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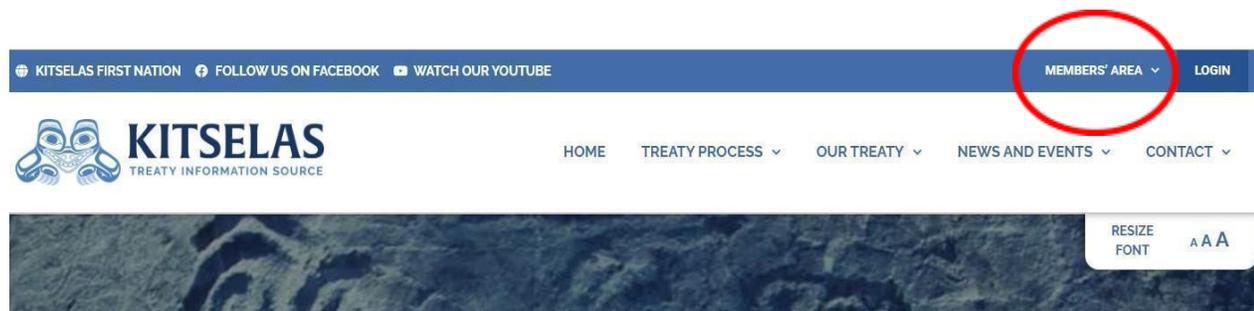
TREATY INFORMATION SESSION: TAXATION & TAX EXEMPTIONS | NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Thank you to the Kitselas Members who joined us for our sixteenth Treaty Information Session community meeting at the Best Western Terrace Inn and via Zoom on November 30, 2022. Everyone is welcome at Treaty Information Sessions.

Below are the Q&A and comments from the meeting.

The next Treaty Information Session is on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, with dinner at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be confirmed later.

The recording of the November 30 community meeting is available in the **Member's Area** of the www.kitselastreaty.ca website. Please register to access this area:



Q – I pay a large amount of taxes for the job that I do. Did I understand correctly that the taxes I pay will go into the community?

A – Yes, we are negotiating that a share of the income taxes you pay will come back to Kitselas.

Q – What is the difference between a “certificate of allocation” and a “certificate of possession”?

A – There is no difference; they are the same. One is the term from the Indian Act, and the other is found in the Kitselas Land Code. On the Treaty's Effective Date, Kitselas must issue you a new Kitselas Certificate of Possession, which will be registered in the BC Land Title office (like all other citizens of BC), instead of the federal government database.

Q – What benefits will Kitselas People have under new land extensions of Gitau parcels? People living on both reserves working on reserves – there isn't enough work for everyone to work on the reserve or (additional) Kitselas Lands. We shouldn't have to pay taxes for working on Kitselas Lands anywhere. How will our government keep track of this? This will be very difficult. Why not with the extensions to the reserves, call the extensions as IR-X, so that we know that there is a difference. I think that the extension to the reserve should be included as part of the reserve. What is the difference?

Going back to housing, I have to pay taxes on houses, like you do in town. I was talking to people on the Nass, and they are only recently having to pay land taxes, and now paying taxes they can't afford. There is no stalling on paying taxes. Don't pay equals lose house. I hope this is considered, especially when it comes to the new Treaty Settlement Lands.

A – Those are good points. We are continuing to negotiate. Ultimately, I do not expect Elders to ever be asked to pay property taxes on Kitselas Indian Reserves. We're in charge and we can decide who to tax and how much. We can choose to not tax Elders' property just like BC does now with the BC Property Tax Deferment Program (for people who are 55 or older). This will ensure that no Elder ever loses their home, because they can't pay property taxes.

It is not clear what we will do with other houses on the reserves owned by poorer people. Treaty gives us the power to set up programs to protect people in need and have challenges and others who cannot pay taxes. It will be our choice.

Q – I just wanted to add to what George has been saying in relation to land taxes and in relation to the Nisga'a. Nisga'a Elders are losing their homes. I wanted to ask if my office is on-reserve but I work at home (off-reserve), am I able to be tax exempt. Northwest Inter-Nation Family and Community Services staff are tax-exempt. Is this tax break still in existence? This used to be the case.

The other thing is the Constitution: is that where you're building on the point where Elders will not lose their homes if they don't pay taxes?

A – In relation to Elders in their homes, this will be a new Property Tax Law that Kitselas will pass. We have heard the same stories about Nisga'a Elders. We are confident that the Kitselas Property Tax Law will protect our People.

In relation to individual taxation, there is no blanket answer. Instead, the Canada Revenue Agency has a set of standard questions they look at. For example: Are you a Status Indian? Where do you live? Where do you work? Who benefits from the work? Where is the employer's headquarters located? The answers determine whether your

income (or part of your income) is tax-exempt or taxable. There is no simple answer; it depends on your circumstances.

Businesses have different options, including whether to create a corporation with headquarters on reserve, for example. There are many things that impact corporate taxation that are not available to individuals. Corporations themselves are never tax-exempt as there is no such thing as a First Nation or Indigenous corporation under Canadian law.

Comment – I think Guideline 2 under Section 87 of the Indian Act could provide some relief to George's comments:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/indigenous-peoples/indian-act-exemption-employment-income-guidelines.html>.

If the employer is a resident of a reserve and the community member lives on the reserve, income exemption could apply regardless of where it is earned. There are some nuances here that would have to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Comment – In honour of my late sister, I respectfully remind people that she was opposed to Treaty as, among other things, we did not have all the information we needed to make a final decision. I do acknowledge the ongoing work of the Treaty Team to continue to inform us of what's in the draft Treaty and answer our questions.

