

Kitselas Treaty Newsletter Update: February 1996 - WW

Attention Kitselas Members:

Upcoming meetings of the Tsimshian Negotiators along with the Provincial Negotiators and the Federal Negotiators. **Wednesday, February 7, 1996 - 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. (open meeting) please attend - Terrace Inn - downstairs Dolly Varden Room.**

Topics to Think about. Discuss with our Chief Negotiator

“Self Government Principles”

Individual rights and freedoms should remain protected by the Canadian Constitution. The democratic principle of one person one vote should be the basis of Self-Government. What are your thoughts and views of self-government. PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Kitselas Treaty can & will succeed only with your input and involvement.

Kitselas History/People, Past, Present & Future!

Who are the Kitselas People?

How do we as Kitselas People define who we are?

How much Historical Research will be required to determine with certainty the above.

Do we represent ourselves at the Table or do we delegate our authority to someone else?

These questions can only be answered properly with your input and for you to voice your concerns and objectives of the Tsimshian - Kitselas Treaty.

TSIMSHIAN NEGOTIATORS -

2-Tsimshian Chief Negotiators: Robert Hill & Gerald Wesley

Community Chief Negotiators: Kitselas-Mel Bevan; Kitsumkalum-Alex Bolton; Kitkatla-Russell Campbell; Metlakatla-Harold Leighton; Kitasoo-Percy Starr; Hartley Bay-Art Sterritt; Lax Kw'alaams-James Bryant & Metlakatla, Alaska spokesperson - Arnold Booth

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PLEASE READ THIS PAMPHLET!

KEEP IN MIND YOUR VISION OF TREATY SETTLEMENT. WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND SUPPORT!

Tsimshian Treaty Process:

Dates to remember -

continued - (please record)

1992: the Federal Government, Provincial Government & the B.C. 1st Nations Summit accepted and signed the B.C. Treaty Agreement.

1993: the Tsimshian Nation submits a "Letter of Intent" to the Federal Government and Provincial Government to Negotiate and Settle their Land Question Claim, which includes Kitselas.

1994: The Federal Government accepted the Tsimshian Claims for Negotiations.

1994: The Tsimshians accept Treaty Money to start preparing their claims for Negotiations.

1995: The Tsimshian have completed their Stage 2 and have entered into Stage 3 Treaty Negotiations Framework Agreement & Resource Interim Protection Measures Agreement.

Good Luck to the
New Kitselas
Elders Executive.

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**KITSELAS MEMBERS:
WE NEED YOU TO
HELP US ACHIEVE
YOUR VISION &
GOALS.**



WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ABOUT
TSIMSHIAN MEMBERS.

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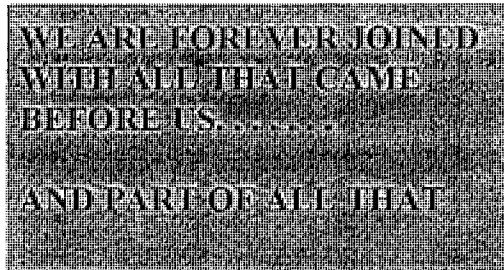
History was made February 12, 1996 - the Nisga'a Nation signed an Agreement In Principle - B.C.'s first Land-Claim Deal.

Tsimshian was among several neighboring Nations who helped celebrate with the Nisga'a Nation. This was a very happy day - not only for the Nisga'a - but for other Nations as well. This historical event will not be forgotten. It was an emotional welcome home for the Nisga'a Negotiators.

VISION - Develop positions for negotiations. Issues - ensuring that Kitselas is properly represented.

Entering into Treaty: How to come out of the Treaty; How do we relate to one another once out of the Treaty. How do we do business as a Nation? Now we want to know what we want out of the Treaty. Do we want the communities to depend on the central body of the Tsimshian Nation (T.T.C.)?

The community negotiators had concerns with respect to be properly represented in the Framework Agreement. Each individual community has different needs and interests-how to put the differences into a common agreement. Identifying Kitselas' needs will be achieved only with community involvement.



Did you know - the British Columbia Treaty Process now replaces the old Land Claims Process.

The Tsimshian Treaty Process which is coordinated by the Tsimshian Tribal Council is comprised of 14 Tribes, these tribes are based in 7 Tsimshian communities - Kitselas; Kitsumkalum; Metlakatla; Kitkatla; Hartley Bay, Kitasoo & Lax Kw'alaams.

Tsimshian Treaty Process Summary of Events (dates) to Remember!

1983: the "Tsimshian Declaration and Claim to Territories" was filed by the Council of Tsimshian Nation and the Allied Tsimshian Tribes against the Federal Government to enter into negotiations for Lands, Resources and Self-Government.

1986: the Federal Government accepts the Tsimshian Claims for Negotiations.

1991: The B.C. Claims Task Force carried out and submitted the "BC Treaty Agreement" report which recommended 19 points on how to negotiate and settle the Indian Land Question in British Columbia.

More important dates to record:

A dark, textured rectangular box containing the text: Write to the Kitselas Treaty Office or Call. Tell us your vision of the Tsimshian Treaty Process that Kitselas is a part of. Your input is vital at this point.