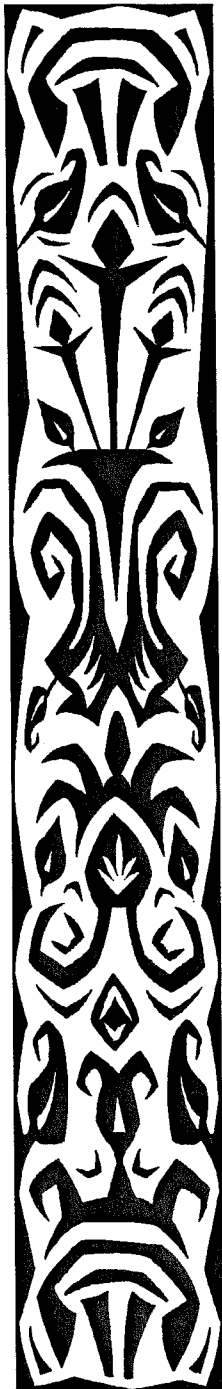




# **KITSELAS TREATY**



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First, we'd like to welcome home:

Dawn Wale & Family

Lily Wale & Family

these girls have moved to Gitaus Subdivision. Their trailers are situated around the horseshoe of the Gitaus Community.

As you may know the Tsimshian Tribal Council held their annual general assembly. The

attendance from Kitselas were as follows:

Debbie Moore-Membership

Joanne McKay-Admin.

Winnie Wells-A/Treaty Coord.

Bert & Bea Bryant

Lorna Johnson, Lila

Maison, Isabelle McKee,

Mel Bevan, Pat Bryant,

Peter Bryant, Richard

Bryant, Jacqueline Bryant

At the assembly, this year was election of the president's position of the Tribal Council. Elected for President was Robert Hill(re-elected) this year a vice-president position was opened which was filled by Robert Sankey. Re-elected for Secretary Treasurer was Gerald Wesley.

The Kitselas Resource Staff are presently involved in a computer mapping course known as the G.I.S. program which is Geographic Information Systems. For more information of this course

and what it involves, please see Glenn Bennett or Jacqueline Bryant.

Attached with this newsletter is what will be discussing for Self-Gov't. Your input is very important and encouraged.

The attached information is a lot to absorb right now but please keep these issues in mind. In the new year we'll be setting up community meetings to discuss what our visions of self-gov't for Kitselas.

The list below is where we get most of our guidelines and the process we are involved with originated by these groups:

B.C. Treaty Commission  
203-1155 W.Pender St.  
Vancouver, B. C. V6E 2P4

Assembly of First Nations  
2nd Floor,  
319 Seymour Boulevard  
N.Vancouver, B.C. V7J 2J4

First Nations Summit  
Plaza Tower  
Suite #208,  
1999 Marine Drive  
N.Vancouver, B.C.V7P 3J3

Tsimshian Tribal Council  
737-2nd Ave.West  
Pr. Rup., B.C. V8J 1H4

**TSIMSHIAN NATIONS FORESTRY POSITION PAPER**  
**OUTLINE**  
**Draft -November 5, 1995**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

This information will be obtained from the Ministry of Forests inventories and ecological classification of BC forests.

- 1.1 Present Forest Land Use
- 1.2 Biodiversity of Tsimshian Forests
- 1.3 Timber Values

**2.0 TRADITIONAL USE OF FORESTS**

This information will be gathered from the Heritage Branch, anthropological studies with the assistance of treaty researchers.

- 2.1 Uses for houses, canoes, crafts, etc.
- 2.2 Foods
- 2.3 Medicines
- 2.4 Spiritual, cultural, ceremonial and other specific tree and wood uses
- 2.5 Hunting and trapping

**3.0 ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM TSIMSHIAN FORESTS**

This information will be gathered for each community during the research for the preparation of maps and data.

- 3.1 Value of timber harvested
- 3.2 Recreation and tourism uses
- 3.3 Trapping and hunting
- 3.4 Taxes derived from forests

**4.0 SOCIAL BENEFIT FROM TSIMSHIAN FORESTS**

The Ministry of Forests has done studies for each Forest District that outlines the economic benefits that each district obtains from forests. This includes the number of direct and indirect jobs and tax revenues.

- 4.1 Jobs
- 4.2 Community development
- 4.3 Roads, ferries and services

**5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS FROM TSIMSHIAN FORESTS**

- 5.1 Fish and Wildlife
- 5.2 Soil and water
- 5.3 Biodiversity

## **6.0 Tsimshian People's Vision for the Future of Their Forests**

Each community will define how it will manage its forests after treaty negotiations and lands claims are settled. The forestry questionnaire will give insight into how people want to conserve and use forests. It indicates whether people want logging and if so what kinds of logging and how individuals will benefit through jobs and communities through revenues, etc.

6.1 "Sustainable" Land Use - balance of social, environmental and economic benefits

6.2 Long term - statement of Tsimshian Land Claims

## **7.0 TSIMSHIAN FORESTRY POSITION**

The following positions will be developed by each community with an overall position for the entire Tsimshian Nations. Some issues like revenues, forest licences and jobs may be specific to a community while others such as planning, skills development and training, and forest management may be negotiated together.

