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## Home Visit Team Ready to Roll



*Kitselas and Kitsumkalum members have taken communications training and have been learning about the AIP in order to bring information to homes in their communities. Front - Zandra Wycotte Ross and Melissa Quocksister, consultants, facilitated the training.*

On February 4th 2012 the Kitselas Treaty Office is hosting a ‘Communications Launch’ to kick-off the information campaign on the Agreement-in-Principle. The AIP is not yet complete, but a door-to-door campaign will begin in February to provide community members an opportunity to learn more about the treaty process and to ask questions. More community meetings and presentations will also be coming in the months ahead. Meet your team on page 8!

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# In the Community

**Kitselas Resource Management and Kitselas Forest Products Ltd.**  
is now located at 1581 Kulspai Cres. Terrace, BC V8G 4P5  
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## Take control of your mental and emotional health!

Counseling services are now available at the Gitau Administration Building:

**Tuesdays 11:00 am – 3:00 pm** through NW Counseling

**Wednesdays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm** with Jonathan Whonnack

**Thursdays 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm** with Kathy Wesley

**Men of M'deek Group** starting up on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 at the Gitau Administration Building. All Men are welcomed to come out and meet Johathan and also share in a meal.

**Kitselas Coffee House** will resume in February 8th 2012 at the Elder's Centre in Gitau. **TOPIC: Dog By-Law**

If you have a specific topic you would like discussed please contact Hilary at 250-635-8882 ext 242, email [h.zornow@kitselas.com](mailto:h.zornow@kitselas.com) or message on Facebook. Suggestions for improving the Coffee House are always welcomed!

**Gitaselasu Dance Group** practices Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come check it out and get involved. For more information contact Anne McDames at 250-635-9287 or message on Facebook.

## Sm'algyax Language Group FREE Open Drop-in & Tutorials

Contact Marian Laval, for more info Email: [lavalm@unbc.ca](mailto:lavalm@unbc.ca)  
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The Charrette Team works with Kitselas Elders to develop a land use plan for Endudoon. Read more on this exciting process on page 5.

*Photo from Lynn Wright*



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## Wilfred Bennett Jr. fills vacant Council seat



Wilfred Bennett Jr., also known as Web Bennett is the successful candidate for the vacant Kitselas Council seat. One Council seat was vacant after the Election in June 2011 as Judy Gerow had won both a seat on Council and the position of Chief.

“I’m looking forward to the new responsibility and the challenges this position will offer” says Web. He adds, “I’ve always been taught by my father and grand father that you are here for the people, the people are not here for you.” He believes that it is time for the next generation to follow in the footsteps of the past leaders noting that Kitselas Council has always been progressive and worked successfully with various industries. He adds that this is a critical time for the Kitselas Nation as there are a number of important decisions to come regarding industry and treaty.

Of his upcoming term Web also adds that he is available to the community and encourages individuals to approach him with any questions and concerns.

### **Kitselas Band Council**

#### **Job Posting - Bookkeeper (permanent full-time)**

#### **Job Purpose: To Provide Support to the Finance Manager**

##### Duties and Obligations:

- Keep and maintain financial records for the Kitselas Band using computerized accounting software and manual filing systems
- Process the bi-weekly payroll & maintain employee leave banks for vacation, sick, and personal leaves
- Process Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable
- Ensure that all transactions are verified and allocated to the proper GL accounts, including revenues, receivables, accounts payable, payroll, and journal entries
- Reconcile bank statements and general ledger accounts on a monthly basis.
- Produce monthly financial statements as requested by senior staff or Chief & Council
- Other duties as assigned

##### Knowledge and Skills Required:

- Computer literacy using Adagio and PayDirt accounting software
- Post secondary education in the accounting field
- Must have excellent communication skills; able to work effectively with other staff members, funding agencies, and other external parties
- Valid B.C. driver’s license and access to a vehicle
- Criminal Record Check (Clean); cost to be reimbursed upon completion

If you are interested in applying, please forward your resume complete with a cover letter to Teri Muldon via email to [terimuldon@kitselas.com](mailto:terimuldon@kitselas.com) - Only those short listed will be contacted for an interview.

