

Community Meeting

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Newsletter Date

Special points of interest:

- July 18 & 19,2000 Meeting
- Tsimshian Chief Negotiator to give Report
- Kitselas History to be recorded
- Federal Negotiator Retires
- Kitselas Maps provided to community members

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Kitselas Treaty Office to meet with Community

The Kitselas Treaty Office will be hosting an information session to brief the membership on the current treaty negotiation. Kitselas along with six other First Nations are currently involved in treaty negotiations with the Federal Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

The information session will take place on July 18 & 19,2000 at the Kitselas Community Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. both days the doors will be open at 6 :00 p.m.

The following people will be giving reports on their involvement with the Tsimshian Treaty Negotiations.

Gerald Wesley, Tsim-

shian Chief Negotiator.

Mel Bevan, Kitselas Community Negotiator.

Willie McKenzie, Resource Coordinator Kitselas.

Mark Stevenson, Legal Advisory Tsimshian Nation.

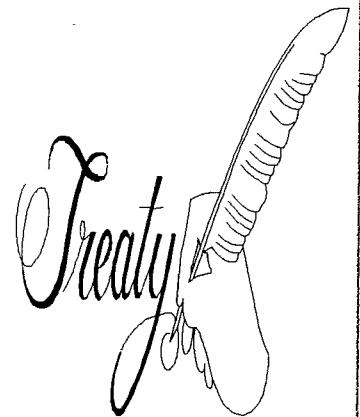
Chris Knight, Tsimshian Advisor.

This is a very important meeting for you and your family.

For a Treaty settlement to be acceptable for all Tsimshian it will require your input and comments.

The Treaty office will be providing transportation for community members

that do not have rides. If you know someone that will require a ride please contact the treaty office @635-5084 and leave your name and phone number.



Treaty Negotiations Continue for Tsimshian

Federal Chief Negotiator retires

On June 27 & 28,2000 Mrs. Pauline Tassone, Chief Negotiator for Canada announced at the Main Table Negotiation in Metlakatla that this session will be her last one with the Tsimshian Treaty Table. Mrs. Tas-

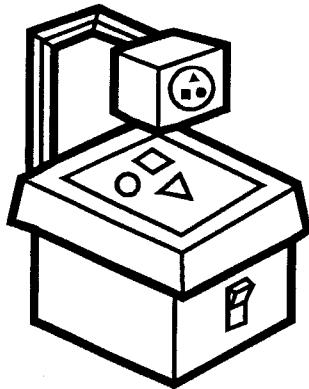
some had been assigned to the Tsimshian table for the last four years.

A replacement was not named. We would hope the vacancy would be filled by the next main table negotiations. This

departure will be the second one for the Tsimshian Treaty Table. The Provincial Chief Negotiator took a leave of absence then decide to permanently leave the Provincial treaty team.

Community Presentations

To date the following communities have made presentations to the Main Table concerning their community interests. Kitasoo (Klemtu), Lax Kw Alaams, (Port Simpson) Metlakatla, Kitsumkalum and Kitselas. Kitselas presentation was done last summer and the document that was presented to Canada and British Columbia was also delivered to each household.



Kitselas Presentations to Canada & British Columbia

communities left to present their community position paper. Hartley Bay and Kitkatla. This will most likely happen over the next year.

The Kitselas Treaty office would like to hear your thoughts and comments regarding the two maps that were provided to each household, the first one outlined the traditional territory for Kitselas. The second map had to deal with the trap lines that are owned by Kitselas Band Members. And one trap line is owned by the Kitselas

Band. There are only six trap lines

that are currently owned by Kitselas Band Members.

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Summer Student Program

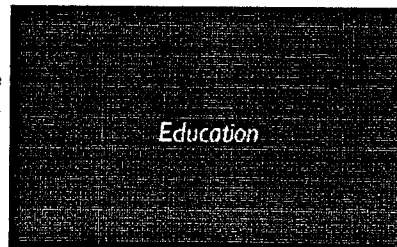
Every year the Kitselas Village council receives limited funding to carry out summer employment for the student. We would hope that the students use this experience to apply for employment in the Terrace area.

This was mentioned to the student prior to the students working July 5,2000 the students will work in the

different areas of the administration office.

The summer student program will likely be finished August 18,2000. The Kitselas Band Council would like to encourage our students to work hard

at their studies and it is very important for the student to complete their education and to plan beyond grade twelve and look at attending either college or university. The Kitselas Village Council wish each one of you the best of luck in the 2000/2001 year.



The issue of overlap

The Kitselas territory encompasses a vast amount of land. Kitselas will one day have to sit down with the Haisla people to discuss the area in which they claim as their boundary.

Kitselas did meet with the Haisla along with the Tsim-

shian Nation three years ago. Kitselas has not talk to the Gitksan people to see where they believe their territorial boundaries are drawn on the map.



Tsimshian Boundaries

Kitselas has not formally addressed the issue of

overlapping boundaries with the other six Tsimshian Bands.

Kitseelas Treaty Office

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Tsimshian Treaty Negotiations

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Schedule of Events

- July 18 & 19, 2000, Kitseelas Treaty Office meets with community to discuss the ongoing Treaty Negotiations
- August 29-31, 2000, Tsimshian Tripartite Working Group Session, Treaty staff will be out of office attending TWG's
- September 12-15, 2000, Tsimshian Tripartite Working Group Session, Governance, Lands & Forest. Location will be Prince Rupert.
- September 18 & 19, 2000, Tsimshian Treaty/Planning Session. Location TBA.
- October 11-13, 2000, Tsimshian Main Table Negotiation, with the Federal Government and the Province of B.C. Location Terrace B.C.
- November 6-10, 2000, Tsimshian Tribal Council 13 th Annual General Assembly Prince Rupert B.C..
- November 21-23, 2000, Tsimshian Tripartite Working Group Session. Location yet to be determined.
- December 4-6, 2000, Tsimshian Main Table Negotiations. Location yet to be determined.

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Kitselas community meeting

Tuesday July 18 and Wednesday
July 19/2000. 7 PM, Both days @
The Kitselas Community Hall

**The community meeting is regarding the
Kitselas Treaty Process. Refreshments will
be provided by the Kitselas Elders.**

Kitselas Community Meeting Treaty Process

July 18, 2000

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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| 1. Opening Comment | Chairperson |
| 2. Prayer | Kitselas Elder |
| 3. President, Raymond Seymour Sr. | Kitselas Elders Group |
| 4. Mr. Ralph Wright | Kitselas Elder |
| 5. Treaty Office Summer Students | Jessica, Trina, Maria |
| 6. Mr. Gerald Wesley | Tsimshian Chief Negotiator |
| 7. Mr. Mel Bevan | Kitselas Community Negotiator |
| 8. Mr. Willie McKenzie* | Resource Coordinator |
| 9. Mr. Mark Stevenson | Tsimshian Legal Advisory |
| 10. Mr. Chris Knight | Tsimshian Advisory |

* Mr. McKenzie may not be able to make the meeting due to the Commercially Fishing Season on the Skeena River.

Following Each Presentation the Community members will have an opportunity to ask questions or make comments to each of the above that are reporting on the Tsimshian Treaty Process.

The Kitselas Elders Group will be providing refreshment for this evening's session.

First Prize one Copy of the Gitselasus

Third Prize family dinner for Four at Mr. Mike's Bar & Grill

Second Prize Four tickets for the Terrace Air Show July 23, 2000 two adults & two Children

* The Kitselas Treaty Office has provided the above door prizes you **Must Be Present to Win.**