

# NEWSLETTER

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## Resource Management - Researcher

ATTENTION: KITSELAS  
MEMBERS

As you are NOW aware that Winnie Wells, former Housing Coordinator, is now the Researcher for Kitselas Treaty Process.

Winnie will be working with the Kitselas Treaty Process Executive Director - Clifford Bolton; Resource Management Coordinator - Wilfred McKenzie; Jacqueline Bryant as Administrative Assistant and Lynda Seymour our receptionist at the Kitselas Resource Management Office.

Winnie will send out more information letters and the progress on Treaty Process and information meetings with Tsimshian Tribal Council.

This is a very new and important job that will need the assistance of all our Kitselas members. Anyone interested in helping with our Treaty Process, I will be making contact in the near future and will keep you all informed of the progress of our work.

## Progress in Kitselas

The Kitselas Band Council is happy to announce that the employment rate for Kitselas has increased. The Kitselas Band has a forestry project and is doing very nicely.

We also have the Fisheries Enforcement Program - Wade Larson is now gazetted as a Fishery Officer and Glenn Bennett is scheduled for further training to upgrade him to fishery officer status. You will see these two in their official uniforms in the near future.

The Kitselas Council would like to congratulate Debbie Moore as the Education Coordinator and Membership Clerk.

Also, congratulating Morris Mason as the new Housing Coordinator.

So far, the employees of the Kitselas Band office have worked very well together and the Kitselas Band Council is very happy with their dedication and hard work to date.

What is happening at Old Kitselas? So far the Carpentry Crew is upgrading and renovating the cabins at old Kitselas and progressing very nicely. We should see the hard work they have done in the Spring when the roads are more passable.

On behalf of the Kitselas Band Council we would like to WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. ALL THE BEST IN 1995.



Please contact Winnie at 635-1280 or come to the Resource Management office at 1581 Kulspai Cres.

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Researcher continued.

The Kitselas Band Council is happy to announce that we have been given approval for six more social housing units.

For further updates on this issue please feel free to contact Morris Mason and/or Winnie Wells.

The Kitselas Band Council is acknowledging all the employees at the Kitselas Band Administration Office and the Kitselas Resource Management Office.

There will be a Kitselas STAFF & COUNCIL and spouses Christmas Dinner at the Kitselas Community Hall December 9, 1994.

Also, working at the Resource Management Office we have Clarence Nyce overlooking the operation of the Kitselas Development Corporation along with the Kitselas Band Council.

Did you know that the Kitselas Treaty Process is in stage two along with six of the other Tsimshian Bands:

**Kitsumkalum**  
**Kitkatla**  
**Lax Kw'alaams**  
**Kitasoo**  
**Hartley Bay**  
**Metlakatla, B.C.**

While Tsimshian Tribal Council will negotiate on our behalf and manage the actual negotiation process, each single First Nation must conduct a substantial portion of the required research and planning work on our own.

Preparing for comprehensive treaty negotiations will be a challenging task. First, none have been negotiated in BC to date, and there is no well defined precedent or process in place to indicate how they might take place. No one yet has any clear idea about what the world will look like when the treaty process in this province is complete.

**DID YOU KNOW:** that the B.C. Treaty Commission has identified 4 stages that each First Nation much work through in reaching a treaty:

*Stage 1 - Submitting an application*

*Stage 2 - Preparation for Negotiations*

*Stage 3 - Negotiating a Framework Agreement*

*Stage 4 - Negotiating the Agreement - in - Principle*

*Stage 5 - Negotiating the Final Agreement*

The Tsimshian Tribal Council - Treaty Coordinator is Gerald Wesley. Gerald was nominated as the Treaty Coordinator at the Tsimshian Tribal Council convention and has accepted.

For the Kitselas Band Council we are very pleased with the progress of the Kitselas Band over the last two years and would like to see the good work that has developed to date.

WELL WISHES from the Kitselas Band Council goes out to:

Bert Bryant: at St. Paul's Hospital  
Beatrice Bryant  
Pat/Gertie Braynt  
Lila Maison  
Phyllis McDames/Rufus McNeil  
Chris/Beverly Bolton  
Priscilla Scott  
Isabelle McKee  
Rhoda Seymour  
Beatrice Vermiere  
Willard Seymour  
Ray/Lucille Seymour  
Ralph/Stella Wright  
Wilfred/Audrey Bennett  
Merle Bevan  
Lorna/Harvey Johnson  
Tom Bevan  
Minnie Bolton  
Ron/Nancy Nyce  
Bossy/Marti Bolton  
David Mason

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF KITSELAS:**  
Winnie will be contacting you by our next newsletter regarding the Treaty Process and the type of assistance needed for our challenging work ahead of us.