### **7.1 Cultural and Social Issues**

7.1.1 Recognition of Tsimshian Vision Statement

7.1.2 Long term survival of the Tsimshian People and the Communities

7.1.3 Protection of ancestral, burial and special areas

### **7.2 Protection of Environmental Values**

7.2.1 Tsimshian Traditional Fisheries Areas

7.2.2 Tsimshian Traditional Food Gathering Areas

7.2.3 Tsimshian Traditional Hunting Areas

7.2.4 Protected Areas for Animals, Birds, Fish and other Wildlife

### **7.3 Economic Values from Forests**

7.3.1 Revenues from Timber Harvesting

7.3.2 Compensation for Past Logging, traplines, etc

7.3.3 Forest Licences, Tree Farm Licences and other Tenures

7.3.4 Skills Development and Training

7.3.5 Forestry Employment

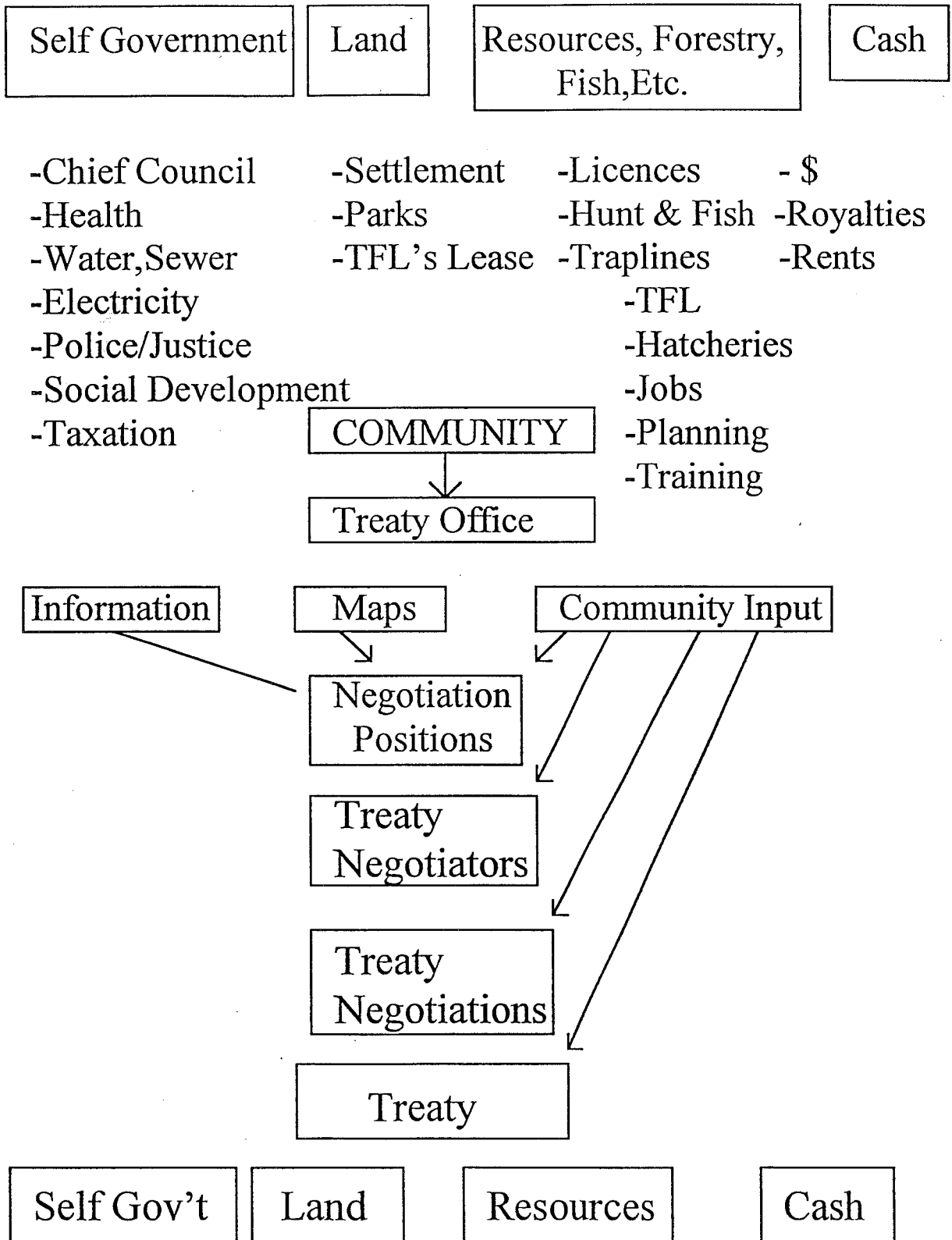
### **7.4 Forest Management Issues**

7.4.1 Information and Maps

7.4.2 Tsimshian Forest Planning Board

7.4.3 Community Involvement

## Treaty Negotiations Process



TREATY NEGOTIATIONS  
LAND AND RESOURCES  
November 7, 1995

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Area of Interest

- Royalties on Resources
- Commercial Fishing Rights
- Hunting and Fishing
- Trapping
- Resource Planning and Management
- Jobs
- Joint ventures

Treaty Settlement Areas

- "Own" Land, trees, fish, water  
Gravel, minerals, etc.
- Full management rights for the above
- Can conserve or sell resources
- Lease land

Tribal Park Lands

- Hunting and fishing rights
- Park Revenues
- Planning and management
- Jobs

Present  
Reserves