that have completely re-written many long held assumptions of how markets act and react. During the crisis, equity markets lost between 20-50% of their value. There are many indications that the recession is over however there is still a lot of fear of further instability or a slow recovery. Investment managers and trust fund managers try to diversify risk by mixing the security types but many still lost 20-30% of their values. The Nisga'a Interim Settlement Trust in comparison had a 16% reduction in its value in 2008 and has regained this value since.

New investment managers were selected in October 2008 and NLG recently conducted a performance review of their returns for the 21 months ending June 2010.

The target return was 5% and this target was slight exceeded despite market turmoil. This was largely due to the fixed income managers earning excess returns due to correctly predicting and purchasing undervalued bonds. Equity investment managers also did well to preserve their asset values even though indices' values declined during the same period.

Reviewing the trust since its inception, the Trust's actual value has lagged behind targeted growth of 5% per annum. The actual and target values were roughly equivalent at March 2007 however the beginnings of the market decline opened the gap before the new investment managers were selected and the current economic climate has made it difficult to close the gap. As a result of the performance review's conclusions, NLG is reviewing the Trust's investment policy to determine where asset mixes can be altered to provide a reduction



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in volatility however the reduction of risk could come at a reduction in returns.

Consumer Taxation

The remission order on GST and PST expired in June 2008 and Nisga'a citizens and entities were no longer exempt from the payment of consumer taxes. NLG was able to negotiate and complete tax sharing agreements with the Federal and Provincial government to ensure that taxes paid by Nisga'a flow back to the Nisga'a. Provincial consumption tax revenue has been flowed to the Village Governments as general funding. There is still an outstanding issue regarding Federal consumption tax revenue and the application of Own Source Revenue tax which is still being discussed between NLG and INAC.

The change from the GST and PST model in BC to one of HST has caused some problems from tax agreement perspective. The agreement for the Provincial part of HST has to be re-negotiated as PST no longer exists. NLG does not anticipate that there would be any change in the underlying model and expects that any additional benefits from the HST model will flow to the Nisga'a Nation.

Property Taxation

A preliminary review of property taxation and its effects on Nisga'a citizens in the Nass starting January 1, 2013 has been completed. If the provincial property taxation act is mirrored by the Nisga'a Nation which entails utilizing the same taxation rates and making available the same home owners grants and if the assessed value of homes is less than \$125,000, many Nisga'a home owners would only be liable for minimum taxation. This amounts to \$350 for the average home owner and \$100 for elders aged 65 or older.

The next step in this process is to determine whether the Nisga'a Nation will enter the property taxation field or if the Province will administer it. A more comprehensive

financial review of the property taxation system will need to be completed which includes a more precise estimation of revenues compared with the cost of implementing a property tax system in addition to the yearly operational costs of administration and collection. By fall of 2010, the Nisga'a Nation would also need to commence discussions with the Province and BC Assessment to determine their position in regards to property taxation in the Nass and negotiate a tax agreement. This comprehensive review will be presented to WSN for a decision on implementation.

Income Taxation

Similarly to property taxation, Nisga'a citizens will no longer be exempt from income taxation effective January 1, 2013. Implementation is a bit more straightforward and follows the negotiation of revenue sharing with the Federal and Provincial Government.

To help educate citizens, NLG provided for an income tax preparation course in conjunction with the Canada Revenue Agency early in 2010. The program taught participants the process of completing basic tax returns and the benefits for low income individuals in submitting tax returns before January 1, 2013. NLG and CRA hope to offer this course again at the beginning of 2011.

Museum

Commencing in 2008, substantial construction work has been completed on the Nisga'a Museum in anticipation of a soft opening later this year or early next year. The major milestone completed in 2008 was building the foundation of the museum. It was the largest earth moving project in the North West and pulled resources from the Village Governments as well as surrounding areas. Upon completion of the foundation, construction was paused for the winter.

Preparation work, however, continued in the form of design work and the tendering of contracts to re-

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commence construction as soon as spring came. Where possible, emphasis was placed on hiring contractors from the local area and emphasis was placed on hiring of Nisga'a workers. Additionally, labourers were hired from Greenville Tourism Services many of whom found permanent employment with contractors working on the museum site. The milestone for 2009 was completing the steel frame construction this time to ensure that work could continue through the winter. By the end of the year, concrete had been fully poured and the roof was substantially complete.

Work continued through 2010 with the roof sheeting and exterior framing and the commencement of electrical and mechanical work. As the museum came closer to completion and the construction phase moved more to details like the sprinkler and security systems, more emphasis was placed on the repatriation of artifacts and other operational issues. NLG expects to hire a Museum Director to manage administration, coordination of artifact repatriation, fundraising and the development of an operational and marketing plan consistent with other museums.

Financial Reporting

The operating results for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009 have been fairly consistent with a few highlights. The re-negotiated Fiscal Financing Agreement in FY2010 resulted in a large increase in revenue though it should be noted that roughly \$8.4 million was one time funding.

The overall improvement of the world economy allowed for an increase in investment income within the Other Revenue line. Targeted funding from INAC relates to specific programs applied for by NLG, the Village Governments and the Health Authority and cover capital projects like Laxgalts'ap's subdivision, Gingolx's water & sewer and other initiatives like head start, e-health and land title holding.

NLG's operating expenses has also remained consistent. Transfers to Nisga'a entities have increased due to increases in the Fiscal Financing Agreement and new targeted programs. A change in accounting policy also had a major impact on the transfers to Nisga'a Villages as discussed below. As a result, the excess of revenues over expenses mainly relate to investment income left to grow within the Settlement Trust and, for FY2010, the one time Fiscal Financing Agreement funding meant to compensate NLG for prior years' underfunding.

For FY2009, NLG changed auditors to Deloitte and Touche who reviewed all of NLG's accounting policies and recommended a major change in relation to the Capital Finance Commission. The Fiscal Financing Agreement includes 36 years of funding for capital assets though the agreement itself was only 5 years long and NLG's previous auditors, citing a re-exposure draft, recommended recognizing the full 36 years as revenue. Deloitte's opinion was that the re-exposure draft, while likely to be adopted, was not officially part of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The effects on the financial statements was the reversal of capital asset funding transfers to Nisga'a Villages and of the Capital Finance Receivable not included in the current Fiscal Financing Agreement and the recognition of a Deferred Revenue for unspent capital asset monies.

NLG decided to take advantage of record low interest rates in FY2010 and re-financed the Nisga'a Final Agreement debt payable which carried an interest rate of 5.185%. A new treaty debt from the bank was used to repay INAC and is financed at prime minus 0.48% or 1.77% at March 31, 2010. Factoring in NLG's estimation on the changes in the prime rate, NLG expects to save roughly \$2 million in debt service payments which will increase funding into the Settlement Trust. Additionally, NLG executed a loan for the construction of the museum.

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Nisga'a Lisims Government
Summarized consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus
year ended March 31, 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Fiscal Financing Agreement and related funding	56,835,390	42,213,489
Other Revenues	11,641,239	10,553,917
Interest income on Final Agreement	5,233,336	5,957,558
Targeted funding - INAC	4,399,613	3,485,470
Total Revenue	78,109,578	62,210,434
Expenses		
Operating Expenses	20,850,983	20,508,598
Transfers and operating grants		
Nisga'a Village Governments	21,326,739	14,888,670
Nisga'a Valley Health Authority	13,067,611	12,351,696
Nisga'a School Board #92	8,094,544	6,908,927
Nisga'a Urban Locals	1,669,569	1,363,308
Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a	604,752	417,475
Transfer and operating grants total	44,763,215	35,930,076
Total expenses	65,614,198	56,438,674
Excess of revenues over expenses	12,495,380	5,771,760
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	168,262,178	162,490,418
Accumulated surplus, end of year	180,757,558	168,262,178

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Summarized consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Financial assets		
Cash and other current assets	45,056,693	28,993,499
Other long-term receivables	417,953	481,059
Nisga'a Final Agreement receivable	79,230,331	96,764,618
Capital Finance Commission receivable	14,458,536	-
Designated cash	21,126,140	21,352,938
Designated trust funds	108,512,583	95,062,156
Investments in other entities	2,269,564	1,584,973
Total Financial Assets	271,071,800	244,239,243
Liabilities		
Bank indebtedness and other current liabilities	26,262,743	19,003,327
Silviculture liability	973,170	846,841
Due to other entities	1,805,560	1,433,276
Capital Finance Commission deferred revenue	38,711,965	24,195,112
Nisga'a Final Agreement debt payable	-	44,197,214
Treaty debt payable	36,624,943	-
Long-term debt	2,897,388	2,840
Total Liabilities	107,275,769	89,678,610
Net financial assets	163,796,031	154,560,633
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets	16,480,218	12,509,470
Other non-financial assets	481,309	1,192,075
Total non-financial assets	16,961,527	13,701,545
Accumulated surplus	180,757,558	168,262,178

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The Directorate was established to improve the way government members communicate with each other, Nisga'a citizens, its Treaty partners, and the wider world.

