



Sayt-K'ilim-Goot

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Nisga'a Lisims Government Newsletter

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WSN Endorses BC Hydro's NTL

Gitlaxt'aamiks – On March 29, 2011 the Nisga'a legislature, Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, passed resolutions in support of the construction of BC Hydro's proposed Northwest Transmission Line (NTL) through Nisga'a Lands and the Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park. The proposed 287 kilovolt AC transmission line will connect BC Hydro's Skeena substation near Terrace with a new substation to be built in the vicinity of Bob Quinn Lake.

NLG has entered into a Benefits Agreement with BC Hydro in relation to the NTL. "These resolutions show that our highest legislative body is satisfied with the terms and conditions of the Benefits Agreement that has been negotiated with BC Hydro," said Mitchell Stevens, President of the Nisga'a Nation.

The resolutions of the Nisga'a legislature are conditional on the NTL receiving approvals under the

Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

"Once the federal regulatory approvals have been received, the Nisga'a Nation will be prepared to grant rights of way that permit the NTL to cross Nisga'a Lands," said President Stevens. "We feel that the Benefits Agreement we have negotiated with BC Hydro will yield significant benefits to Nisga'a citizens not only during the construction of the transmission line but throughout its lifetime."

"We thank President Stevens for his leadership on this negotiation and the Nisga'a Nation for their support of NTL and look forward to working with them to implement the terms of the benefits agreement," said Greg Reimer, Senior Vice President, Transmission, BC Hydro.

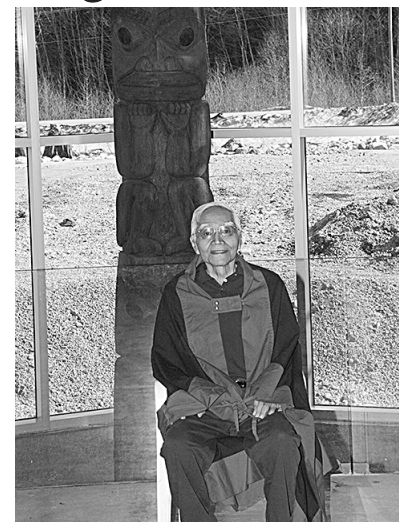
K'ax amgoodim'hl Wii-t'isim Sim'oogit t-an sii kwsdakdim'

Hasagam'hl dim dip gin'amhl-t'isim t'ooyaks as niin, Sim'oogit, ahl wii ganwilxo'oskwhl ginaa-sgiyin loom', ii hlaa guun', mi ii guuhl ganxsdad. Ganwilt, Sim'oogit, haagwil hiyeen, hlaa mi wil nii-wahl yayt-sgim guxhl ganiye'etgum' ganhl ganits'iits'gum' Haagwil hiyeen, Sim'oogit, haagwil hiyeen.

Don will be sadly missed as a leader, a visionary and someone who inspired Nisga'a people. He was an individual whose foundation was built on Nisga'a culture, spirituality and determination.

Don Adams – Wilps Sim'oogit Minee'eskw, Laxsgiik, November 14, 1935 – April 5, 2011

Nisga'a Lisims Government and Staff extends its deepest sympathies to the family.



Sim'oogit Minee'eskw at the repatriated Laxsgiik pole at the Nisga'a Museum in Laxgalts'ap on March 25, 2011

NTL Boot Camp For Terrace & Prince Rupert

BC Hydro and the Nisga'a Nation, in conjunction with the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) are pleased to announce that the proposed Boot Camp offering in the Terrace and Prince Rupert regions have been approved and the dates are as follows:

Terrace: April 26, 27, 28, 29, May 04, 05, 06, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 2011

Prince Rupert: May 02, 03, 04, 05, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 2011

The following courses will be offered:

Occupational First Aid, Transportation Endorsement, Fire Protection & Basic Emergency Response, S100 Fire Suppression, Chainsaw Safety, Rigging Safety, Fall Protection, Wildlife Danger Tree Certification, H2S Alive, General Radio Operator and Introduction to GPS.

Application Guidelines

The Boot Camp is being offered to individuals of the Nisga'a Nation to provide training that could lead to job opportunities with the Northwest Transmission project (NTL) or other industrial developments within northern BC. Priority will be given to Nisga'a members who reside in the Terrace and Prince Rupert areas, other applications may be considered if space is available.

Participants will be selected from a screening process with priority given to complete applications. Participants may be asked to update their work status following course completion to provide ongoing employment support.

For Chainsaw Safety the participants must have steel toe boots and for the Danger Tree Certification participants must have three or more years working in forestry, resource management, parks management, wildland fire protection, arboriculture or related field.

Applicants will require the following for a complete application:

- Cover letter
- Updated Current Resume (to aid in future work opportunities)
- Completed Application Form
- Application Deadline April 15, 2011

Application forms and additional information please contact your local Nisga'a Society:

Terrace 250-635-4422 Prince Rupert 250-627-1595

Or the contact the Northwest Transmission Line Community Coordinator @ 1-866-633-0888. chrisy@niscga.net

Statistics Canada Job Opportunities

Statistics Canada needs to fill about 700 positions within BC Aboriginal communities.

If you are over 18 years old and can commit to at least 20 hours per week including evenings, weekends and holidays, apply now.

Rates of pay (\$14.72 to \$18.04 an hour) vary by assignment. The work period is early March to the end of July 2011, depending on assignment.

Please tell friends and family about opportunities to

work on the census. Visit the 2011 Census website for more information.

To download and submit an online application, visit the website at www.census2011.gc.ca.

Aboriginal candidates who are interested in working in Aboriginal communities are encouraged to self identify on their application.

