

The Power of Working Together

Countdown to Independence is the rallying point for Kitselas First Nation on our journey to a treaty.



KITSELAS TREATY COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- We began with a group of approximately 8 of our own members to work as a door-to door team.
- As a team we worked together to organize mail outs concerning questions and information shared at the Kitselas Treaty Community Meetings.
- Meetings were organized on a monthly basis beginning January 14,2012. Calls, transportation was organized as well as child-minding.
- Working with the door-to-door team on the day of the event to set up the hall, ensure that copies of all material have been made, door prizes bought, and gift for the guest speakers
- Day after the meeting, Questions and answers were typed out and brought back to the people.

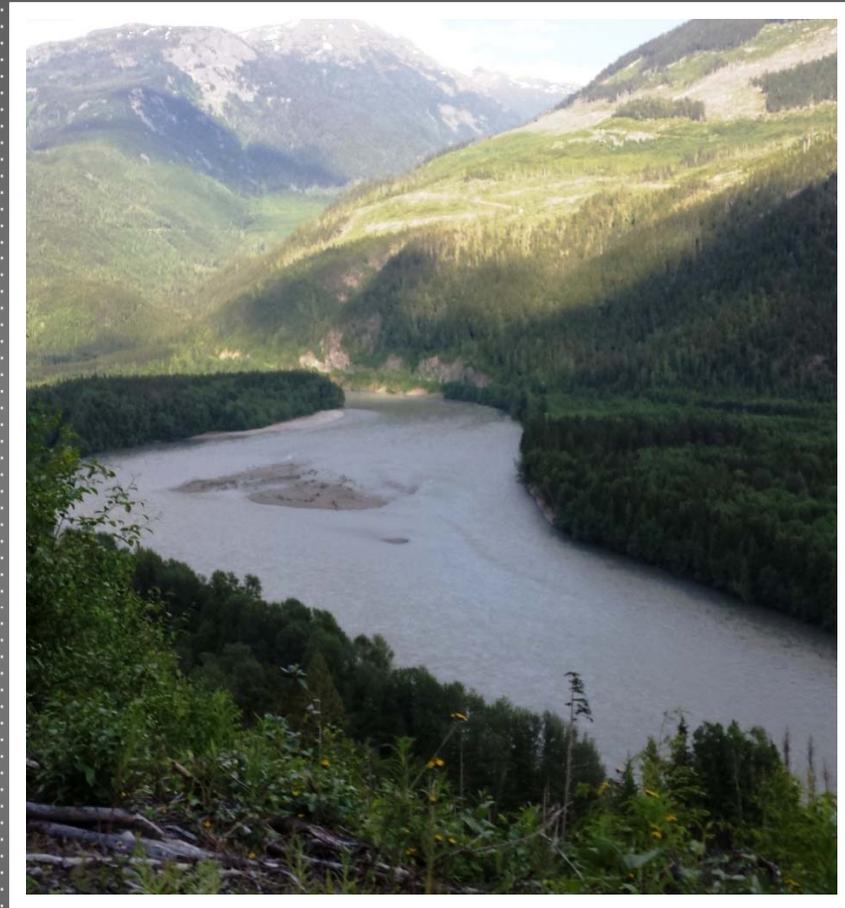
Events organized by the Kitselas Treaty Team

- Christmas & Spring Bazaars
- Kitselas Treaty Camp for two age groups of 6-10 and 13-19
- Terrace Trade Show
- Organized Treaty Dinner meetings w/ special guest speakers
- Spring Fling Dance for two age groups of kids.
- Community Clean up
- Theatre time with the two age groups
- Coffee House both at Kulspai and Gitau
- Land Tours

February 20, 2012

Vote to Independence

After more than 16 years of negotiations, citizens of the Kitselas First Nation voted in favor of their Agreement-in-Principle. This brings the Nation to the end of the fourth stage of the Six-stage BC treaty process. Members of the Kitselas First Nation approved the AIP with a vote of 149-to-76 (66% of the vote). “The successful vote in favor of the agreement was the result of an effective communications effort by the Kitselas team, and most importantly YOU!!!



Community Engagement

- Reflecting, Planning and Organizing for Change.
 - Community Engagement is about dialogue. It's about our people sharing their voice in why government matters.



Organizing for Social Change

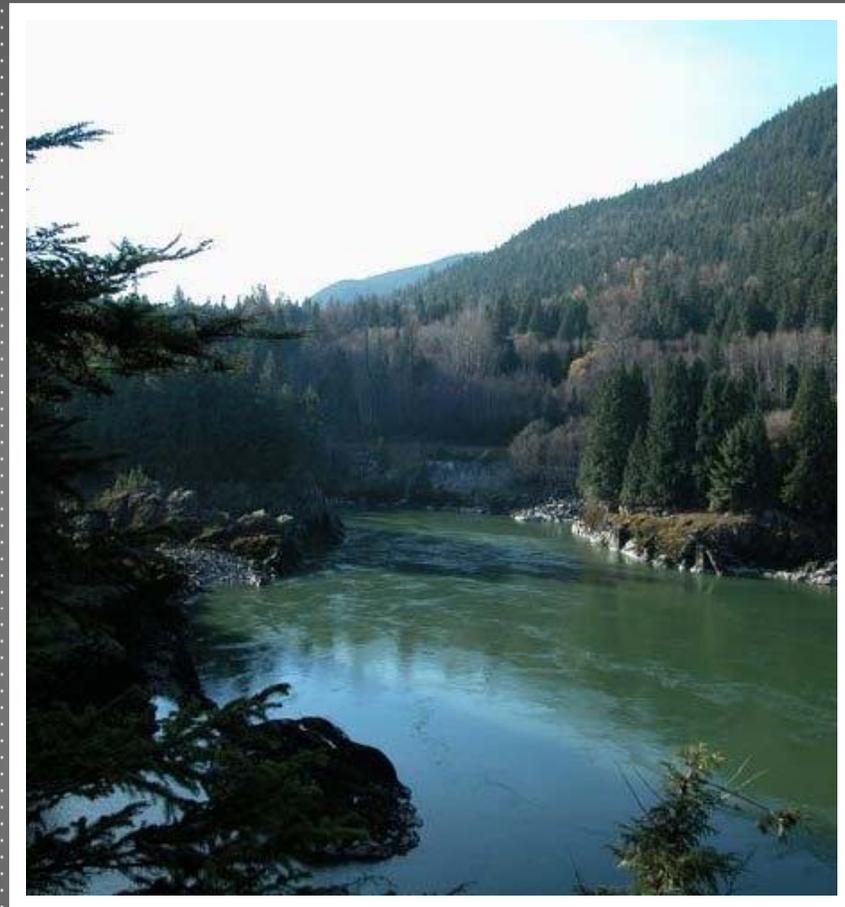
As First Nations, we are rebuilding our communities after living for years under the Indian Act. We want to move to Kitselas First Nation Government.

We need to discuss and sort through our priorities, consider our options and organize for change.

We need to engage our people and develop a common vision.

Question to consider:

The work has begun-where do we go from here?



Conclusion: The power of working together

- ❑ Our people are our greatest resource and we need everyone to be engaged during this period of transition
- ❑ The objective of our community development work and engaging our people to ensure we can move beyond our past colonial past and make our lives better, take advantage of our hard fought for, opportunities, and improve our quality of life with practicing and thriving our cultures.
- ❑ We are stronger when we work together and help one another. If we do not we will not move forward.