The Directorate provides services in five major areas:

- effective, timely communications with citizens;
- public relations and media support;
- event planning and management;
- emergency planning and response; and
- coordinating cross governmental initiatives and providing support, as appropriate, to external organizations with whom the Nation is involved.

Initiatives addressing an issue or opportunity in one of these areas often imply responsibilities in another. It is, for example, essential to communicate effectively during an emergency.

The Communication & Intergovernmental Relations Directorate team includes:

- Eric Grandison, newsletters and media relations
- Bobby Clark, Special Projects (assisting with legislative administration, emergency planning, and planning for annual implementation reports), and
- Jim Stone, websites (including the Community website), newsletters and
- Shelly Johnson, Administrative Assistance for both Communications & Intergovernmental Relations and Lands & Resources Directorate.
- Les Clayton, Director

Communicating with Citizens

Democracy depends on an informed citizenry. Access to information enables citizens to participate in public life, help determine priorities for public spending, receive equal access to justice, and hold elected officials to account. The

Nisga'a Nation achieved its treaty with effective communication, transparency, and accountability. Nisga'a Lisims Government is implementing the treaty in the same spirit.

The Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation obligates its public service to "the provision of timely, accessible, and accurate information". Our Vision Statement speaks of a Nation where "we inspire trust and understanding through effective communications". Effective communications with citizens is arguably the Directorate's most important responsibility.

To address this responsibility the department:

- Publishes NLG's monthly newsletter;
- Publishes, when appropriate, special editions of the newsletter addressing a specific issue;
- Maintains, and continues to enhance, the community website nnkn.ca.
- Develops and maintains websites which focus on major events. Examples include a site for the last Special Assembly and a site devoted to the 10 year anniversary of the Treaty.
- Broadcast events on the web to enable those not able to attend with the opportunity to view activities.
- Develops and maintains other national websites. Examples include the official website of the Nation (nisgaalisims.ca) and a website for the museum.
- Broadcasts emerging news and information to Villages, Urban Locals and Nisga'a institutions.
- Contributes to and maintains the photo gallery of events of national significance which often celebrate achievements of Nisga'a citizens.

The internet has become an important communications medium and its significance will continue to increase. The community website currently receives about 7,500 visits every month from over 2,500 people locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. While the Directorate has no intention of moving away from print media it is likely that the internet and modern media will play an increasingly important role in its initiatives.

These efforts provide citizens with access to information and effectively address the requirements of the Constitution and our Vision Statement. They support

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democracy. Perhaps most importantly, by contributing to a sense of identity (especially, but not exclusively, for the majority of citizens living outside the Valley), these initiatives help to maintain and strengthen our Nation.

To date the Directorate's efforts have focused primarily on NLG initiatives. The Nisga'a identity is, however, much more than that important, but limited, perspective. Between now and the next assembly the Directorate will be working collaboratively with Nisga'a Villages, Urban Locals and Nisga'a institutions and organizations to expand the depth and breadth of information readily available to citizens.

Public Relations and Media Support

The Nisga'a Nation does not exist in a vacuum. While some issues and initiatives are specific to the Nation others may have regional, provincial and national implications. The Nisga'a Final Agreement is groundbreaking and its implementation is being closely watched by governments and other First Nations nationally and internationally. Broad understanding by the general public is essential to prevent misunderstanding and engender support for the Nation's perspectives.

Developing this understanding is the goal of the Directorate's public relations efforts. Recent activities which support this goal include:

- The development of cost effective information packages addressing both general and specific issues of interest to a general audience.
- Direction, production and distribution of the "One Heart, One Path, One Nation" video which was premiered at the 2010 Winter Olympics.
- The inclusion of sections on event specific websites to address media needs.
- The preparation and distribution of press releases addressing Nisga'a interests.
- Responding to media requests for information and interviews.

- Providing, when appropriate, support to external agencies whose publications include Nisga'a specific information.

The Nation's "brand" is the public perception of the Nation. While items like logos, colors and consistent design are important, the Nation's brand is based on a good deal more than visual cues. The Nation's brand includes perceptions about fundamentals like its vision, mission, values, principles and professionalism.

Consequential issues are likely to be multi-faceted. The Nation is, for example, "Open for Business". At the same time the Nation is committed to protecting the environment. A message about an economic development opportunity which fails to strike an appropriate balance between the two principles will likely lead to misperceptions about the Nation with potentially negative consequences. Once established negative perceptions are very difficult to reverse.

In the past the Directorate has been informally working to ensure that the Nation's brand as a democratic, progressive Nation with a strong sense of identity is effectively protected and enhanced. In the future the Directorate will formalize these efforts by:

- Establishing the Directorate as a service centre which supports the publication of all NLG publications.
- Supporting the development of strategic communications plans for all consequential NLG initiatives.
- Facilitating and supporting the Nation's participation in regional, provincial and national events addressing issues of relevance to the Nisga'a.

The Directorate has the technology and skills necessary for the production of professional caliber publications. In addition to providing content related support the Directorate will expand the services available to NLG Directorates to preserve the visual aspects of the Nation's brand.

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Event Planning and Management

Some events provide the Nation with an opportunity to celebrate and promote its achievements. Others, like this Special Assembly, are one of the ways the Nation conducts its business.

The Directorate has the primary responsibility for planning and managing National events. Tasks associated with the planning and presentation of a major event include developing an agenda, facilitating presenters and their presentations, media liaison, event promotion, facilities and equipment arrangements and nourishment and publications.

The Directorate usually works collaboratively with the host community or appropriate external agency when planning and managing an event.

Emergency Planning and Response

Emergencies quickly become very complex. Multiple agencies are usually involved, situations can deteriorate rapidly and our relatively isolated location implies we must be able to act independently. In times of emergency effective responses are essential. Effective responses require planning – it would not be either sufficient nor appropriate to respond to an emergent situation without the foundation a comprehensive emergency plan provides.

The Directorate is responsible for emergency planning and response. The National Emergency Response and Recovery Plan was completed in 2005. Since that time the Directorate has:

- facilitated training for NLG and Village emergency management personnel;
- provided support to Villages developing their own emergency plans;
- worked with Villages and regional and provincial emergency organizations to provide appropriate support for potentially emergent issues;
- activated the National Emergency Operations Centre

(EOC) when necessary to provide administrative and logistical support, and facilitate financial support, to Village Local Operations Centres (LOC's).

- coordinated planning for the Nation's response to the potential flu pandemic last fall and winter

The Directorate recently received financial support to proceed with three major emergency preparedness initiatives under the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP):

- The purchase and installation of satellite based communications systems which will enable Villages and NLG to remain in touch with each other and other emergency personnel across the province in an emergency. The system has, for example, the ability to patch our VHF radio systems into the provincial network.
- A review and revision of the current emergency plan. While the specific tasks to be completed will have to wait for the review it is, for example, known that the plan will have to be updated to include planning for response to a pandemic.
- The development and completion of a desktop exercise which will simulate a major emergency in the Valley and allow us to seriously test our systems to discover their strengths and issues which need to be addressed.

As part of the review and revision process the Directorate will be developing easier to use web based documentation to provide more effective support to emergency response teams.

Intergovernmental Relations

Tripartite Implementation Committee

The governments of Canada, British Columbia, and the Nisga'a Nation are partners in the Nisga'a Final Agreement. Because three governments share responsibility for the Treaty, an Implementation Committee was formed to provide a forum for the

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partners to discuss and address issues as they relate to the implementation of the Treaty.