For candidates in BC, please call 1-855-808-5900 if you have any questions.

Avanti Mining Information Sessions

Avanti Mining will be holding community information sessions in:

Prince Rupert – Nisga'a Hall

April 18, 2011 Monday at 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Gitlaxt'aamiks – Rec Centre

April 19, 2011 Tuesday at 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Terrace Nisga'a Society - Community Room

April 20, 2011 Wednesday at 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Vancouver Ts'amiks – St. David of Whales Church

April 21, 2011 Thursday at 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government has confirmed that they will provide shuttle bus service from Gitwinksihlkw, Laxgalt'ap and Gingolx on April 19th for those individuals that require transportation.

Nisga'a Fisheries Community Consultations

Nisga'a Fisheries & Wildlife Department
Community Consultations for:

Gingolx

Location: Gingolx Church Army Hall
Date: April 12th, 2011 (Tuesday)
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Laxgalt'ap

Location: Laxgalt'ap Village Government -
Chambers
Date: April 13th, 2011 (Wednesday)
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Gitwinksihlkw

Location: Gitwinksihlkw Village Government -
Boardroom
Date: April 14th, 2011 (Thursday)
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver

Location: St. David's Church Hall
Date: April 16th, 2011 (Saturday)
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Gitlaxt'aamiks

Location: Gitmidiik Auditorium
Date: April 18th, 2011 (Monday)
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Terrace Nisga'a Society

Location: Terrace Nisga'a Society - Community
Room
Date: April 19th, 2011 (Tuesday)
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Gitmaxmak'ay Nisga'a Prince Rupert/Port Edward Society

Location: Nisga'a Hall
Date: April 20th, 2011 (Wednesday)
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

If you require further information, please contact
Cheryl Stephens, Fisheries Manager @ or by e-mail
cheryls@nisgaa.net

Important Dates

The Nisga'a Museum Opening will take place on May
11th, 2011 in the Nisga'a village of Laxgalts'ap.

NESS Band At NLG



On March 29, 2011 during the WSN legislative sitting,
the Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School (NESS) Band
performed in the NLG foyer during lunch hour.

In his address to the legislature, Kevin Yang, the
conductor, said the fundraising for the NESS school
band trip to Beijing, China on May 14 to 22 had been
met. A total of \$92,620.00 was raised for the trip of
which \$40,505.00 was donated by NLG. They have a
total of 32 students, 10 chaperones and 2 teachers
going on the field trip.

Treaty Facts

Are the Nisga'a artifacts remaining with the two museums
addressed in the Treaty?

Yes. Separate agreements were negotiated that
govern the care, maintenance and preservation of the
Nisga'a artifacts remaining with the two museums. These
"custodial agreements" are in place as of the effective
date of the Treaty.

Treaty Facts

Can British Columbia temporarily close the Nisga'a
Highway or a secondary provincial road?

Yes, for reasons of safety, care, or maintenance.

2011/12 Budget

Approved

WSN approved the 2011/12 provisional budget at its March meeting.

The budget includes the following institutional funding:

Recipient	2011/12 Budget	2010/11 Actuals	% Change
NVHA	14,400,000	13,100,000	9.9%
SD92	7,400,000	7,400,000	
WWN	618,000	604,000	2.3%

Total funding to the Villages increased by 7.3% to \$21,164,715. Urban local funding increased by 8.5% to \$2,159,532.

Village/Urban Local	2011/12 Budget	2010/11 Actuals	% Change
Gitlaxt'aamiks	6,868,818	6,383,752	7.6%
Gitwinksihlkw	2,772,956	2,506,708	10.6%
Laxgalt'ap	5,911,953	5,551,628	6.5%
Gingolx	5,610,987	5,279,519	6.3%
Terrace	715,472	629,234	13.7%
Prince Rupert/Port Ed	809,925	793,554	2.1%
Vancouver	634,135	567,654	11.7%

NLG's budget for operational expenditures decreased by 0.2% to \$21,099,315. Monies allocated in the last fiscal year for the Special Assembly and to fight the forest fire in the summer of 2010 was replaced with more funding to Child and Family Services and to operate the Nisga'a Museum.

NLG also plans to engage in major capital projects for the 2011/12 budget year including an upgrade of the road to the Gingolx dock and completion of the museum. Each of these projects is budgeted at \$1,000,000.

Nisga'a Artist Notice

The Grand Opening of the Nisga'a Museum will be on May 11, 2011. The Nisga'a Museum has a retail Gift Shop that will need authentic Nisga'a artwork.

This notice is a call to all Nisga'a artists who are interested in providing pieces that can be included in the inventory. The art will be sold on a 'consignment' basis only, which means the artist is paid only when the piece sells.

Examples of artwork needed;

- Hats
- Masks
- Jewellery
- Carvings
- Blankets
- Prints

There are no policies or formal protocol established at this time so we appreciate your cooperation as we move closer to May 11th.

Interested artists are encouraged to contact Eva Clayton at 1.866.633.0888 no later than April 30, 2011.

Nisga'a Warriors Conference

The 1st Annual Nisga'a Warriors Conference will be held on April 25th – 28th, 2011 at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Recreation Center. We are targeting the Nisga'a Warriors of our Nation. Chiefs, cultural leaders, political figures, all Nisga'a Government workers, All N.V.H.A. workers, and all those who know the land, hunters, fishermen, all Nisga'a men and young men to come out and hear how it was before Columbus. Our culture, our traditions and our ways.

These times will be posted in the programs booklet which will be distributed along with posters and made available to each community very soon.

If you require any further information please contact: Paul Andrew Mercer, Youth Liaison, NLG
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