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New Council Of Elders



The new Council of Elders takes the Oath of Office on December 21 2010.

The regular members are as follows: Arthur Johnson Sr., Sim'oogit K'amayaam, Gisk'aast, Bruce Haldane, Sim'oogit Luu Sgagyeehl, Laxsgiik, Charles Alexander, Sim'oogit Gadim Galdoo'o, Ganaada and Stuart Doolan, Sim'oogit Kw'axsuu, Laxgibuu.

The alternate members are Marge Robinson, Laxgibuu, Stephen Azak, Sim'oogit Ni'isbakhl, Gisk'aast and Alex Angus, Sim'oogit Hlayim Wil, Ganaada.

Hobiyee In Vancouver

Hobiyee hosted by Vancouver Ts'amiks Society on February 4th and 5th, 2011, was held at Joe Mathias Center in North Vancouver. On February 4th a Nisga'a feast was held with the traditional seating and Nisga'a stew. It was followed by a Gawaganii Ceremony - Peace Ceremony between Nisga'a Tsamiks Society and Squamish Nation. This was a very rewarding sight to see. Unfortunately we couldn't film this or take picture with kind respect to both nations.

February 5th was the Grand Entrance at 11:00 am with all groups who attended. Followed by the Kwa'kwa'kawakw group who did a wonderful performance. Then the Prince Rupert Git Maxmak'ay did 2 performances that day and was followed by Iswalh Lil'wat dance group, Lax Kaien Ts'imshian group, Squamish Nation, Tu'ul Gandlen Xyaal Xaadaa and Git Hoan. Git Hayetsk was up next with some beautiful dances. Then Kwhlii Gibaykw dancers came on before the Hobiyee, as they all came on, they shared a peace song and thanked the Nisga'a Nation for sharing this beautiful event.

Up next was the Grand Performance, Hobiyee, they dimmed the lights and the moon lit up, then the song carried on as everyone started to dance. It was a very nice experience for all who never seen our culture. We thank the Vancouver Ts'amiks Society for a job well done as we seen many cultures come together and share songs and history. — Arthur Johnson, Jr.



Vancouver Nisga'a Ts'amiks Society drummers.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

Nisga'a Lisims Government in partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) hosted income tax preparation information workshop in New Aiyansh and Laxgalts'ap on February 9th and 10th.

Susan Bussieres and Kimberly Usipuik of CRA conducted the seminar in the NLG Legislative Chamber. Thirteen people attended the very informative workshop. Susan and Kimberly provided training on basic income tax return preparation which included the structure of the return and basic information, such as income, deductions and refundable and non-refundable tax credits. The benefits to Nisga'a citizens to filing a return include redemption of GST/HST credit (up to \$1,200.00 per year) and a Child Tax credit. Software was provided to file returns electronically.

Susan and Kimberly fielded questions regarding filing income tax returns for past years, tuition fee deductions



and child support payments.

The duration of clinic was approximately 4 hours and lunch was provided. The clinic was open to anyone interested in income tax preparation.

Hobiye 2011



Fri Feb 25 5:00 pm - Sat Feb 26 10:00 pm

The Git Gingolx Cultural Dancers would like to cordially invite you to attend the "Hobiye Celebration". The two day event will take place at the new gymnasium in Gingolx.

The Git Gingolx Cultural Dancers have started their preliminary planning and booking program events. All groups intending to participate are asked to confirm by February 7, 2011. All travel expenses for your cultural group will be the responsibility of your community.

For more information please contact Rev. Harry Moore Sr, Cultural Director @ (250) 326-6464 between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Settlement Trust

The value of the Settlement Trust at Dec 31, 2010 is \$140 million (up 10.9% from the beginning of the fiscal year) lead mainly due to successful diversification and active management of fixed income securities by the Nation's investment managers.

Income distributions from the Canadian and Global equity portfolio that were reinvested in the Trust were

lower than last year and estimates for the current year.

However interest income and capital gains have been well over expectations and more than covers this deficiency.

Students Begin Literacy Challenge



Tom Wilkinson, Principal at Alvin A. McKay Elementary in Greenville (Laxgalts'ap), in the Nass Valley reads to Trinitee Stewart.

A NASS Valley school kicked off its reading challenge with an afternoon of reading, food, and fun on National Literacy Day Jan. 27.

Approximately 120 people from the community turned out for the event at Alvin A. McKay Elementary in Greenville (Laxgalts'ap).

"It was very successful," said Tom Wilkinson, principal at the school. "All the students had fun."