The Implementation Chapter of the Agreement requires that an Implementation Plan be established. On the effective date, the Parties established the Implementation Committee for a term of 10 years to make available a place to discuss the implementation of the Agreement.

An on-going challenge for the Nation is the federal government's lack of an adequate implementation policy. Although the federal government is one of three Parties to the Nisga'a Treaty, we continue to face individual departmental interpretations of our Agreement. NLG maintains that, while it is possible that a technical review may produce new information and perspectives regarding the implementation of treaties, it falls short of what is urgently needed — a new federal implementation policy.

During the reporting period the 2006/2008 annual report was produced. The 2008/2009 is currently in the final stages of production.

Land Claims Agreement Coalition

NLG is a member of the Lands Claims Agreements Coalition, which represents all aboriginal groups in Canada that have completed modern treaties. The Coalition's primary purpose is to ensure that comprehensive land claims and associated self-government agreements are respected, honoured and fully implemented in order to achieve their objectives.

NLG's President is co-chair of the Coalition. During the reporting period the Directorate has actively supported his work with the Coalition.



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The Programs and Services Directorate has 3 essential mandates. The first mandate is to deliver and/or develop policy in conjunction with the 4 villages and 3 urban locals as described in the following sections of the Treaty:

- Conferring of Nisga'a Citizenship Chapter 11, section 39;
- Elder's package (is not a program but a benefit)
- Ayuukhl Nisga'a (Culture and language) Chapter 11, section 41-43;
- Justice Chapter. 12 - 1-29;
- Social Services Chapter 11, 78-81;
- Health Services, Chapter 11, 82-85;
- Pre-school to Grade12 Education, Chapter 11, 100-102;
- Post Secondary, 103-107
- NCFS, 89-93
- Child Custody, 94-95
- Adoption , 96-98

The second mandate is the development, implementation and monitoring of certain programs and services through contracts with Nisga'a Valley Health Authority; School District # 92 (Nisga'a) - (not yet completed) and WWNI (not yet completed) and with village charters. These agreements are being reviewed and updated by the Director of Finance with some input from the Director of Programs and Services.

The third mandate is the delivery and compliance of certain programs and services.

The Directorate relates to at least three executive committees: the Executive which meets monthly, the Programs and Services Committee (P&S) which meets at least six(6) times a year and the Peace Order and Public Safety Committee (POPS) (meets at least four (4) times a year).

The main responsibilities of the Director to the P&S and POPS are to ensure the committee receives appropriate administrative support, to assist the Chairperson of the committee in preparing a draft

agenda for each meeting of the committee, keeping accurate minutes and ensuring all motions passed the by committee are considered by the Executive. The mandate of the P&S and POPS committees is to make certain the conduct for the management of funds and program compliance for the Nisga'a Nation's programs and services is transparent and equitable.

Programs and Services Committee

Peter Lambright, Chairperson, Chief Councillor
Gitwinksihlkw
Wallace Clark Co-chairperson Laxgalts'ap;
Juanita Parnell, Gitmaxmak'ay
Elaine Moore, Gitwinksihlkw
Willard Martin ,Laxgalts'ap
Peter Stevens Jr., Gingolx
Brent Adams, Gitlaaxtamiks

Peace Order and Public Safety Committee

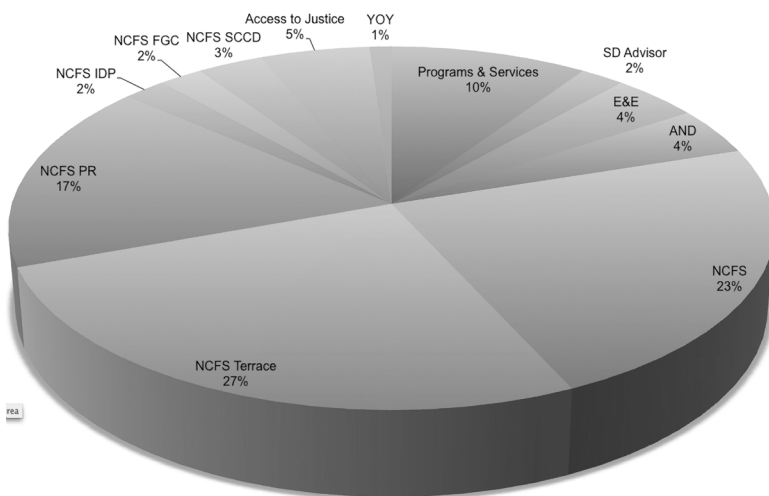
Willard Martin, Chairperson
Craig McKay, Laxgalt'sap
Nelson Clayton, Gingolx
Peter Stevens, Jr. Gingolx
George Williams, Sr. Gitlaaxtamiks;
Brian Tait, Gitlaaxtamiks
Nicolas Azak, Gitwinksihlkw
Oscar Mercer, Council of Elders

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Nisga'a Lisims Government Programs & Services Directorate 2010 / 2011

Department	FFA	Appropriation	Contract Revenue	Child Special Allowance	Total
Programs & Services	\$ 423,565.00	\$ 20,516.00			\$ 444,081.00
SD Advisor	\$ 75,194.00	\$ 37,242.00			\$ 112,436.00
E&E	\$ 123,224.00	\$ 44,604.00			\$ 167,828.00
AND	\$ 179,949.00	\$ 10,646.00			\$ 190,595.00
NCFS	\$ 1,032,816.00	\$		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,052,816.00
NCFS Terrace	\$ 1,122,000.00	\$		\$ 60,000.00	\$ 1,182,000.00
NCFS PR	\$ 750,000.00	\$		\$ 35,000.00	\$ 785,000.00
NCFS IDP	\$ 75,150.00	\$ -			\$ 75,150.00
NCFS FGC	\$ 95,900.00	\$ -			\$ 95,900.00
NCFS SCCD	\$ 156,024.00	\$ -			\$ 156,024.00
Access to Justice	\$ -	\$ 23,098.00	\$ 208,734.78		\$ 231,832.78
YOY	\$ 24,546.00	\$ 12,157.00	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 71,703.00
NYAC					\$ -
LHB			\$ 216,039.00		\$ 216,039.00
Total 2010/11 Budget	\$ 4,058,368.00	\$ 148,263.00	\$ 459,773.78	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 4,781,404.78



- 70% of the budget is directed toward NCFS. This program has grown significantly over the past 5 years;
- 2% of the budget is spent on the NLG Social Development office;
- 5% of the budget is spent on the Access to Justice Department;
- 4% of the budget is spent on Enrolment and Eligibility (citizenship)
- 4% of the budget is spent on Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department.
- 9% of the budget is spent on the Director's office

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For the purposes of this Assembly we will be reporting on the following related Social Services:

- Nisga'a Child and Family Services;
- Social Development;
- Justice services;
- Citizenship;
- Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department; and
- Youth Leadership Development.
- New program and policy initiatives

In keeping with the vision statement the Directorate strives to continually have the Ayuukhl play a central role. Learning as a way of life is another statement in our vision statement that is fundamental in all our programs and services. Lastly, we develop and recommend social policies that strengthen our programs and services to better meet the citizen's needs. It is in the context of the vision statement that we bring forward this report to the Nisga'a citizens attending the 2010 Nisga'a Nation Special Assembly.

In order to carry out the work of the Directorate it is important to emphasize the importance of the new Fiscal Financing Agreement (FFA) which was signed in March 2010. This included Nisga'a Lisims Government successfully negotiating the transfer of Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD) contract monies for off core land and on core lands programs into the updated FFA for the duration of the FFA. Providing effective programs and services to citizens in an economically depressed area is an ongoing challenge and therefore is necessary for many employable citizens to utilize our social safety net. The Directorate has been a part of economic development planning specifically related to the Nass Area Strategy. We are working with other Directorates to assess potential economic opportunities that on one hand protect the settlement lands including important spawning beds but at the same time promote meaningful self-sustaining employment for Nisga'a citizens.

