



## Kitselas Treaty Newsletter Issue #2-95

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### Kitselas Treaty Update

The Kitselas Treaty staff would like to apologize for the delay in this newsletter update. We have been fairly busy arranging the office to suit the needs for the Kitselas Treaty Process. We have finally set up office and are fully operational.

Since the last newsletter there have been various changes in the staff at the Treaty Office. We are as follows:

Alai Bevan - Treaty Coordinator  
Winnie Wells - Researcher/Coord.  
Jacqueline Bryant - Mapping  
Glenn Bennett - Fisheries Officer  
Wade Carson - Fisheries Officer  
Fred Mason - Forestry Officer  
Cynda Seymour - Receptionist  
Roxanne Kidler - Specific Claims

The Kitselas Treaty Office welcomes anyone who would like information and the contact people for information regarding the Tsimshian Treaty and the Kitselas Treaty.

There have been several meetings that were hosted by the Kitselas Elder's that the Kitselas Treaty Coord./Researcher has been invited to attend and to give updated information about the Kitselas Treaty.

Along with this newsletter, attached is an updated information given to the Kitselas Elder's. All information that is received at the Treaty Office is also given to the Kitselas Elder's.

A binder of Kitselas History recorded by WBeynon can be reviewed at the Kitselas Treaty Office.

As you know Winnie has been quite involved and has done her best to give the Members of Kitselas information on the Treaty Process, through newsletters and by attending meetings held by the Kitselas Elders'. The next information meeting regarding the Kitselas Treaty Process and the Tsimshian Treaty

Process will be at the Kitselas Community Hall with the Tsimshian Tribal Council's Treaty Coordinator/Chief Negotiator and the Kitselas Treaty Staff. At which time we should have information to give everyone and what stage we are at now.

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND INVOLVEMENT.** The treaty process will not work without active community involvement.

Through the Kitselas Elder's meetings, Clan meetings were set. At these Clan meetings it was to be decided who would be the two elected representatives that would be on the Treaty Process Board of Directors for Kitselas. The Clan Groups are as follows:

Caxskitk            Caxgibuu  
Ganhada            Gispudwada

from these Clan groups two representatives will have to be elected or chosen by the group and the names will be given to Winnie to record and report to the Tsimshian Tribal Council with the representatives that will be recognized to attend meetings on behalf of Kitselas.

As you may have noticed over the last week at the Kitselas Community Hall some activity. The Grand Chief Ovide Mecredi who the First Nations recognize as our National Chief who represent First Nations at the Government level. In attendance were the Board of Directors (10 signatories) of the Northwest Tribal Treaty.

### Northwest Tribal Treaty:

We, the Northwest First Nations have occupied and governed our respective territories since time immemorial. The Creator put us on our territories and gave us laws in which to define and govern our relationships with each other and with the animals, plants, lands, waters and air.

We have maintained our spiritual beliefs, our languages, our way of life and traditions. We have done this through intermarriage and the exchange of material and food resources, and shall continue to do so through infinity.

We, the signatories to this Treaty are of one heart in the advancement and protection of our common interests identified in the following principles (next newsletter stay informed)