**Closing date for applications is February 17, 2012 at 12:00 noon PST.**

# Kitselas Assessing Northern Gateway Project Impacts



*L-R: Chief Judy Gerow, Terry Collins, Chris Knight and Fred McKenzie presented as intervenors for Kitselas at the Enbridge Joint Review Panel on January 12 2012 in Terrace, BC.*

*Photos:  
Morris Mason*

Kitselas, along with Kitsumkalum and the Metis of BC, presented as intervenors on January 12th 2012 to the Joint Review Panel on the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Project. Terry Collins and Fred McKenzie (Kitselas Resource Management Team), Chief Judy Gerow and Chris Knight (Policy Advisor to Kitselas) presented their concerns regarding the project.

It was expressed that Kitselas, as an administration, operates in accordance with the Kitselas Lands and Resources Stewardship Policy which is based on Kitselas aboriginal rights, titles and interests within the traditional territory (you can find this policy at [www.kitselas.com/government/policies/](http://www.kitselas.com/government/policies/)). Kitselas is currently conducting their own assessment on the project which is expected to be complete at years end.

Approximately 110 km of Kitselas Traditional Territory would be impacted by the Enbridge pipeline. The pipeline would cross wildlife habitats, important spawning rivers and complicated terrain. The presentation delivered by the Kitselas team demonstrated the long history of occupation in the region by Kitselas and the economic and social importance of hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering to the people.

Terry Collins stated, “Everyone who lives, works, and plays in this area understands it is unique - not only culturally, but also geographically and ecologically. This area maintains some of the most important fisheries and wildlife habitat found not only in the province, but in the country.” He added, “we are not convinced, at this stage of our assessment,

that the project-related and potential cumulative impacts to this area...can be adequately mitigated or compensated.” Concerns regarding the delicate nature of the terrain in the region were also paramount in the Kitselas presentation. Collins added, “the risk of environmental impacts associated with pipeline and tunnel construction, or of a catastrophic pipeline failure due to natural or [human] causes, are therefore major concerns for Kitselas.”

While the Kitselas team did not provide a definitive answer regarding the position on the project, they indicated specifically that “this is the beginning, not the end of [the] discussion with ... government regulators, our friends and neighbours and our community regarding the proposed Northern Gateway project.”

Stay tuned for more as this story develops.



*The Joint Review Panel consists of (L-R) Kenneth Bateman, Sheila Leggett and Hans Matthews.*

## Kitselas Charrette Makes History - Sonja Foss

A multi-day collaborative land use planning session called a charrette took place at the Kitselas hall from January 23-26, 2012. The first of its kind to be held in the community, the charrette was organized for Kitselas to produce a land use plan supported by and primarily created by the community. The event took a year and a half to plan and coordinate and brought together professional planners and community members for an intensive four day session.

The charrette focused on the Gitaus, Kulspai and Endudoon reserves. The land use plan will dictate what kind of activities can occur where. Kitselas residents were asked: "What would you like to see happen on the land?"; and "Where would you like to see that happen?" Several other suggestions were provided by the community on topics from transportation, energy, waste, organic waste, industrial uses,

cultural camps, housing efficiency, water management, sustainability, housing types, centre of Gitaus, elders centres, community hall, and so on.

It was an exciting event filled with long days, meetings with residents and members of Kitselas, Elders, Chief and Council, staff and the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.

The charrette produced several amazing ideas – all generated by the community. The designers and engineers that were present were able to analyze the ideas, design the types of buildings suggested, and identify locations for the ideas. The locations were preferred by the community and would have the least amount of environmental issues.

Everyone who attended wore their hearts on their sleeves about their dreams, concerns, issues, goals and desires for the development of their communities. As an example,

we heard that Endudoon should be protected and zero development is to occur there other than traditional summer cabins built by individuals on their familial property. This will be in the land use plan as a policy for all to follow. Many other ideas and policies came out of the charrette which will be presented to the community as soon as the land use plan is in a draft form.

Please stay tuned to community notices and flyers that will announce when the next land use planning meeting will happen.

### **The Lands Management Office recently hired 5 Kitselas youth.**

Amadeus, Charles, Colton, Keisha-Lee and Mikala are excited about learning more about their community, land management, social research and general professional development. They helped enormously with the Charrette. Now, they will carry out several different surveys on behalf of the Kitselas administration. The surveys collect information on skills, environmental issues, the land use plan and other initiatives being carried out by the LMO which require community input. All information collected is 100% anonymous and will provide general statistics back to Kitselas employees that will help them understand the community's needs. If you have any questions about this, please call Sonja Foss at 250 635 8882 ext 232.