Nisga'a Child and Family Services (NCFS) provides both statutory (an extension of the child welfare law) and non-statutory services (volunteer community services). NCFS provides support services for families, which promote sound parenting practices and respite care. Voluntary care agreements allow parents to place their children in a safe, approved home during medical treatment or training. Special Needs Agreements ensure the safe care of children with special needs. NCFS approves and provides support payments to adults to provide foster care for Nisga'a children in Nisga'a care homes.

It is now important to highlight some of the challenges and successes that have occurred in the Directorate's programs since the last special assembly. For more detail please see the respective reports produced by each of the Managers at the Programs and Services booth.

The Challenges and Accomplishments

Social Development

The Social Development program is committed to supporting healthy and economically prosperous Nisga'a communities where children, youth and adults have hopes and opportunities, and access to social programs that support a healthy living standard. The FFA, in the social services conditions section states, "programs and services are to be provided at reasonably comparable rates to those generally applicable in the Province of BC." This has been a challenge for the Social Development program to make happen. There is a working committee that is preparing a number of Social Development policy recommendation changes for the consideration of the Executive this fall.

There has been a personnel change in the Social Development Department. Jeanette Costello was successfully elected as a WSN member for Gitwinksihlkw. This vacancy was filled by Fern Scodane.

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The work plan for this year has identified 4 objectives:

- Team Development for Collaboration- There has been regular face to face contact with the 4 village Social Development staff. The group has been using technology such as nnkn.ca with communication and information sharing.
- Research- In order to be more effective with Social Development research is necessary to assist with knowledge building and ensuring recommended policy is based on good data. To this end there are 3 activities associated they include, conducting research on traditional Nisga'a practices and protocols of Sayt Hahlals, gathering data on what BC, other First Nations and the federal government

is doing on social development.

- Infrastructure Assessment- Assess management system in support of compliance/reporting process.
- Professional Development- In collaboration with the 4 village S/D departments develop a training plan that enhances the needs of the village S/D departments to deliver Social Development within the resources of both the NLG S/D departments and the respective village budgets.

The following is a table outlining the work of the working Social Development committee, chaired by the NLG Social Development Advisor and the 4 village Social Development staff.

Collecting and receiving information

Issue Focus (examples provided – note issues of relevance only)	Number of Sessions	Number of Participants
Eligibility – Requirement to Seek Work	3	5-6
Support/ Shelter Allowance	2	5
Guardian Financial Assistance	3	5
Appeals Process	3	6
Disability Adjudication & Professional Development	3	3-4
Employment Assistance Programs - MHSD Regional Office	0	
Objective Needs Assessments	3	4-5
Results Based Management Framework & Nisga'a Economic Prosperity Model	3	15-20

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Analyzing and developing policy positions

Issue of Focus	Reviewed Community input	Position Recommended
Disability Adjudication & Professional Development	Yes	Yes
Employment Assistance Programs - Terrace	Not yet	Not yet
Objective Needs Assessments	Yes	Not yet
Results Based Management Framework - Nisga'a Economic Prosperity Model	Yes	Yes
Sustainability Planning – holistic planning	Yes	Not yet

Informing and Advising the following stakeholders

Stakeholder	Information Provided	Number of Meetings
Nisga'a Lisims Government		
NLG Officer's Briefing	yes	1
NLG Executive	Yes	6-7
Programs and Services Committee		
Senior Management - Director and CEO	Yes	3
Nisga'a Village Government Administration		
Senior Management	Yes/No	2
Social Development Staff	Yes	20

Nisga'a Child and Family Services

NCFS operates offices in New Aiyansh, Terrace and Prince Rupert and has a complement of 20 staff to deliver the aforementioned services. The children in care rate is 2 percent, which is lower than both the national and provincial rate for First Nation communities where the average rates are 10 percent.

Daphne Stevens /Team Leader NCFS for two urban offices stated; a) success returning children in care to families and extended family members was a major task; b) major challenge is to maintain the relationship and spirit of the NCFS operational protocol with MCFD when engaging in practice.

Renata Moore /Team Leader NCFS for Nass office stated: a) success in the immediacy involving a child's Nisga'a extended family (Wilp) has attributed to the reduction of child being in an unsafe environment b) the issue of acquiring appropriate Nisga'a care homes is problematic.

Daphne V. Robinson/ Family Group Conference Coordinator stated; a) success in preparing family and service provide to engage in problem solving for keeping children safe; b) a challenge is the administrative tasks in recording and reporting the case conference for the information gathering system.

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Jackie Gosnell/ Infant Development Program Consultant stated: a) successful Infant Massage Program in the Nass Valley with good outcomes and participation; b) a challenge is the size of the program is and the limited capacity of service to the four Nisga'a communities. Winnie Morven/ Supported Child Care Coordinator stated: a) a success is growth in the program from 2 clients to over 60 clients and families in 2 years; b) Maintaining a quality service because of staffing issues and recruiting qualified staff

Enrolment and Eligibility Department

In the Enrolment and Eligibility Department, an important task is to maintain an official registry data of citizens. In the past the challenge has been the technological glitches in the system; this has now been rectified. We however still are challenged to have an accurate data base due in part to Nisga'a citizens not notifying their respective villages and/or NLG when they relocate.

Ayuukhl Nisga'a Department

AND also provides administrative support to the Elders Council. The Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation in Chapter one, section 3(a)(b)(c) states, " Simgigaṭ, Sigidimhannak' and respected elders:

- Nurture the spirit of the Nisga'a Nation;
- Provide guidance to interpretation of the Ayuukhl;
- Advise the Nisga'a Government on matters relating to the traditional values of the Nisga'a Nation thought the Council of Elders.
- Contribute to the harmony of the Nisga'a Nation and the harmony of individual and families within the Nisga'a Nation, during times of personal or national dispute

Ayuukhl Nisga'a worked hand in hand with Traditional Consulting on the story line for the exhibit of the Nisga'a artifacts. The final Draft was approved by the

NLG Executive in the latter part of 2009 and will be developed upon completion of the building. The story line was displayed for review and comments from the public. Over the past year AND continued to receive comments and recommendations for improvements, all comments were noted, and changes will be made accordingly.

Nisga'a Lisims Government completed a three year term of purchasing Nisga'a art for the NLG building with the final project being the carvings for the NLG Chamber doors. With assistance of Capital Projects this final project was taken on by new management of Ayuukhl Nisga'a and was completed in September 2009.

Gingolx Media Project, Ancient Village Sites and Totem Poles came to the attention of AND in the later stages of development. AND and the Council of Elders continuously advised the Gingolx Media Group and gave encouragement in regards to the Ayuuk. Assistance was also given in regards to the history, culture and spelling of the Nisga'a language. The Gingolx Media centre had a successful launch of the project in 2009 and continuously accepts comments and advice for improvements. Their project can be located from the Gingolx Village Government website.

Language and culture are the priorities of Ayuukhl Nisga'a, the department is continuously working on developing new projects to ensure that the language, culture and history are promoted in every way.

Ayuukhl Nisga'a has being working in collaboration with School District No.92 (Nisga'a), and throughout the year AND's researcher has being attending sessions with elders of the public throughout the valley to brainstorm on ways that lessons can created and delivered. Also of great importance the group has being brainstorming to develop a process to ensure the written format of the Nisga'a language is standardized.

The Anhluutukwsim Sawinskhl Nisga'a (Nisga'a Feast Procedures & Protocols) document was completed and made available at the Special Assembly of 2008. The

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document was mainly produced to further educate the younger people in regards to the ayuuk of the feasting system. Ayuukhl Nisga'a is working toward having this document professionally published with an ISBN number. The book will then be placed within the educational institutes' in the Valley and outside core lands.

The Access to Justice Department

Accomplishment:

Successful in increasing resources to open the "Access to Justice" office with 1 full time staff person to service the Justice needs of Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx. We developed a partnership with Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School administration to utilize restorative approaches when dealing with students at risk of suspension; and provide proactive initiatives to prevent high risk behavior.

Challenges:

Accessing funds to have long houses built in each community where elders will pass on their house stories to their members; house meetings can take place; and a place where conflict can be resolved with Nisga'a traditional approaches. (This has been a vision for our nation's elders since time immemorial.

Nisga'a Post Secondary Education Assistance Policy

In June 2010 the Executive approved the Nisga'a Post Secondary Education Assistance Policy. This is a national policy that is consistently applied in all 3 villages.

