

Treaty Trivia - GUESS WHO CONTEST

Can you guess who everyone is?

Fill out the ballot with the right names and you will be entered for a draw to win prizes!

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Fill out the ballot with the correct answers. You can also email your answer to npeden@kitsumkalum.bc.ca or drop off ballot with Nina at the treaty office or enter by phone. All ballots with correct answers will be entered for a draw to win prizes. Winner will be announced in the next issue of the Treaty Times.



One entry per person. Winner will be drawn February 28th at 3PM at the Treaty Office.

Submission: (first and last name)

Phone Number:

Q: Who is the person/s in the picture above?

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| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

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Last month's Guess Who Contest winner is Verna Inskter.

Last month's answer was Stella Gerow.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Kitsumkalum Community Members,

Hope you had a great holiday and a happy 2010! The month of December was extremely busy for us at the Treaty Office. With the December 16th community dinner around the proposed Northwest Transmission Line and the memorandum of understanding that was recently signed, the last few weeks coming up to the New Year were eventful in our office.



Alex makes opening remarks as Hereditary Chief alongside elders and Chief Don Roberts

Gary Alexcee the Kitsumkalum Resource Manager and several staff at the band office worked with BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation to successfully sign a memorandum of understanding.

We were pleased to have BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation host a community dinner and an Open House where guest speakers highlighted potential employment and education opportunities, economic development and also showed us detailed maps in which the proposed transmission

line will overlap on Kitsumkalum territory. It was attended by an estimated 200 Kitsumkalum people and was very successful.

Whats in store for the NEW YEAR?

In 2010 the treaty office will be making major headway in finally being able to provide more details to our community on treaty. We have developed the fundamental staples of our agreement in principle and our next step is to start getting into more specifics with negotiators and this will allow us to start providing more details to our members. It is a huge job ahead of us and I am looking forward to tackling this milestone and making significant progress.

We look forward to your participation and involvement in the New Year!

Sincerely,
Alex Bolton



(right) Jeremy Higham, BC Hydro Aboriginal Relations Coordinator & Gary Alexcee, Resource Manager for Kitsumkalum (left)

Watch your mailbox for Treaty Booklets! Book 5 Coming Soon!

Treaty Booklets 1 through 4 have already been mailed out and book 5 through to 8 is scheduled to be mailed out starting in February. These booklets are a series that outlines details for specific chapters in the Agreement in Principle. If you did not receive your copy of any of the books already mailed out, please contact Nina at the Treaty Office at 250-635-1718 or email: npeden@kitsumkalum.bc.ca



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Year In Review

The Treaty office has been busy this year. Here is a look at treaty highlights of 2009.

February 2009

Treaty Mail – Out #1

Chapter 25 (Ratification of the Final Agreement & Chapter 24 (Approval of the Agreement in Principle) and monthly newsletters mailed out to members

February 9 – 13, 2009

Vancouver Maintable Session Main Table – Ongoing treaty meetings where the chief negotiators for Canada, British Columbia and the Kitsumkalum Nation and their teams negotiate their parties' interests and discuss treaty issues.

February 10 – 11, 2009

Vancouver Tripartite Tripartite meetings are a joint meeting with representatives from each of the three principals – the First Nation (Kitsumkalum), and the federal and provincial governments. Meeting agenda discusses and negotiates the Agreement in Principle.

March 9 – 13, 2009

Maintable Session Vancouver

March 10 – 11, 2009

Tripartite Session Vancouver

April 14, 2009

Tripartite Session

May 2009

Treaty Mail-Out #2

Chapters 23 – 20 and monthly newsletters mailed out to members.

May 1 – May 3

Terrace Chamber of Commerce Tradeshow Kitsumkalum band and treaty offices took part in it's first Chamber of Commerce Tradeshow.

May 13 – 14, 2009

Maintable Session Terrace

May 13 – 14, 2009

Tripartite Session Terrace

May 15 & May 16, 2009

Best Western Inn Community Meeting A two day event where speakers discussed AIP chapters and John Munroe discussed treaty land chapter

June 10 – 11, 2009

Maintable Session Vancouver

June 11 – 12, 2009

July 8, 2009

Tripartite Session Vancouver

August 11 – 12, 2009

Tripartite Session Vancouver

September 2009

Treaty Mail- Out #3

Chapter 19 (Taxation) and monthly newsletters mailed out to members.

Sept. 8 – 11, 2009

Vancouver Maintable Session Vancouver

Sept. 28 -30, 2009

Tripartite Session Terrace

September 29, 2009

6PM Community Meeting & Supper Kitsumkalum Hall An evening where the provincial and federal government and their respective negotiators were invited to discuss treaty with Kitsumkalum members. Presentation was also made by John Munroe (Lands Advisor).

