

## September 3rd's Treaty Consultation Meeting

September 3rd's Kitsumkalum Treaty Consultation Meeting was attended by 40 members. Key note speakers included special guest Mark Smith from BC Treaty Commission, Gerald Wesley from (TFN) Tsimshian First Nation Treaty Society - Chief Negotiator, Mark Stevenson Victoria lawyer and Treaty Advisor, and Alex Bolton from Kitsumkalum Treaty Office. During the meeting, updates on the current treaty progress were explained. There are many reasons why the treaty process will sometimes slow down: upcoming election and major changes occurring in First Nations Communities, Provincial and Federal bodies. Over the past year, the Kitsumkalum treaty has made significant progress, but still far from being finalized. During this interactive meeting, members expressed concerns over lack of Kitsumkalum presence when economic development opportunities arose in certain areas of the Northwest. Don Roberts, Chief Councillor explained that they have been involved in discussions for several economic development opportunities and are close to hiring an Economic Development Officer for Kitsumkalum who was referred and came highly recommended by Roger Harris (former provincial MLA Roger Harris & current President of community and aboriginal partnerships for Enbridge). Mark Stevenson started the review of the Agreement In Principle (last chapters first) with the focus on Chapter 24 (Approval on the Agreement in Principle) and Chapter 25 (Ratification of the Final Agreement). Final meeting minutes can be obtained from the Treaty Office. Be a part of the future today by attending the next meeting which will review Chapter 23 (Implementation) and



## Treaty Office Needs Your Address

The Kitsumkalum Treaty Office mails important treaty information out to members. Many packages containing the Agreement in Principle mailed out to off-reserve members have been returned due to incorrect address information. If you or someone you know hasn't received their information package, please have them contact the Treaty Office. In order to ensure a fair and equitable treaty your address information must to be kept current. It can be prove to be timely and costly if neglected. Get your facts today!



Photos: Fish caught by Don Roberts & Lamy Derrick was being distributed to community members near the Treaty Office.



## Treaty Trivia

**Submit your Entry during October to Win:**

Answer skill testing question & submit your ballot during October's Consultation Treaty Meeting for a chance to win.

Q: What two chapters will be covered during the next treaty consultation meeting in October?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Hint: Answer found in this issue of Treaty Times.  
One entry per person and must be present in order to claim prize.

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## Message from the Editor



### Take Control of Your Future.

I was impressed to see the number of community members in attendance at the Treaty Consultation Meeting on September 3rd. I expect the numbers to grow as we continue to reach out to the community through newsletters, media and word of mouth. I encourage you to attend and remind you to bring someone else along for future meetings. There is a compelling responsibility for our Treaty office to implement communication channels in order to educate, inform, consult and involve all our members during Stage 4 of the Treaty Process. With a mandate of this magnitude comes an equally compelling responsibility for our members to get involved and take control of what the future holds. We can only provide the appropriate channels and it is up to members to take action and utilize them. With that being said, we are recruiting volunteer Steering Committee members to provide feedback on what they would like to see in the Treaty Times and also be a part of treaty dialogue prior to the community consultation meetings. The steering committee will be a group of members who have diverse community knowledge, and resources that can help support the treaty office in it's treaty mandate as well as help with finding more ways to reach out to the community. We look forward to seeing you again at the October 15th community treaty consultation meeting. Together, Getting It Right.

Sincerely,  
Alec Bolton

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## Welcome to the Fall Edition of the Treaty Times

### Submit Your Picture or Story & Get Published

Time to kick off our story & picture contest! Our contest is open to everyone—elders, youth, adults & children. Stories or photos can be emailed to [ruby\\_k\\_gill@yahoo.ca](mailto:ruby_k_gill@yahoo.ca) or dropped off at the Kitsumkalum Treaty Office.

Submissions can be made via voice recorder, written, emailed or photographs. Please let us know if you need access to tape recording equipment. Remember to include your contact information & a brief description of the photo.