Youth Organizing Youth

Nisga'a Lisims Government and Village/Urban Governments have taken a pro-active approach to youth leadership with the implementation of the Nisga'a Youth Advisory Council, Local Youth Councils and Youth Organizing Youth. Each has a distinct function but a similar role; NYAC is a standing committee under

the P&S committee under Nisga'a Lisims Government, Local Youth Councils potentially provide village/urban government another avenue to engage youth, and YOY has two functions, the first to provide NYAC with technical support to carry out their roles and responsibilities and second the first point of contact on youth initiatives. The role each play is to gather, record, and share the concerns of youth with the elected and administrative bodies. Nisga'a people have from time immemorial taken youth and trained them to become leaders of their respective wilps, so it is only appropriate that Nisga'a Lisims Government and Village/Urban Governments embark on this path to engage our leaders of tomorrow.

Future Aspirations

- Nisga'a Child and Family services becomes a fully operational agency delivering the full array of services;
- Each youth council become a recognized standing committee within their respective village/urban government;
- AND has a operational Nisga'a National Archives;
- To have Nisga'a as a working language;
- Social Development has an accountability mechanism that is supported by the 4 villages;
- More training and employment initiatives allowing less reliance on our social safety net for those citizens who are employable;
- Labour Market Plan is developed that assists planning for human resource, training and employment needs for Nisga'a citizens residing on settlement lands;
- Access to Justice involves Nisga'a house chiefs and matriarchs in the delivery of justice programs.
- The data base has replaced the Indian Act registries of the villages and is meeting FFA requirements

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Gathering Strength

The interest in the Gathering Strength Canoe journey had increased both at the North Coast level and within the Nisga'a Nation. The indicators are the warm receptions and hospitality of the seven communities the flotilla visited, the addition of Hartley Bays canoe and participants and the senior chiefs of our nation, Sim'oogit Hleek (DR. Joesph Gosnell), Sim'oogit Hlayim Wil (Alec Angus) and Sim'oogit Baxkap (Jacob Nyce). The positive aspects of traveling along the traditional highway in a communal vessel are showing signs of growing.



The combination of tide and wind made for four days at different lengths of time created waves for the pullers thus increasing the difficulty of the journey. Combined with the rugged coastline each canoe required a dedicated crew to believe that by leaning to the outside of their canoe and reaching forward and burying their blade and pull with each stroke that they can get to their next destination safely. This effort was recognized by every community the flotilla visited emphasized by a Metlakatla BC chief "Thank you to the young people dancing for us in the canoes, we have set aside today to recognize your efforts and welcome you to our community, showing us that our original highway is there, and waiting to be used".

It has been another good year for the Gathering Strength Canoe Journey with the addition of five more canoes joining the flotilla, the newest being Hartley Bay. Hartley Bay had made the decision to purchase a canoe two weeks prior to the start and literally the canoe arrived one day before the journey began. Support from Kitkatla and Nisga'a in the form of experienced pullers to work with the new group of 23 paddlers from Hartley Bay. On the Nisga'a side coordinating is improving, with the addition of group leaders from each of the communities, and after the de-briefing meeting there is interest amongst the group to continue to meet at least three times prior to next year.

There were two open water crossings that concerned the leader's, we encountered the first one at the mid-point of the Ogden channel from Oona River to the bottom end of Kennedy Island. This also happened to be the longest section of the journey of 29 nautical miles; the pullers travelled 25 of that over a 13 hour period. The waves were present in varying degrees throughout the journey as the canoes maneuvered from outside areas to inside channels that guided the canoes and prepared them for the crossing from Arron dale to Gingolx.

Due to the time of day, location of the crossing, sand bars at the mouth of Kali aksim Lsims, all contributing to one of the most exhilarating arrivals undertaken by the canoes. Although a relatively short distance, 1/2 a nautical mile, this location has the potential to offer six foot waves, thankfully on this day the tide just turned and the waves were a moderate 3-3.5 ft. And upon arrival were greeted to one of the best welcome the pullers received. A brass band marched the pullers to the dome, where lunch was waiting and people were excited to greet these brave young people who just opened their eyes to the strength of the canoes.

Many on shore were worried when the canoes began to cross the mouth of the river, some anxious

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moments as they scanned the progress of all ten canoes, wondering and hoping that nothing will go wrong. Many are relieved when they learn that the Coast Guard Vessel Arrow Post, is at the ready when the canoes are in the water, and also learn that each canoe leader, after gauging the strength and number of hours pulling, makes a decision to call for their support boat to either take a break or tow.

It is these elements of a large group coming together to create a special event for the youth and elders on the journey and the communities the flotilla visited. The elders are seeking ways to share the past and traveling in a canoe offers a unique moment a connection if you will between generations. The youth had a chance to explore their abilities, see their traditional territories, visit different communities, experience the generosity and hospitality of the people they met, witness the effect of the activity they were engaged in to the people and communities they visited, and formed long lasting relationships with all involved on the journey.

Gathering Strength is a positive event founded on the principle of respect and is building strong healthy relationships between Nations, Organizations and people.

New Programs and Policy Initiatives

Labour Market Plan

I would like to begin by thanking NLG for giving me the opportunity to assist in the coordination of the Labour Market Research Plan for the Nisga'a people. It is a very exciting project and I am confident that the final document which will be called the "Nisga'a Sustainable Employment Plan" will be very useful to the Nation. I am also very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Dr. Brent Mainprize, Cal Albright and Bert Mercer on this project. I started on May 31, 2010.

I have met with these gentlemen to get an overview of the reasons why this project was initiated. My

understanding is that it "will form a baseline for assisting in policy development and position training and education to prepare Nisga'a citizens to participate in meaningful employment/economic activity to be self-sufficient."

To date I have sat in on several meetings:

- Avanti Mining - June 3 in Gitwinksihlkw
- SD #92 – Bill Lowe re: 10 yr operations/maintenance plan - June 8
- BC Transmission Line- July 21

Our first Steering Committee Meeting was held on June 28, 2010. There were only four organizations represented at this meeting: Terrace Nisga'a Society, Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Society, SD # 92 and NVHA. I believe that due to the short notice of this meeting, the other organizations did not have time to respond and attend.

At this meeting we reviewed the original planning meeting of September 2008 and what the vision of the group was then and how we envisioned the Nisga'a Sustainable Employment Plan today. A draft of the Steering Committee Membership and Terms of Reference was tabled. The following is a copy:

Membership:

Cal Albright, Director of Programs & Services, NLG; Bert Mercer, Economic Development Officer, NLG; Dr. Brent Mainprize, Consultant, Mainprize Management; Sally Nyce, Labour Market Research Coordinator, NLG; Oscar Mercer, Chairperson, Council of Elders, NLG; Youth Rep, NLG; Gitlaxtamiks Village Government; Harry Nyce Jr., Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw; Laxgalts'ap Village Government; Gingolx Village Government; Carol Doolan, Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Society; Terrace Nisga'a Society; Julia Adams, Nisga'a Valley Health Authority; Kim Hansen, School District #92; Linda Moven-Tait, Wilp Wilx o'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute; Art Mercer, Nisga'a Commercial Group; and Kim Morrison, Greenville Enterprises Ltd.

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Terms of Reference:

- To facilitate a buy-in to each of the participating organizations;
 - To advise of the tactical issues needed to execute the survey; and
 - To interpret the interim data and suggest strategies.
- There will be at least four Steering Committee meetings held during the span of this project.

Other activities planned are the hiring of one Videographer and six Interviewers. It is expected that this will happen in mid to late August with the positions filled and orientation to begin immediately after the Labour Day weekend. I am proposing a start of the interviews to begin at the Special Assembly and for the duration of the week, the Interviewers would be able to complete a large portion of these surveys of the working-age Nisga'a Citizens in attendance. The overall goal is to collect at least 800 surveys for this study.

Work is being done is gathering all existing data from the local government offices and participating organizations. Meetings have been held with:

- WWNI- Linda Morven-Tait- July 6
- Gitwinksihlkw Village Government- Harry Nyce Jr.- July 7
- Gitmixmak'ay Nisga'a Society- Carol Doolan- July 9
- SD #92- Kim Hansen- July 14
- NVHA- Julia Adams- July 14

Northwest Transmission Line

A working group was established in March 2010 with the Nisga'a to develop a plan for Employment, Training and Procurement for the NTL project.