October 13 – 16, 2009

Tripartite Session

Oct. 27 – 30, 2009

Maintable Session Vancouver

November 2009

Treaty Mail Out #4

Chapter 18 & 17 and monthly newsletters mailed out to members.

November 24 – 27, 2009

Tripartite Session

November 25 – 27, 2009

Maintable Session Terrace

December 9, 2009

Maintable Session Vancouver

December 15, 2009

Open House 10AM-3PM Dinner 6PM-9PM BC Hydro Open House & Community Dinner BC Hydro, BC Transmission Corporation held an open house and community dinner commemorating the recent signing of a memorandum of understanding around the proposed transmission line that will overlap on traditional Kitsumkalum territory.

A Day of Learning and Celebration

The Northwest Transmission Line project (NTL) was on the agenda 150 Band members and guests came together at an open house at the Kitsumkalum Community Hall on December 15, 2009.

Hosted by Kitsumkalum First Nation, the gathering focused on presentations and discussions about the BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) project. Participants included BCTC, BC Hydro, and the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO).

"It was a great event. We heard a lot about the interests and concerns of community members, and we thank everyone who came and shared their comments," said Tim Jennings of BCTC, the NTL Project Manager. "Chief Don Roberts, Gary Alexcee, and others have worked hard with BCTC over the past few years to make sure that we understand the interests and concerns of the Kitsumkalum people in the NTL. We will continue to move forward in this spirit.

"The B.C. Environmental Assessment Office is committed to building a new relationship with First Nations, founded on reconciliation, mutual respect, and trust," said BCEAO Project Director Kathy Eichenberger. "Events like the open house really help because they identify different ways to ensure First Nations are fully engaged throughout the Environmental Assessment process."

A community dinner attended by close to 250 Hereditary Chiefs, Elders, Band Council representatives, and Band members rounded out the day, as a celebration of a renewed relationship between BCTC, BC Hydro and the Kitsumkalum.

To open the dinner, the Xbishuundts Dancers greeted guests with a traditional Welcome Dance. Jeremy Higham, BC Hydro Senior Aboriginal Relations Coordinator noted that, "We greatly appreciated the kind hospitality of the Chief and Council, Hereditary Chiefs and all of the community in showing us such a generous welcome, and we were honoured to participate in the exchange of gifts



Commemorative gifts were then exchanged, including the presentation of a special plaque to Kitsumkalum. It reads: Commemorating a New Foundation for Our Relationship BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation Working Together for Kitsumkalum and British Columbia

to mark the very positive relationship that Kitsumkalum, BCTC, and BC Hydro have worked hard to achieve. We are very optimistic about moving forward in our NTL discussions and negotiations."

"We wanted to give BC Transmission Corporation, BC Hydro, and the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office the chance to inform and consult with our community around the project and roles they play in it during the Open House. The purpose of the community dinner was to identify a clear understanding of what we have accomplished so far, what we have agreed to move forward with and what we will be elaborating on. The dinner celebrated our renewed relationship with BC Transmission and for our community to see how we have gotten here and the dedication everyone has shown to develop a healthier relationship. Both events were a great success and I was pleased with the outcomes," says Chief Councillor Don Roberts.

"The main priorities of this project are the benefits for the people of our community, our archaeology, the impacts

to the traditional land and how it will affect future economic development for Kitsumkalum.

I was pleased to see that BC Transmission Corporation and BC Hydro demonstrated a true understanding of this. I look forward to seeing the next phase which will require an impacts and benefits assessment to be undertaken and further consultation with our people," notes Kitsumkalum Treaty Coordinator and Negotiator Alex Bolton.

A draw for Canucks hockey tickets, including airfare and hotel, provided by BCTC, was won by Kevin Brown. BCTC and BC Hydro also presented cheques totalling \$10,000 to the Adult Learning Centre and the Recreation Committee.

The evening concluded as it started – with a performance by the Xbishuundts Dancers. The Blanket Dance, a dance that is performed to showcase a story. Donors tossed bills and coins (today's equivalent of eagle feathers) onto a blanket to honour the dancers and cover travel and supplies costs. Half of the proceeds were donated to Kitsumkalum's recreation youth group.

Possible opportunities for Kitsumkalum companies

BCTC is committed to developing positive relationships with BC's Aboriginal peoples. A key initiative is our Aboriginal Business Development program, which includes an Aboriginal Business Directory. The Directory is a database of supplier information used to match Aboriginal businesses with upcoming contracts or with other businesses looking for partnership opportunities.