*Left: The Charrette Team poses with the Kitselas Youth who have been hired to carry out various tasks within the Lands Management Office.*

*Photo Morris Mason*



# The Gitselasu Dance Group Spirit Lives On



Descendants of the original Gitselasu Dance Group pose for a special presentation to the community at the celebration dinner for the Kitselas Charrette on January 26th 2012. Phyllis McNeil (seated front far left) is the last surviving member of the group. Next to her is (L-R): Destiny McNeil, Susan (Isabelle) McKee, Rhoda Seymour, Charlotte Guno. Back L-R: Stewart Bolton, Francis Seymour, William Bolton, Susan Bevan. The group is outfitted in similar regalia to the picture below. The Gitselasu Dance Group did an amazing performance with melodious singing to heartfelt songs at this event. Anne McDames urged the crowd to come out to practices and feel the strength and healing in the songs and drums. Everyone is welcome. Contact Anne at 250-635-9287 for more information.



Middle Left: the Gitselasu Dance Group performing at the Charrette Celebration Dinner

*Photos Left by Morris Mason.*



This picture of the Gitselasu Dance Group was taken in Endudoon circa 1935. Pictured centre (standing) is Esther Kennedy the woman who organized the group. Seated Left to Right is: Harriet Hudson, Flora Bevan, Harriet Bolton, Martha Bevan, Lillian Bevan (child standing), Phyllis McNeil (child in front of Esther), Lila Mason (seated next to Phyllis). Back Row L-R: Amelia Bevan, Josephine Seymour, Ernie Green (young boy) and his mother Cora Green.

# Kitselas Agreement-in-Principle: Meet the Home Visit Team

On February 4th the Kitselas Treaty Office will host the “Communications Launch” to provide Kitselas members with an update on how the Kitselas will have an opportunity to understand everything they need to know about the Agreement-in-Principle (which is nearly complete). This is a kick-off event for a number of community engagements and information opportunities that will be presented over the next 6 months. Part of the communications plan includes a Home Visit Team - a group of community members who will go door-to-door to meet with the community to talk about the treaty process and answer questions and concerns. A solid team of great individuals has been assembled. Meet them as they introduce themselves to you...

Hello, my name is **Su Winax**, also known as **Joanne Auckland**. I am a Kitselas First Nations woman and I live in the Gitaus community with my family. I have been hired by the Treaty Department to help deliver information to our members about the Agreement-in-Principle. I am very excited to get out into the community to help inform my fellow community members and get feedback from the community.



My name is **Deborah Ann Bevan**, call me Debbie. My mother is Elizabeth Amy Bevan, daughter of the late Priscilla Scott. I have 5 kids and 8 grand kids. I am a member of the Kitselas Band and I live out at Gitaus. I am proud to be part of the Treaty Team and I look forward to meeting members of the community, informing them of the AIP and collecting input. This will be a great learning experience.



I am **Jodie McKay** from Kitselas, BC. I am currently a Financial Advisor from Sunlife Financial. Being an entrepreneur I have the opportunity to with Kitselas as a communications representative. With an awareness of the community I feel it an honor to work with the knowledge I have learned over the last few weeks with regards to the Agreement-in-Principle and communications. I look forward to meeting you.



Hello, my name is **Cyril (CJ) Bennett - Nabess**. Like you I belong to the Tsimshian Nation and live within the Gitselasu Traditional Territory. Over the past 5 years I have been honored to work for the Kitselas Canyon in the summer time. In the process of working for the Canyon, I have developed a strong passion for our Tsimshian history, culture and art. It has been over a century since our peoples land was taken along with our rights. It's our time to decide whether or not we reclaim our lands, rights, titles and most of all our rights to the a'dawx and a'yalk.



My name is **Sharlene Mohr**. I'm from Kitselas and reside in Gitaus. I currently work as the Treaty Clerk. For the last two weeks I have participated in the training sessions on communications, fiscal relations and taxation. These workshops have provided me with the information I need to be able to explain treaty in general terms and to answer your questions. I look forward to the home visits and conversations we will be having.



My name is **Arlene Spalding**. I am daughter of the late Ray Seymour Sr. I am very honored to be a part of the Kitselas Treaty Team and I look forward to meeting you all in the next few months.