Employment

The Northwest region of BC has been struggling economically for several years now. The most recent downturn in forestry have left many First Nations individuals unemployed and needing to identify

alternative opportunities for employment. Many of the foundational skills obtained in the forestry sector are easily transferred to the utility sector. Securing employment on the NTL project is a high priority for most First Nations communities and individuals in the region.

Aboriginal community members seeking employment on the NTL project may find it challenging to find out where they can source employment opportunities. First Nations and BC Hydro's short term interest is to maximize employment opportunities for First Nations community members through the NTL Project. It is also recognized that employment and training opportunities on NTL will be beneficial to the community's broader objective of sustainable employment and the acquired skills will be transferable to other industries in the region.

Training

A jointly developed training model focuses on:

- Short Term-foundational skills, life skills, needs assessments, utility boot camp model. This Training is expected to be in advance of any contract awards or Impact Benefit Agreement and is thus considered 'pre-IBA' training that will be funded by the project.
- MediumTerm-1- 6 month program, eg: Heavy Equipment Operator, OFA level 3. The information collected during the short term training will assist in identifying the medium term training needs. This information can then be provided to the main table for discussion purposes.
- Long Term- Post secondary, Trades, Apprenticeships, Scholarships, Labour Market Agreements. The working group will identify long term training needs to be considered at the main consultation table.

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Community Coordinator Position – Terms of Reference (ToR)

Purpose

The aim of the Community Coordinator Position is to act as the key contact in the community to assist job seekers, Aboriginal businesses, the Design Build Contractor and other employers to match candidates with work opportunities on the construction of the NTL Project. The Community Coordinator will also provide the overall linkages for effective community engagement, relationship and information sharing that are necessary to enable the fulfillment of the Employment, Training and Procurement Plan.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The Community Coordinator will endeavor to identify and foster external partnerships. The Coordinator provides advice and a community perspective on matters relating to training and employment opportunities on NTL.

The Community Coordinator will enhance and sustain the Employment, Training and Procurement Plan.

The Community Coordinator provides timely employment and training information to First Nations job seekers.

The Community Coordinator identifies and screens suitable and qualified candidates for employment and training opportunities related to the NTL project.

The Community Coordinator provides employees (successfully hired candidates) with assistance on the job, including access to mentoring, training, tools and equipment.

The Community Coordinator assists the Design Build contractor and other sub-contractors that have hired First Nation community members with job retention of the employees and workplace skills development.

The Community Coordinator is a resource for both the employees and the employers if workplace issues or concerns arise on the job.

The Community Coordinator will meet and exchange information regularly with an identified member of the NTL project team (frequency to be determined).

Log Home Building Project

The Nisga'a Log Home Building Project is 8 intense months of both Carpentry foundation skills, and Industry Trades Authority certified Log Builder 1 courses; Coupled with several short certification courses in First Aid, WHMIS, Fall Protection, and Chainsaw awareness. We started with 21 participants. With 3 weeks remaining 18 participants are still enrolled. Our Carpentry course was 20 weeks in length and the Log Builder 1 course is 8 weeks in duration.

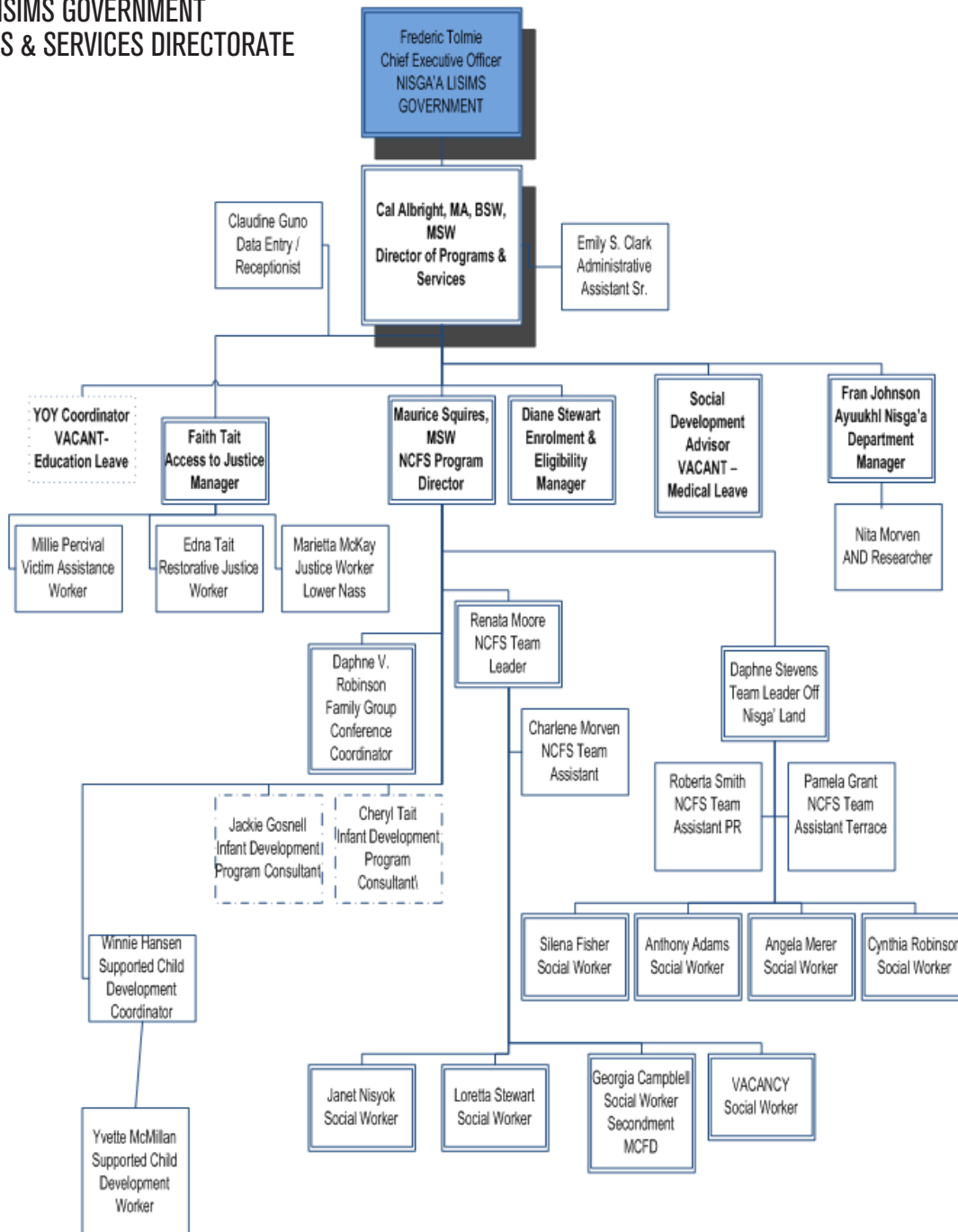
CHALLENGE – Transportation of participants to and from varied worksites has been our number one challenge. Our funders have indicated a strong preference for not engaging in an ENABLING response such as we did in the beginning of our project where we hired a professional driver and leased a 15 passenger van for 5 months. In order to overcome this challenge the participants have come up with a viable carpooling plan which is an allowable expense under the ASTSIF funding initiative.

SUCCESS – Our number one success has been related to the transportation challenge, through the first 6 months of our 8 month project we have maintained an 88% participant retention rate, and with that figure we had a 94% attendance rate throughout. The last two months have seen a slight decline as health and childcare issues are beginning to prove difficult. Overall for the entire 8 months we will still have around a 90% attendance rate and over 75% retention rate.

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The Nisga'a Nation is "Open for Business". Nisga'a Economic Development provides Nisga'a entrepreneurs and organizations with access to business information, tools and financial capital. We are also investing in research and development, infrastructure, strategic partnerships and a variety of projects to stimulate the Nisga'a economy, support Nisga'a citizens and promote a new era of economic prosperity and sustainability.