If you own a business and would like more information or to register in the Directory visit the BCTC website: www.bctc.com. Select Aboriginal Relations from the drop-down menu under the Community Land and Safety navigation button at the top of BCTC's home page. Or call toll-free: 1-866-622-2284

The Northwest Transmission Line

Electricity transmission in northwest BC extends only as far north as Meziadin Junction. This would change with the planned 287 kilovolt (kV) Northwest Transmission Line (NTL).

The NTL would span the 335 km from Skeena Substation (near Terrace) to the Bob Quinn Lake area (see map) at an estimated cost of \$400 million. The BC Transmission Corporation (see sidebar) is responsible for planning, developing, and (once all approvals are in place) building the NTL.

The NTL is about more than electricity – it will be a driver of economic development through mining opportunities and new clean power generating projects. More clean power means lower green-house gas emissions, benefiting our entire province.

Much of the NTL route crosses provincially-owned Crown land and the traditional territories of seven First Nations. The southern most 80 km crosses Kitsumkalum traditional territory. Other traditional territories impacted are: Kitselas, Tahltan, Gitksan, Gitanyow, Lax Kw'alaams and Metlakatla. The Nass Valley route option crosses Nisga'a settlement lands.

BCTC takes its duty to consult with potentially impacted First Nations such as Kitsumkalum seriously, and consultation is being undertaken by BC Hydro's Aboriginal Relations and Negotiations staff, on behalf of BCTC

Ensuring an environmentally sound project

BCTC voluntarily applied to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) in May 2007 for an environmental assessment under the B.C. Environmental Assessment Act. The project did not automatically trigger an assessment under the Act.

This independent review process will ensure the best project



possible and proper consultation with First Nations, local governments, stakeholders and the public. It will provide a thorough review and evaluation of potential environmental, archaeological, cultural and socio-economic impacts.

The BCEAO also set up a working group to help provide input into the environmental assessment process. Representing Kitsumkalum First Nation on the working group are Chief Don Roberts, Resource Manager Gary Alexcee, and Treaty Coordinator and Negotiator Alex Bolton.

Consultation has been ongoing, and comments received from Kitsumkalum and others have helped to shape the NTL Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate. BCTC is now finalizing the Application, for submission to the BCEAO.

For more information on the Environmental Assessment process, visit the BCEAO website: www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Click on the Project Information Centre button on the homepage to find the NTL section.

The NTL requires an Environmental Assessment Certificate before construction can start.

Once the Application has been submitted and accepted by the BCEAO, a review period of up to 180 days will begin, including a public comment period.

Assuming a Certificate is awarded and the necessary permits obtained, construction could start in 2010.

Working Together

Looking ahead, BCTC and BC Hydro will continue working closely with Kitsumkalum, sharing project information and looking for training, business or employment opportunities the project might make available for Kitsumkalum members.

BCTC and BC Hydro will be working with Kitsumkalum to identify potential negative impacts and determine ways to avoid or mitigate them, and also to negotiate a Benefits Agreement.

For more information on the NTL project, visit www.bctc.com and select the Northwest Transmission Line Project from the drop down menu under the Projects button on the home page. Or contact Jeannie Kanakos at (604) 296-4243.

About BC Transmission Corporation

BCTC is the Crown Corporation, responsible for planning, managing and operating our province's publicly-owned electrical transmission system. This system includes substations (like Skeena Substation located near Terrace), and high-voltage power lines (like the ones entering and leaving Skeena Substation).

It's BCTC's job to move electricity from where it is generated to communities where it is needed.

For more information, please visit: www.bctc.com

Big changes to map of B.C.

VICTORIA – A series of B.C. government land management deals with aboriginal people was announced just before Christmas, and quickly lost in the snow flurries and shopping mall traffic jams.

One that got a bit of attention was Premier Gordon Campbell's announcement that official maps will now use the term Haida Gwaii for the archipelago known as the Queen Charlotte Islands. I've been among those advocating this sensible, low-cost bit of diplomacy for at least a decade and it's great to see it finally happen.

This follows the recent adoption by the U.S. (and soon by Canada) of the name Salish Sea for the inland waters now known as the Strait of Georgia, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound.

The explorer known as Juan de Fuca was actually a Greek pilot serving on a 16th-century Spanish ship who made a questionable claim to have been the first European to sail the strait. Even his true name is uncertain, but his Spanish nickname is still immortalized with a provincial park on Vancouver Island.

Britain's Queen Charlotte, wife of King George III, never visited Canada, much less Haida Gwaii. The strait at the north end of Vancouver Island is still named for her; thus she avoids the dustbin of colonial history.

