



Kitselas Treaty Office - Winnie Wells

First I would like to congratulate and welcome the new Kitselas Band Council to visit the Treaty Office.

The Sm'algyax Training in Prince Rupert that I attended was an excellent course. We had five(5) instructors: main instructor was John Dunn, Pauline Dudoward & Verna Helin- Lax Kw' Alaams; Beatrice Robinson - Kitkatla; Mildred Wilson - Hartley Bay. If anyone would like see the training material that I received please visit the Kitselas Treaty Office.

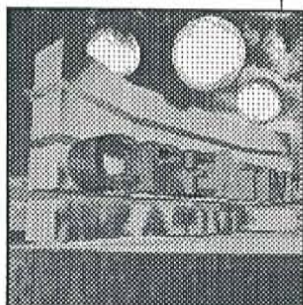
Also, a reminder that the Kitselas Treaty staff is still waiting for you to return the Tsimshian Membership-List Survey Form. It is important to have in our office updated addresses of all members of Kitselas living on and off the Communities. Lynda has a list of members where mail has been returned with no new address, please check with our office to ensure that your family members may have been left off the Kitselas mailing list.

Your views and concerns of the Kitselas Treaty

If you would like to your concerns or thoughts on the Kitselas Treaty please write to us at 1581 Kulspai Cres. Terrace, B.C. V8G 4P5. All your concerns or comments will be read and answered. Whether your comments are concerns or complaints we welcome all correspondence. We would like to know if you are kept informed of the Kitselas Treaty as well as receiving all the newsletter updates - please let us know if you would like to see our operation run differently or produced more frequently.

Although the Treaty Process is slow, the Kitselas Treaty staff is kept very busy. We have changes that you may or may not be aware of, the fisheries/resource staff have moved to Gitaus and Wilfred McKenzie stated that this office is now the Kitselas Treaty Office.

Because of the change at the Kitselas Treaty Office I welcome the Kitselas Elders to this office for a meeting place. Because of my nature of work I believe that I need all the encouragement from our Elders.



Any concerns please contact our office, we are here to make certain that all areas of the Kitselas Treaty are look after.

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Look for the next issue of
the Tsimshian National
Voice.

Taken from the
Tsimshian National Voice:

The Tsimshian People
have historically never
had the opportunity to
negotiate a Treaty, nor
have they relinquished ti-
tle or rights to their
lands. Before contact
with the Europeans, the
Tsimshian nation lived as
a distinct and self suffi-
cient society. Contact
and colonization impacted
Tsimshian society, econ-
omy, and traditions.

History of the Tsimshian Treaty Process cont'd.

These changes created a
strong need to protect
Tsimshian lands. In spite of
federal and provincial attitudes the
Tsimshian continue to hold on to their
traditions and language. They main-
tain their system of government
through the clan and house systems
with leadership continuing to have a
strong voice. Throughout history the
Tsimshian have expressed the need to
protect territorial ownership and settle
a Treaty.

Gerald D. Wesley, Sm'oogit
Xpilaxha, Chief Treaty Coordinator —
will address Treaty concerns in future
issues of the Tsimshian National Voice
Newsletter. If you have any questions,
concerns or issues about the Treaty
process, please contact him at the
Tsimshian Tribal Council office in
Prince Rupert at 627-8782, Fax: 627-
1938 or in Terrace at 638-1727 or fax
638-0700.

Well Wishes to:

Lila Maison - all your
family and friends wish
you well.

Priscilla Scott - your
Bingo buddies sure miss
you and wish you well,
hurry back to Terrace.

Good luck to the Kitselas
Elders' & Dancers on their
journey to Merrit for the
Elders' Gathering. The
communities of Kitselas
are very proud of our
Dancers.

*Marriage is not
just a spiritual
communion and
passionate
embraces;
marriage is also
three meals a
day and
remembering to
carry out the
trash.*