



Nisga'a Lisims Government Newsletter

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NLG PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS

Another tragic youth death in the valley was very disturbing and shook the Nisga'a community. In a CBC Radio interview in Prince Rupert, President Leeson indicated that special assemblies specifically for our youth are in the planning stages for each Nisga'a community in the coming months. Lisims RCMP Detachment



is very interested and eager to participate in any initiatives that are youth oriented. "Any input and resource allocation NLG puts toward today's youth is an investment in our future," Mr. Leeson stated. "One

day the youth of today will be our leaders and they will be responsible for our well-being and we need to look after them today." Nisga'a Valley Health Board is also in the process of developing preventative and proactive programs for youth in the valley.

Entel's presence at the recent All Native Tournament in Prince Rupert was very well received. The Internet service that was set up onsite at the tournament was very busy during the week. The new Nisga'a broadband company

was mentioned everyday during the tournament and TRICORP indicated that they are very interested in utilizing their services. The new owners of Kitsault were also approached as potential customers.

Mr. President is feeling optimistic about future prospects for our Nation. He closed with the comment that, "We also need to focus on building our own wealth so that we can fund programs that are vital in fostering healthy and balanced communities throughout the Nass Valley and urban areas."

2005 PROVINCIAL JUNIOR ALL-NATIVE TOURNAMENT

It has been said that the foundation of every community is the education of its youth. Our Nisga'a culture teaches us to always be respectful of one another. If you participate in the game of basketball with respect for one another then you have practiced sportsmanship. If you have practiced sportsmanship throughout this tournament then you have enhanced yourself and set an example for others in this competition.

Nisga'a Lisims Government encourages all Nisga'a teams in this tournament to do their best.

Good Luck and Godspeed.

Nelson Leeson
President
Nisga'a Lisims Government

NLG LANDS & RESOURCES ECOTOURISM DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The meeting on February 11th, 2005 with Krishnan Suthanthiran, the new owner of Kitsault went very well. He was presented with a copy of our approved Commercial Recreation Tenure Management Plan, along with all the maps, which includes areas around the town of Kitsault. His ideas for the town are very much in sync with NLG Lands & Resources' in respect to ecotourism. We believe that there are certain synergies that are possible in working together in this area. Follow up meetings are being contemplated and our NLG President has invited Krishnan to meet here in the Nass Valley.

The new owner of the property at Granby Bay Peninsula has offered to aid NLG Lands & Resources in fundraising. The owner is from England and is interested in developing his property to include a destination resort. To do this he first wishes to acquire remaining portions of the peninsula. NLG currently has commercial recreation tenure to the remainder of the peninsula and the new owner will require NLG's consent. He has also offered to assist NLG in fundraising as well as allowing us access to the property for the purposes of commercial recreation and access in general. His question to fundraising was simply – How much?

To ascertain an appropriate estimate for the development, NLG Lands & Resources contacted a B.C. builder of timber frame homes and received a preliminary estimate of approximately \$5 million to build the proposed structure. Lands & Resources have a meeting scheduled at the end of March with the new property owner to develop an access agreement to the peninsula.

We will be receiving the Commercial Recreation Tenure proposal that is being coordinated by Pieter Van Gils, Ecotrust Canada by early March 2005. The group includes Peter

Kelly, a developer from Vancouver, William Ross, a development consultant, Linda Ross, owner of a property management company and Executive Director of CMHC Aboriginal Housing and Kristan Schulberg, an architect with Paul Merrick & Associates.

ALL THINGS enTel

enTel hosted an Internet cafe at the 46th Annual All Native Tournament (ANT) in Prince Rupert and sponsored ANT All-Star trophies which NLG President Nelson Leeson presented on enTel's behalf. enTel also sponsored two radio broadcasts of ANT games.