Creating a strategy for social change, driven through the vehicle of economic development is a challenging and critically important task. Over the past decade the Nisga'a Nation, represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government, has laid a foundation for prosperity and self-determination. We face challenges in turning the potential in our situation into real, sustained changes in prosperity and quality of life for our members. Previous efforts to align the NLG, the Nisga'a villages and the Nisga'a people living in urban centers have brought some successes.

Increased collaboration is required to move the Nisga'a Nation to the next level of success. We can reach this next level of success by collaboratively pursuing the following objectives:

- Improving the alignment and collaboration between the NLG and Village governments;
- Formulating a shared vision of sustainable economic prosperity;
- Developing a high level strategic plan for the next five years which includes actionable items and timelines;
- Conducting research to facilitate future Nisga'a initiatives and to build capacity.

The Nisga'a Business Development Fund Overview

Our flagship program, the Nisga'a Business Development Fund provides services and funding streams to both young, growing companies, as well as, established organizations with promising products and/or services

in a variety of market sectors. This program supports Nisga'a companies to enable them to effectively compete in the global marketplace by using our diverse resource base, knowledge and specialized skills. Applicants may leverage either financial contributions and/or grant funds matched with other business or personal equity and/or loans. A detailed application and approval process with supporting program policies have been developed.

Financial Facts

To date we have disseminated \$873,143 to support Nisga'a businesses. The equity funds are intended to assist small business to leverage funds from lending institutions and or other equity programs. "Bridging the financial gap"

In addition to bridging the financing and collateral gaps between financial institutions and Nisga'a businesses by attracting outside capital, we also provide funds for business support and capacity building, for feasibility and development costs, and capital investments for business infrastructure.

We have supported tourism and cultural tourism related projects, retail and home-based businesses, small industry development, and corporate activity. Investments that we have contributed to date to Nisga'a businesses.

- 2007 / 08: 10 projects approved totaling \$132,500
- 2008 / 09: 3 projects approved totaling \$210,175
- 2009 / 10: 8 projects approved totaling \$530,468

2008 - 2010 Highlights and Achievements

- Nisga'a Business Development Fund Act
- Voices of the Nisga'a Citizens: Identifying sustainable prosperity and self-reliance
- Nisga'a Youth Entrepreneurship Program (6 participants completed training)
- Aboriginal BEST Program (12 participants completed the training)

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- Partnership with Small Business BC offering training and educational materials, delivery tools and services accessible via multiple channels (i.e. Video Conferencing)

The following initiatives are currently in development:

Nisga'a Nation Economic Development Strategic Plan 2010

The Nisga'a Nation, the four Nisga'a villages and the people in urban centers will develop a five year strategic economic development plan. The plan will identify individual and collective interests between local and national governments and strategic opportunities to guide sustainable development. This plan will identify strategies to build wealth and expand opportunities for the Nisga'a Nation and will focus on knowledge and skills transfer capabilities that build capacity.

Nisga'a Nation 360° Approach to Training 2010

This training program will use partnerships with employers to include work experience. The program will use a training/support model with pre-employment training, technical training, work-place training, employment and follow-up.

Nisga'a Entrepreneurs Business Development Plan

Entrepreneurship and small to medium sized businesses are and will be the engines of growth. Matching our natural entrepreneurial skills with the technical and innovative small business skills of today is a growing area of attention and action. We have coined the phrase 'innovation with heritage' to frame our small business development. We have a process in place to guide entrepreneurs to complete their applications and move forward with their business start-up or expansion.

Voices of Nisga'a Citizens Implementation Plan

The plan focuses on sustainable prosperity and self-reliance. Unlike traditional economic development which spends money on infrastructure and marketing in the hopes that new businesses will emerge, this plan will focus on ways to facilitate the use of infrastructure.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Mercer
Economic Development Officer



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Director of Fish and Wildlife — Sim'oogit Sagaween — Chief Harry F. Nyce Sr.

Welcome to the Special Assembly of the Nisga'a Nation.

My staff and I are pleased to provide the Nisga'a citizens with our progress report since the last Special Assembly that was hosted by then New Aiyansh now Gitlaxt'aamix in 2008.

The Nisga'a Fish and Wildlife department again have excelled in their work in both Nisgaa Fisheries and Nisga'a Wildlife. I take this time to thank the cooperation of the Nisga'a citizens regarding our operations. I also appreciate the patients of our Nisga'a citizens as we continue to develop our management system to protect all our Fish and Wildlife in our Traditional territory.

I now want to especially thank all my staff for all the work they have done for my department and the continued dedication with their fine work. I also thank Nisga'a Lisims Government for their support and to our FFA negotiation team who brought back our funding so that we carry out our obligations for our department. And last but not least my thanks to our consulting firm LGL who continue to give my department much needed assistance and their financial contribution to the Lisims Fisheries Conservation Trust.

As you know, we are using science – based

management to collect the best information to make the right decisions for the Nass Area fisheries.

I will once again stress that the Nass Area is still in pristine condition with our fish and wildlife habitats in good order and we will continue to work with other government departments to keep them intact. We are still feeling the tremendous support we got from a Environmental firm , the Serra Club of Canada, based in Toronto for our management of the Nass river.

We are pleased to announce with Lands and Resources the hiring of a Enforcement officers, Bert Azak. Bert will be developing the Enforcement team and they will be implementing their duties within the next few months on Nisgaa Lands, Nass Wildlife Area and the Nass Area.

For your home files we are handing out reference materials at our booth by my staff and they will also answer question regarding our operations.

My best wishes to all Nisga'a Nation citizens attending this Special Assembly here in Laxgalts'ap. Safe travels to and from our Special Assembly.

Si'aamhl will'sim.

Fisheries and Wildlife Report to the Special Assembly

Over the past 2 years important achievements by the Nisga'a Fish and Wildlife Department (NFW) include:

- Marine Stewardship Council certification of Nass River sockeye
- Continuation of healthy Nass Area salmon stocks and Nisga'a Harvests
- Recognition of Upper Nass Chinook as a Sentinel Stock
- Long term funding for fisheries management and stock assessment activities
- Abalone Watch and Youth Stewardship Program

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Marine Stewardship Council Certification of Nass Sockeye

The Marine Stewardship Council certified the Nass watershed sockeye fishery as meeting the Council's standards for sustainability in their report released July 2 2010. The Nass received the highest MSC score of all BC sockeye fisheries – an average of 92 percent. The Council's assessment found stocks in the Nass Area watershed to be at healthy levels with the numbers of fish making it to the spawning grounds at or above target levels for 16 of the last 18 years. The report specifically noted "The Nass system is relatively unique in BC sockeye salmon fisheries as there are no data to suggest significant depletion of any of the sockeye salmon stocks."

The MSC certification includes 3 conditions for certification of the Nass watershed sockeye fishery. Two of these conditions address small populations of sockeye which spawn in tributaries of the Nass River and recommends monitoring be consistently in place for these populations. Technical work addressing these monitoring requirements started earlier this spring. The third condition addresses chum salmon stocks harvested in Nass Area fisheries and recommends continued certification of the Nass sockeye salmon fishery be "contingent upon developing and implementing a recovery plan for chum salmon stocks".

This recognition builds on the 18 years of successful programs conducted by NFW with public recognition for excellence in fisheries management such as, and most recently, by the Pacific Fisheries Resource Conservation Council (2009 brochure).

Healthy Nass Area salmon stocks and Nisga'a Harvests

The Nass River continues to provide for healthy salmon stocks and sustainable fisheries while other rivers on the BC coast suffer from low salmon returns, tight budgets and cancelled fisheries. In 2007, when higher Alaska catches reduced expected returns of sockeye,

we reduced Nisga'a commercial fisheries to meet targets for escapement and Nisga'a FSC harvests. In 2008 and 2009, the Nass remained open to Nisga'a and commercial sockeye fishing while other major rivers in BC, such as the Fraser and the Skeena, were either closed or severely restricted.

Coho and Chinook stocks in the Nass Area also remain healthy. In 2009, our management of Nass Chinook stocks met the standard established by the Pacific Salmon Commission for accurate escapement estimation. Escapement goals for all other salmon species returning to the Nass River were also achieved in 2009. The low abundance of chum salmon returning to the Nass Area remains a concern and NFW has worked hard to convince DFO to eliminate commercial harvests of Nass Area chum salmon so that the stocks can rebuild. My staff is currently working with DFO to develop a full rebuilding strategy for Nass Area chum salmon.

