



Questions and Answers from the Communications & Engagement Survey | March 2021

Thank you to the KitseLas members who completed our Communications & Engagement Survey. Below, please find questions and answers from the survey.

Q: After Treaty will status cards be valid for hunting off-reserve? IE other provinces.

A: Yes.

Q: Will owned properties across the river (KitseLas lands) be included in the Treaty?

A: Existing private properties are not included in the Treaty.

Q: What resources (fish, timber, minerals) will be included and protected within the KitseLas Area/ Treaty i.e how they will be handled and regulated, who will be able to access and will KitseLas people be able to have these jobs? More consultation regarding this matter.

A: All resources are included in the Treaty, including subsurface, water and minerals (there are no oil or gas resources under any KitseLas Treaty Settlement Lands). KitseLas Government will be required to set-up regulations and processes for each resource or could opt to use the existing provincial regulations. Increased job opportunities may result through the Treaty.

Q: KitseLas has a very big traditional territory. Will we lose this if a Treaty is finalized?

A: No. KitseLas will continue to have certain rights on the Traditional Territory (KitseLas Area), such as the right to consult.

Q: The cash offer is not sufficient.

A: Negotiation is continuing, and the final cash offer is expected to be larger than the current offer.

Q: I would like to see more unrestricted training funds made available for ALL KitseLas members regardless of age, location.

A: The KitseLas Government is currently exploring all opportunities for training and development of members. Treaty is expected to expand these options.

Q: No taxes for elders and those with restricted income.

A: Agreed.



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Q: What is the plan to earn revenue off our lands?

A: We are generating own-source revenue from our lands and Treaty will provide more available lands.

Q: Has the Treaty loan been forgiven by the B.C. government or federal government?

A: Yes, the Treaty loan has been forgiven.

Q: Will taxation be phased in?

A: Yes. For example, Kiselas is seeking a 50-year phase-in on income taxes. Discussion on taxes will be discussed in detail at an upcoming community meeting.

Q: Don't lose our status - remain same rights.

A: Treaty will not change your status or your rights.

Q: Need more family group conversations happening - not many understand. Agreed.

A: Treaty is focussing extensively on community engagement in 2021, including family group conversations.

Q: Other than the people who were talking last night (March 3 Community Meeting) who else is looking out for our community's best interest? I'm thankful that they are speaking up and would like to one day figure out a way to acknowledge them for continuing to keep the best interest of our community at the forefront.

A: All Treaty staff and Chief and Council are actively seeking to inform and engage community.

Q: I do remember voting on this topic before and am curious has there been a date set for the next vote?

A: No, a date has not been set at this time for the vote.

Q: Why do we need a modern-day Treaty when bands are now allowed to have assets and they have the ability to enter into agreements with big businesses/corporations?

A: A modern-day Treaty is about the fundamental right for self-governance. Please visit *Why Treaty* at kitselas Treaty.ca for a deeper explanation.

Q: We have new team members now. Be nice to have a current update with their roles and responsibilities.

A: Please watch for staff profiles in the Canyon Current. A revised organizational chart will be provided shortly.