Acceptance of the ancient Haida name ends decades of sovereignty and resource disputes over one of the world's special places. It is the capstone of a complex land-use agreement born out of protests and legal challenges, which began with a unique, federal co-management agreement for Gwaii Haanas National Park in 1993.

Now it's Victoria taking the lead in a sweeping project to define aboriginal title over the vast area of B.C. where treaties were never completed.



Premier Gordon Campbell and Guujaaw, President of the Haida Nation, announce a 'reconciliation protocol' they say ends a century of conflict, Vancouver, Dec. 11. - B.C. government photo

The Haida land-use agreement is one of a string of similar deals finalized in December, with the Gitga'at and five other nations on the north-central coast, and with the Kwakiutl and five more nations on the south-central coast, extending from Parksville to Port Hardy and the adjacent mainland. (Ottawa chipped in for a new ferry terminal at Klemtu.)

Together those deals cover most of the B.C. coast, and that's not all. B.C.'s last major announcement of 2009 concerned a series of land-management agreements with three of B.C.'s Treaty 8 groups: the Doig River, Prophet River and West Moberly First Nations.

Treaty 8 was the last of Canada's historic treaties, covering a vast swath of the Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Alberta and northeastern B.C. It was signed in 1899, and as such it didn't contemplate the rich oil and gas resources that would come to define the regional economy.

Energy development has emerged as the urgent reason to unravel

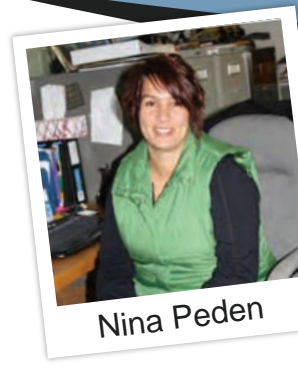
the 150-year tangle of aboriginal title in B.C. The unlocking of huge gas resources in northeastern B.C. shale, the continuing expansion of Alberta oil sands extraction, and the rise of China as a global power have made one thing clear: pipelines must be built across northern B.C.'s disputed territories if Canada is going to compete in the world economy.

I asked Campbell about all this in a year-end interview. He shrugged off the rejection by chiefs of their leadership's proposal to grant a form of aboriginal title across B.C. He insisted that closing the social and economic gaps between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people remains high on his government's agenda.

Campbell cautioned me not to draw conclusions about a lack of progress until 2009 was actually over. At that time, this flurry of agreements that reshape resource decision-making for about half of B.C. was about to be announced.

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Letter to the Editor



Nina Peden



Allan Bolton

Dear Editor,

I am still confused about the Kitsumkalum's current stage in the treaty process. Since we are in stage 4 (Agreement in Principle) of the Treaty process when will the Agreement in Principle (AIP) be considered complete?

Sincerely,
Lynn, Terrace BC

Dear Lynn,

The AIP is considered complete when the Kitsumkalum negotiator, the Chief Negotiator for Canada and the Chief Negotiator for BC, all agree that the AIP will be approved. It could be as a motion to accept at a community meeting or a vote by referendum by all Kitsumkalum members. Canada will approve the AIP when it is agreed to the federal Cabinet. British Columbia will approve the AIP when it is agreed to by the Provincial Cabinet.

If the Kitsumkalum people approve the AIP and Canada and BC Cabinets approve, it will be signed by the Kitsumkalum negotiator and the Tsimshian Chief Negotiator and Cabinet Ministers of Canada and British Columbia.

Hope that clarifies your question,
Treaty Times Editorial Team

HAVE QUESTIONS OR FEEDBACK FOR US?

Write us at npeden@kitsumkalum.bc.ca We are committed to responding to all your calls, letters, emails promptly and thoroughly, and once a month we will select one letter to be featured in the Treaty Times.

Calendar of Events January 2010

January 12 Kitsumkalum Community Meeting on Treaty: Everyone welcome! Treaty meeting will be held at the Kitsumkalum hall at 6PM. Enter to win a getaway to Vancouver! Call Nina at 250-635-1718 for more details.

February 1st Olympic torch relay celebration at Kitsumkalum at 2:30|Everyone welcome to attend the Elder's Fire Keeper Program at the Kitsumkalum parking lot at 2:30. Bring your drums to the Kalum bridge to welcome Kitsumkalum's torch bearer who will be bringing the torch to Kitsumkalum. Join us for dinner after the ceremony for a celebration dinner starting at 5PM. Tickets available at the Band office for \$5.00

February 4-7 Northern BC winter games in Prince Rupert

February 12th-20th 51st Annual All Native Basket Ball Tourney

February 27th -28th Hobiye (Nisgaa New Year) Prince Rupert