Students are participating in a reading challenge where 55 of them will attempt to read 750 books in

three months.

During the afternoon Ksi Xy'ans Daycare Head Start provided "brain food" such as cups of berries, salmon sandwiches and deviled eggs.

There was a community book exchange where two tables, which started out piled high with books, were left almost empty after the event.

Teachers and community members gave additional motivation to students by giving public pledges of what they would do if the challenge is successful.

One teacher has offered to buy all of the students ice cream. District superintendent Keith Spencer has promised to dress like the Cat in the Hat and read Dr. Seuss stories to the children.

Regular updates will be provided. Wilkinson said one of the highlights of the afternoon took place when three senior students read a Robert Munsch story aloud to everyone present.

He said the support from staff within the school on the project has been outstanding.

"As a principal I am excited to have teaching staff that promote literacy in all subject areas and all aspects of their teaching," Wilkinson said.

Treaty Facts

Can federal and provincial government representatives come onto Nisga'a Lands?

Yes, to carry out the terms of the Treaty, to deliver and manage programs and services, to carry out inspection, to enforce laws, and to respond to emergencies, in accordance with the laws of general application. Canada and British Columbia will give the Nisga'a Nation reasonable notice of their access.

Important Dates

Hobiye in Gingolx – February 25th & 26th , 2011
Museum Opening – May 11th , 2011

Gingolx Rec Centre Blessing

On February 14th, 2011, the Community of Gingolx will be opening the doors of our New Community Center for a blessing ceremony by Rev. Harry Moore. Following the blessing, the Gingolx Cultural Dancers will be having a Dress Rehearsal.

We are extending an invitation to our neighboring Communities to come and witness the blessing.

The Gingolx Village Government will be announcing the date for the Official Opening of the Community Center, which will take place in the Spring.

Nisga'a Labour Market Research Update

We have now completed the Individual Survey process.

The Survey-Interviewers were given the opportunity to collect approximately sixty more surveys in the communities of Gitlaxt'aamiks, Terrace and Prince Rupert in order to bring the numbers up.

Four Survey-Interviewers took the challenge. The numbers for Gitlaxt'aamiks were brought to 98%, Terrace received another 20 surveys, bringing theirs to 67% and Prince Rupert is now at 91%. It has been difficult for the Survey-Interviewer to survey the Terrace area.

The size of community members is vast and for one person to do it has been a challenge. We did manage to collect 122 of the 182 surveys for Terrace.

In hindsight, two people should have been hired to do this community as we did in Prince Rupert.

The final results are as follows:

Gingolx = 73/73

Laxgalts'ap = 105/105

Gitwinksihlkw = 42/40

Gitlaxt'aamiks = 146/148

Terrace = 122/182

Prince Rupert/Port Edward = 229/252

Other places in BC = 11

Total = 728/800 91%

Shannon Haldane of Prince Rupert won the Vancouver Canucks Hockey package and Terri White of Prince Rupert won the Apple IPAD.

Upcoming plans are:

- continue to gather all existing data from the local government offices and participating organizations.
- individual business surveys will be conducted with all existing Nisga'a owned businesses in the NW corridor and possibly some that have recently shut down for whatever reason. This will be conducted by Sally Nyce.
- begin the analysis of the individual surveys
- look at the community meeting notes and develop community SWOT

- plan the dates for the Community Focus Groups and next Steering Committee Meeting
- interview several individuals through a video tape session with the surveys for the final video production.

Submitted by Sally Nyce, LMR Coordinator

Annual Fishing Plan

The draft Nisga'a Annual Fishing Plan was reviewed and approved by the Executive during its January 25 - 26 meeting.

This year's plan includes two new sections to address conservation concerns. NLG fisheries managers and DFO will be developing and implementing plans to address Fred Wright sockeye and Nass Area chum salmon stocks. The plan recognizes that these conservation initiatives may need to extend beyond 2011.

A complete copy of the 2011-12 Nisga'a Annual Fishing Plan for 2011-2012 is available on nnkn.

Moose Harvest

Forty-four permits for moose were issued this fall. A total of 28 moose were reported taken. Six of these were harvested at the end of October before the start of the season.

Fisheries and wildlife personnel have been able to confirm 10 kills. Permits had been issued for 6 of these kills. Report confirmation requires the co-operation of the hunter(s). In 14 of the 18 not confirmed kills the hunter(s) refused to discuss their activities. Fisheries and wildlife staff were able to confirm 2 of the 6 reported kills that happened at the end of October.



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