

Kitselas Canyon Pole Raising Aug 4th BC Day



History in the making

Hundreds attended to witness the historical raising of four poles, each totem pole was represented by a crest - Wolf (Laxgibuu), Eagle (Laxsgiik), Raven (Ganhada), Killerwhale (Gispudwaada).

The event was well attended by Tsimshian members, the community, mayor, MLA & city counselors.



Sept 9 & 10 | Tripartite Meeting

Tripartite Meeting is a meeting that includes provincial, federal and First Nations governments.

The September's meeting agenda will centre around Agreement In Principal efforts for Kitsumkalum and Kitselas.

Treaty Trivia | Submit your Entry on September 3rd to Win:

Answer skill testing question & submit your ballot at the September 3rd Community Treaty Meeting for a chance to win.

Q: How many treaties have been negotiated in BC?

Answer: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Hint: Answer's found in this issues of Treaty Times.

One Entry per person and must be present in order to claim prize.

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Treaty History: The Royal Proclamation of 1763 decreed that First Nations should not be disturbed in their use and enjoyment of the land. It also declared that only the Crown could acquire land from First Nations, and only through treaty-making. The Royal Proclamation set the framework for negotiation based on co-operation rather than conquest.

Negotiated treaties set out and scribe in detail how rights will be exercised. Negotiated treaties will set out First Nations' jurisdiction over their own affairs through self-government provisions, create an improved foundation for viable First Nations



Treaty making soon became the main mechanism for defining the relationship between First Nations and other Canadians.

Why Is Canada Negotiating Treaties with First Nations in British Columbia?



However, the last of the historical treaties was signed in 1923. At that time, the federal government made it a criminal offence for a First Nation to hire a lawyer to pursue land claims settlements.

The federal government is negotiating treaties in British Columbia (B.C.) in order to resolve questions of uncertainty with respect to land ownership and usage, the management and regulation of lands and resources, and the application of laws. There are historical, legal, economic and social reasons for negotiating treaties.

Consequently, treaties were never concluded with First Nations in some parts of Canada, including most of B.C. The only treaties to be completed in the province were the Douglas Treaties on Vancouver Island, the Nisga'a and Treaty 8 in the northeast corner of B.C.

Source: Indian and Northern Affairs

With so few treaties in B.C., the claims of B.C.'s First Nations have never been negotiated. The result is uncertainty with respect to land and resource ownership, use and management. This uncertainty hinders First Nations' efforts to achieve self-reliance and also takes a significant toll on B.C.'s economy.

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Back To School Edition!



Editor's Message:

Committed to Educating & Involving You

We invite you to respond to our communication efforts. It's important that we continue pursuing involvement of our members. We offer handouts, newsletter mailed to your home monthly and community meetings to help educate you. We encourage you to call us or come by our treaty office and we can offer to explain the Kitsumkalum treaty. Our door is always open for you. Take control of your future as a First Nation. During the Treaty Process, we are determined to evoke your responses and create further forums for dialogue, discussion and feedback on current treaty negotiations. It's not only about informing but involving. Together, Getting It Right.

Yours Truly,
Alec Bolton

In the Community
Treaty Events

Sept 3 | Community Treaty Meeting | Everyone Welcome

KitsumKalum Treaty Office will be holding the second Treaty Community Consultation on Sept 3rd at 6:30pm at Kalum Hall Upper Deck. We invite everyone - youth, members and elders. will be host to a dinner for federal and provincial governments, regional district, KitsumKalum Chief and Council, and our neighbors which will include Haida Gwai, Haisla, and Gitsan. Outcome for dinner will be reported in the next issue of the Treaty Times. **Snacks provided, 50/50 and door prizes.**



Left Picture: NP Nathan Cullen shows is support during the successful Kitsumkalum Riverboat Days Barbeque on August 2.

Submit Your Story/Picture

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, dropped off at the Kitsumkalum Treaty Office.

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

Chance to have your story published in:

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