# Community Profile: Stan Bevan

Local artist, Stan Bevan received the BC Artistic Achievement Award in November 2011. The award celebrates artistic excellence in traditional, contemporary or media art. The Province of BC selects recipients for the award annually. Stan was among a group of talented Native artists to be honored. This recent award is among a number of significant milestones in Stan's 33 year career.

Stan had always enjoyed wood work through high school which helped fuel his interest in pursuing a career as a carver. His uncle Dempsey Bob was becoming an well known artist in the 1970s and was instructing at the Kitanmax School of Northwest Coast Indian Art. Stan started apprenticing with his uncle in 1979 and has been carving ever since. His art is centred around wood sculpture, totem poles and masks.

Significant highlights of Stan's career include being a part of bringing poles back into Gitau. Archeological digs were happening at the historic site in Gitau at the same time Stan was beginning his career as a carver and he had always wanted to be a part developing the site.

Stan loves to teach in the north at the Frieda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art at NWCC. He is proud



Stan receives the BC Artistic Achievement Award from (left) Keith Mitchell, chair of the BC Achievement Foundation and (right) Mary Polak, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

to be a part of developing the school and other young artists. In 2010 Stan was honored to be chosen to go to China to erect a pole that had been gifted to the Qiang people who were severely impacted by an earthquake in 2008. The First Nations Summit commissioned the pole with the Frieda Diesing School. Stan worked with students and alumni Jacquie McNeil, Brian McKee, Ken McNeil, Titus Auckland and Darryl Moore.

Stan's advice to aspiring artists is to find a place to learn the fundamentals really well, find a mentor and be prepared to study and work hard.



**INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS SOCIETY**

**Resolution Health Support Worker (RHSW)**  
**Position located in Terrace, BC**

The Resolution Health Support Worker (RHSW) is responsible for ensuring that IRS claimants, who are resolving their Independent Assessment Process can have access to an appropriate level of mental health counseling and emotional support services that would allow the claimant to safely address a broad spectrum of mental health issues related to the disclosure of residential school abuses. In addition to ensuring the safety of IRS claimants, the RHSW will endeavor to build relationships with key stakeholders and communities in an effort to promote a greater understanding of the National Resolution Framework and each of its separate components.

**Qualifications:**

- Minimum 3 years counseling experience with Aboriginal clients
- Strong organizational, communication and team skills
- Extensive working knowledge of the history and impacts of residential schooling and effective methods for working with survivors
- BA in the Social Sciences from a recognized university or equivalent education and experience
- Valid BC Drivers License and Must Own Vehicle

**Duties:**

- Liaise with various parties in order to identify claimants in need of support
- Provide frontline professional, emotional and psychological support to claimants/plaintiffs pre, during and post resolution processes
- Facilitate and coordinate with other support services
- Network with the various stakeholders and provide regular activity reports

**Additional Requirements:**

- Extensive travel will be required by air or vehicle to many communities in BC
- Computer literacy, word-processing programs and Internet a must
- Must undergo a Criminal Record Check
- Must be flexible and willing to work evenings and weekends
- Must demonstrate a wellness lifestyle

**Term:** Position in Terrace, BC  
**Salary:** Maximum of 48,500 per annum depending on education and experience  
**Closing:** Friday, February 17, 2012 at 4:00 pm

**Please send resume, cover letter and references to:**

Grace Cameron, Office Manager  
 911- 100 Park Royal South West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2  
 Fax: 604.925.0020 Email: [gracecameron@irsss.ca](mailto:gracecameron@irsss.ca)

**No phone calls please. Only those applicants short-listed will be contacted. Preference will be given to Aboriginal Applicants**

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APTP candidates attend a three week training session at the RCMP Training Academy located in Regina, beginning in May. The training includes collaborative problem-solving skills, law enforcement – public speaking and cultural diversity seminars of physical fitness and air which provide both work and personal candidates with long term strategies to meet their personal fitness goals and contribute to the fitness.

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- Be in good physical condition
- Possess a Canadian secondary school English language diploma or equivalent
- Present and maintain a valid, unexpired Canadian driver's license

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**NEW APTP APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2012 SESSION**

The 2012 APTP session runs from May to August, 2012. Positions are limited to 20 candidates. Apply early as you don't know what an interesting career opportunity will surface! **Deadline for application is January 31st, 2012.**