Tricorp was signed on as an enTel client, web hosting to start and expand to network management in new fiscal year. enTel now hosts websites in our server room and include www.nisgaalisims.ca, www.treatyworks.com, www.entel.ca, www.entel.ca/allnative and www.tricorp.bc.ca coming online soon. enTel is actively pursuing all Nisga'a websites and other clients as well.

enTel is supporting the rollout of the Identicam system for the new Nisga'a citizenship cards. Arnie Pelletier is working with Margaret Patsey of Programs & Services to design a card system similar to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Cards are created and updated at each Nisga'a local (4 Villages and 3 Urban Locals) and sent to a central server at NLG for authentication, card printing and mail out. enTel is utilizing it's expertise of remote connectivity, network authentication with Programs & Services systems design.

enTel will be hiring two term market surveyors to survey residences of the Village of Kitimat (Haisla). The Kitimat Village Council has fully endorsed enTel as a potential vendor of choice with respect to bringing high-speed internet, cablevision, and Voiceover-IP technology into the community at a profit to enTel.



enTel's new logo

enTel will be exploring partnerships or projects with CFNR radio station this month as well. Fibre into Laxgalts'ap is lit up (working) and enTel will be deploying high-speed wireless to the homes and fibre to the buildings in the community of Laxgalts'ap beginning March 1, 2005. The enTel field manager will require a Level I assistant to help install wireless infrastructure.

Employment summary: 3 term jobs start at the end of this month.

Total employment positions combined for permanent and term - 19.

enTel continues to expand, build capacity and work towards our goal of a solid corporate member of the Nation.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Patsey
enTel Communications Inc.

CRABFEST 2005

Once again, Gingolx will be hosting its 2nd Annual CrabFest on July 1 and 2, 2005. Along with great seafood, hospitality and scenery, musical guests will include: George Leach, Trooper, Chilliwack, Lisa Brokop, Rednation, Warparty, Doc Walker, Tom Jackson, Chug-a-Lugs and Nass Valley Brass Band more! For further info please contact:

Gingolx Arts Society at (250) 326-2322 or
(250) 326-2388

CANDIDATES FOR LAXGALTS'AP BY-ELECTION

Eligible candidates for the By-election in District 3 Laxgalts'ap are as follows:

Eligible Candidates for Chief Councillor:

Willard Martin Henry Moore

Eligible Candidates for Councillors:

Matthew W. Bright	Marina Mercer
Wallace Clark	James Moore
Marka Gonzales	William Moore
Hubert W. Haldane	Darlene Stephens
Roberta Haldane	Lydia Stephens
Don V. Leeson	Sylvia Stephens
Peter Leeson	H. Mitchell Stevens
Craig McKay	Fred Tait
Jacob V. McKay	John Tait

By-election in District 3 Laxgalts'ap to take place on Monday, March 21, 2005

Polls will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in accordance with the Nisga'a Elections Act

Enrolled Nisga'a Citizens 18 years of age and over on Monday, March 21, 2005, Election Day, and ordinarily reside in the community of Laxgalts'ap are eligible to vote in the Nisga'a by-election 2005-D3-Laxgalts'ap.

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LISIMS NASS VALLEY RCMP DETACHMENT REPORT

In his bi-monthly report to NLG Executive meeting on January 26th, 2005 Sgt. Kevin Jones reported that for the months of November and December 2004 in the Nass Valley there were a total of:

8 Sexual Assaults

21 Assaults of which 5 were spousal assaults

27 alcohol related incidents

On four different occasions during November and December 2004 two Grade 5 students from each Nisga'a community were treated to lunch and spent an afternoon with a Lisims Detachment RCMP officer on a one on one basis getting to know each other. This youth initiative is part of the Student Community Problem Survey (SCOP) program that emphasizes youth as the number one strategic priority for the Lisims RCMP Detachment members and that spending time with Nisga'a youth is vital to building bridges between the police and the Nisga'a communities. Also, as part of the Lisims Detachment School Liaison Program there was a total of 66 visits to Nisga'a schools throughout the valley during the months of November and December 2004. Most of the routine visits were to Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School and were for the sole purpose of fostering a more positive relationship between the youth and Lisims Detachment officers.

During the months of January and February 2005 Bullying Training sessions were provided by Constable Mike Dibblee of the Lisims Detachment in each Nisga'a elementary school throughout the Nass Valley.

Sgt. Kevin Jones also introduced the new 2005/2006 Lisims Nass Valley Detachment Strategic Plan. This plan outlines and emphasizes the following community priorities:

Youth – Reduce youth crime and its impact

Alcohol & Drug Abuse – Including related crime and suicide

Police Visibility and Education – Police presence in each community and community understanding of the role of police.

Cultural Sensitivity – Police services delivered in a culturally sensitive manner.



Just another visitor dropping by NLG. Digital image by Mansell Griffin.