Get your story published in:

- Issue of Treaty Times
- Skeena Diversity's Skeena Stories 150 Book
- BC Royal Museum website

### And the Winner is...

Congratulations to Harvey Wing who was drawn as the Treaty Trivia winner. He will be awarded a surprise prize from the Treaty Office. He answered last month's Treaty Trivia correctly. There are 3 treaties negotiated in BC.

### Treaty Trivia - How to Enter & Win

In order to be eligible to enter, Treaty Trivia is found on the back of every issue of the Treaty Times. Answer the skill testing question found in this issue. One entry per person and must submit ballot during October's consultation Meeting as well as being present at the Community Consultation Meeting in order to claim prize.

### In the Community Calendar of Events

#### TBD | Community Treaty Consultation Meeting | Every- one Welcome

Kitsumkalum Treaty Office will be holding the third Treaty Community Consultation in October. Be a part of your future today. We will keep you posted on the date in the next issue of Treaty Times. Everyone Welcome - youth, members and elders. **Snacks provided, 50/50 and door prizes.**

#### TBD | Recruiting Steering Committee | Everyone Welcome

The Treaty Office is recruiting volunteer members for the Treaty Steering Committee. The goal is to create dialogue around effective ways to communicate to our members, contribute story ideas to the Treaty Times and review AIP chapters. The treaty office plans to also undertake an exciting and unique documentary project (subject to funding) and would like to get you involved. All ages welcome. If you are interested please call the treaty office or email: [ruby\\_k\\_gill@yahoo.ca](mailto:ruby_k_gill@yahoo.ca)

## Who is BC Treaty Commission? Why are they involved in our Treaty?

The Treaty Commission is the independent and neutral body responsible for facilitating treaty negotiations among the governments of Canada, BC and First Nations in BC. The Treaty Commission does not negotiate treaties that is done by the three parties at each negotiation table. The Treaty Commission's primary role is to oversee the negotiation process to make sure that the parties are being effective and making progress in negotiations. In carrying out the recommendations of the BC Claims Task Force, the Treaty Commission has three roles: facilitation, funding and public information and education.

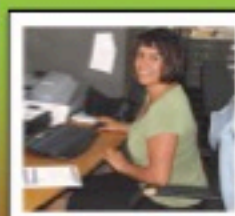
The BC treaty process is a voluntary process of political negotiations among First Nations, Canada and BC. In treaty negotiations, a First Nation does not have to prove aboriginal rights and title—these rights are already recognized and protected by the Canadian Constitution. The main goal of the treaty process is to provide certainty of jurisdiction over land and resources. Through a treaty, the rights and obligations of all parties are set out, thereby resolving conflicting land ownership between the Crown (BC) and aboriginal peoples. The BC treaty process, open to all BC First Nations, currently has 58 First Nations at 47 sets of negotiations. BC treaty negotiations are arguably the most complex set of negotiations Canada has ever undertaken and the most complex treaty negotiations ever undertaken in the world.



### Sept 9th | FASD Awareness Day



Photos on Right: Arlene Roberts from Kermode Friendship Society leads dance team during the Sept 9th International FASD Day Awareness Day. People around the world gather to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking during pregnancy and the plight of individuals and families who struggle with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). The first FASD Day was celebrated on 9/9/99. This day was chosen so that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol.



#### Kitsumkalum Continues Traditional Ecological Knowledge Studies

**How You Can Be Involved:** Your Community Coordinator has already started the TEK interviews. If you or someone you know is knowledgeable of marine resources and wished to participate in the study, please contact your Community Coordinator. By participating in the study, you will ensure that your important information is being considered when marine management decisions are being made. You will also contribute decision-making that puts the interests of your First Nation first. Please call Nina at the Treaty Office to schedule your interview.

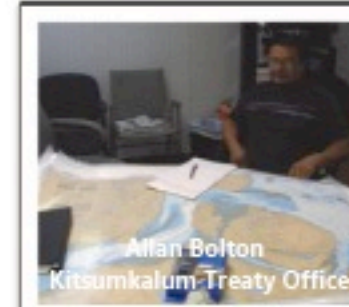


Photo above: Allan Bolton awaiting patiently to interview. We encourage you to come by the Treaty Office for your interview.