Additional details on the numerous stock assessment and management activities and outcomes of the NFW programs are provided in the NFW package.

Recognition of Upper Nass Chinook salmon as a Sentinel Stock

Upper Nass River Chinook salmon have been recognized by the Pacific Salmon Commission as a Sentinel Stock critical to the Pacific Salmon Treaty arrangements between Canada and the United States. Through this recognition, NFW has been awarded 5 years of funding to further enhance our ability to estimate the abundance of these very important Chinook populations by improving our inseason and post-season assessment. Part of this 5 year program is to increase NFW efforts in counting Chinook salmon at key spawning locations such as Meziadin, Kwinageese, and Damdochax.

Long term funding for fisheries management and stock assessment

In 2008, Nisga'a Lisims Government successfully concluded negotiations with Canada and BC to renew

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the Fiscal Finance Agreement of the Nisga'a Final Agreement. This, combined with the Lisims Trust, has resulted in certainty regarding funding available each year to support fisheries management and stock assessment activities by NFW. For example, the Zolzap Creek coho assessment program was reinstated this year after a 7 year gap. This study provides important information on the survival and harvests in all fisheries (Alaska and Canada) of Nass River coho salmon.

Abalone Watch and Youth Stewardship Program

In 2007, NFW developed a Community Action Plan with help from community members in Prince Rupert, Kincolith, Greenville, Gitwinksilkw, and New Aiyansh, and our partners Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment Canada, and Oceanlink (Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre). The long-term goal of the Community Action Plan is to restore the abalone population to a level that supports a community food fishery. The Action Plan includes:

1. the promotion of stewardship of abalone in north coast communities by raising awareness and encouraging Coast Watch participation;
2. Transfer traditional and scientific knowledge of abalone, and conservation recovery principles to Nisga'a youth; and
3. Marine patrols to monitor and report signs of illegal harvest proximate to Outer and Inner Wales Island area, Pearse Island, Dundas Island, and Portland Canal, and provide feedback to the community and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

A Nisga'a Youth Coast Watch Community Action Plan (NYCW-CAP) has also been developed by NFW. In 2009, twenty-four youth from all Nisga'a Villages and Urban Locals participated in a 2-week intensive camp, and were introduced to several themes ranging from marine conservation, species at risk, biodiversity, to

community leadership. Abalone was recognized by Nisga'a Youth as a species needing our protection, in addition to oolichan (eulachon), chum salmon and glass sponge reefs.

Growing challenges

In addition to fisheries management, the NFW staff also provide advice on land use planning and stewardship throughout the vast 27,000-square-kilometre Nass Area. Our stewardship responsibilities have grown considerably in recent years, with significant industrial and mining development proposals that have the potential to radically alter the Nass watershed and its fish and wildlife resources.

NFW continues to promote training and advancement of Nisga'a citizens in technical and biological positions.



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Declaration of the Nisga'a Nation

We are Nisga'a, the people of K'aliaksim Lisims -
From time immemorial we have lived in the lands that
K'am Ligii Hahlaahl gave to our ancestors.

We observe Ayuukhl Nisga'a, we have heard our
Adaawaḱ relating to all our Ango'oskw, from the Simgigat
and Sigidimhaanaḱ of each of our wilp.

We honour and respect the principle of the common
bowl.

We are Nisga'a
Since the beginning of time, our leaders have upheld
the honour of our nation, and many have grown old and
passed on seeking justice for our people.
We have heard their stories, we celebrate their loyalty,
and we are inspired by their courage.
Their struggle was not in vain, their work is now finished,
their vision is realized in our time.
Our canoe has been launched, our journey continues.

We are Nisga'a, we declare to all the world -
We are a unique aboriginal nation of Canada, proud of
our history, and assured in our future.
We claim and take our rightful place as equal participants
in Canadian society.
Our destiny is living peacefully together with the other

nations in Canada.

We commit ourselves to the values of our Ayuuk which
have always sustained us and by which we govern
ourselves, and we each acknowledge our accountability
to those values, and to the Nisga'a Nation.

We adopt this Constitution, recording in that a solemn
promise to ourselves and our future generations,
confident that under our Constitution -

The Nisga'a Nation will prosper as a self-reliant
society with a sustainable economy;

Nisga'a culture, self-determination, and well-being
will be preserved and enhanced for generations to come;

The traditional role that the Simgigat and
Sigidimhaanaḱ and respected Nisga'a elders, as
recognized and honoured in Nisga'a culture from time
immemorial, will be respected; Nisga'a elders, Simgigat
and Sigidimhaanaḱ will continue to provide guidance and
interpretation of the Ayuuk to Nisga'a government;

Nisga'a spirituality will thrive and prevail in this land
that K'am Ligii Hahlaahl gave to us; and

The Nisga'a Nation will flourish as a free and
democratic society.

We are Nisga'a, the people of K'aliaksim Lisims
- May K'am Ligii Hahlaahl continue to protect our land
and nation.

SAYT-K'ILIM-GOOT — ONE HEART, ONE PATH, ONE NATION



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Nisga'a nuum, hli gadihl K'alii Aksim Lisims — Ginamis K'am Ligii Hahlhaahl ts'eets'iks wil jogamhli daa la'oo'y.

Adaawakdihl Simgigat ganhl Sigidimhaanak' hli ayuugahl ango'osgum.

Hlo'otdimhl hli al'algaxhl ganiye'etgumahl dim sayt k'ilhl ts'ak'.

Yay nit, Nisga'a nuum —

Hlaa luu-wit'ax gigathl hlagats'uum ahl ts'im-hajlals ii hlaa jaga-sakswhl hlagats'uum andoosda'a hli t an haldim-dibaxhl wiit'isim hahlals tgun-sa.

Ga'adiithl gookdiit iit sit'aadiithl gagedim hahlals hlaa jagam-akhlgwit guun.

Hlaa wil huxw hak'sim sigyootkwahl maal guun ii nuum an diyeet.

Hlaa dildalt'inhl Nisga'a ahl hanijok-Liksgigat nuum, ii hlaa wil tkal-haxhuksgum ahl Canada, ii luu-am'aamhl gagoodim wil hlaa aluut'aahl genxhl dim yoxgum.

Sa tgun ii lip maksgum, ii sayt k'il wilaa maksgum ganhl hli gadihl Canada ii ts'im-gaks dim wil hlo'om.

Nit'inhl K'alii Aksim Nisga'ahl lip ayuugam ii dip huxw nit'inhl hugax nda wilaa dip wilaayit.

Guudimhl Hli Algaxhl K'alii Aksim Lisims, ii hlaa hliskw dip japt ii dip sidaxgathl ayuugam dim wilaa sayt dildilsihl Nisga'a ganhl gabiil dim huxw haldim-yeet, dim dip luu-yox kwat, dim ii dip hugaxam diyeet, dim ganii wilaa aam dim wilaa jaxjogam.

Wannihl dim wilaa dildilsihl ahl ts'im-lip ayuugam ganhl lip wilaa loom ii dim dip diheek'alt ganagwihl dim dildilsihl ganhl naahl dim dagalaanit loom, dim wilaa sgihl amaa wil ahl

Nisga'a.

Wilaa t diyeehl Simgigat ganhl Sigidim haanak' ganhl t'ist'isithl ayuugam hli daa la'oo'y, nihl dim hlo'otdim ii nidiit dim t an de'entkwahl Nisga'a Lisims Government dim t wilaa diyeediithl ayuuk.

Hlaa nihl gansimutkws tgunhl sigit ahl Nisga'a ahl wil t K'am Ligii Hahlhaahl gan wilhl galksi-lagim ahl lax-tseets'ikshl ginamit loom, ii nit dim t an de'etgum dim wilaa lip gigadim.

Yay nit, hli gadihl K'alii Aksim Lisims nuum. Gwinayimhl hli k'e'em goots K'am Ligii Hahlhaahl an t ginamhl ts'eets'iks loomhl dim adigwil luu-sbayt hitkwat skapdim.