A – I honour your sister's memory and deeply respect her opinions. The Treaty Team has a profound respect for those people who voted "no" in the Agreement in Principle vote in 2015. We work hard to learn from them and respond to their concerns.

As you mentioned, we will have many events in 2023 where we continue to inform the community of what is in this draft Treaty and we will always answer any questions you have. We have no secrets.

By the way, the Treaty Team would **never** ask you to vote "yes". Rather, we hope you will decide to vote and vote for whatever you believe is in the best interests of yourself, your family, and Kitselas.

Q – One of the questions through a lot of the presentations we've had we get the answers provided here and Q&As are sent out to everybody. Do the Kitselas negotiators see and respond to our comments and questions? If they're negotiating on our behalf, are they seeing our feedback? Part of this would be for them to be here at these sessions and hear our feedback.

A – Well, I (David Try) am the Senior Negotiator and I'm here. Mel Bevan is the Chief Negotiator, and we chat all the time. He is my Father-in-law. Of course, he reads these Q&As, too. We do more than read; we think about how to address community concerns. Since we both live in-community, we have lots of contact with Members,

who often give us feedback, too. Mel has an extensive Elders' network, as well, and attends a regular Thursday Elders' lunch in Kulspai.

Q – Where are we with the Constitution?

A – We met with our Constitution lawyer (Albert Peeling) this week (the end of November) to continue development of the 3rd draft of the Kitselas Constitution. The current plan is to circulate this 3rd draft in January. We don't want to rush it, but want to get it out to you, too. We will then begin a series of short meetings to discuss sections of the Constitution with Members. Everything will continue to be sent out to the community by mail and email, and shared on the website, social media, and the new phone app coming in the new year for those unable to attend events.

Q – When can we meet with Kitsumkalum to hear where they are at with their Treaty? And where are they at? And what are their concerns and their process? I am hearing from Kitsumkalum Members that they are unsure because they do not know where Kitselas is at.

A – We have asked and will bring this up again about having a joint meeting with Kitsumkalum. Respectfully, our two communities are in very different places. In the last three years, Kitselas has had 27 or 28 community meetings on Treaty. Kitsumkalum has had two. We share all of our information booklets, PowerPoints, etc. with their communications people, and they have been generous in sharing historical materials with us.

Thanks to many Kitselas Treaty meetings, just like tonight, we feel that we are in very different places. The questions that Kitsumkalum Members may ask in a joint meeting, you likely already know. We will again bring this idea up with the Kitsumkalum negotiators next week at our internal preparation meeting.

Q – Based on a previous question and your answers about income taxes and where you're working and living, are K5T staff currently taxable because they are not situated on the reserve?

A – I believe that most "Status Indians" working with K5T, who also live on an Indian Reserve, could be considered tax-exempt as the work they do is for the betterment of Indigenous people. K5T corporate headquarters is the Kitselas Development Corporation building on Queensway, which counts for the Canada Revenue Agency, too. If you want to have your corporate headquarters in the same building, see Darren, the CEO of the Kitselas Development Corporation.

Q – A big push with the Treaty is to get away from the Indian Act, yet we are maintaining a reserve system that was imposed. The rules of taxation for those reserves are going to be in place. But we will have to pay taxes on other Tsimshian Territories. No taxation should be applied to any of the lands we have negotiated. Why spend 30 years negotiating if we don't get to set the rules on the land we were able to get in Treaty. We should be able to make our own laws.

A – We agree with you. We should have tax exemption on all of our Treaty Lands. That's what negotiation is all about too. We're not finished yet. However, it is worth nothing that no one is living on the Treaty Settlement Lands right now, so there is no current tax issue to worry about. We have lots of time to solve this problem, even post-Treaty.

Q – I worked with the Band. I was a councillor with the Band for five terms. Right now, I'm worried about the connotation that they are getting about tax exemptions. This is not a good thing to focus on. This brings a lot of negative feelings around the Treaty. I'm wondering if there is anything being offered to our administration to educate our people without that negative feeling of paying taxes

A – Frankly, we don't if the Kitselas Administration has ever considered this. We work hard to bring you pieces of the Treaty that we can focus on, one by one. We'll be talking about this again in the new year. We will continue negotiations. We know what the current offer is, but it could get better.

Generally, people are happy to hear about the tax exemptions. If you are tax exempt and working on the reserve, you don't pay taxes. But I don't think this is the whole issue. Many people are paid much less than what they would make in town working at a similar position (they don't pay income taxes, but they have lower gross pay). I don't think tax exemption is the full answer. We consider continuing tax exemptions post-Treaty to be a major breakthrough for Treaty negotiations in Canada. It's a great step forward.

Comment – I'm hoping that I am able to contribute to this process, because I have been around. I think I have some information that could help Kitselas to do a better job.

A – We are advertising for Members to sit on a Kitselas Law Review Committee to review laws that will be put forward. Please let Crystal know if you'd like to be a part of this committee. You can email: treatyreception@kitselas.com.

Q – (Ken McDames Sr.) As you know the federal Liberals have a minority government with the support of the NDP. If an election is called before the Treaty negotiations are completed, what happens? It's a concern, as I remember what the government was like under Stephen Harper. He wanted to get rid of tax exemptions on gas. We have to thank the Chiefs across Canada, who ganged up on him to leave this alone. I'm wondering about this. You can say the same thing about BC's NDP. You don't know where they are going to stand. They say nice things to you, but they don't always keep their promise.

And my sister wanted to know if she will get a raise if we get a Treaty!

A – The leader of the Conservative Party, Pierre Poilievre, came to visit Kitselas a few weeks ago, and our Chief and others had dinner with him. We had a chance to chat with him. I (David Try) asked Pierre, when we finish this, assuming we vote "yes", no matter where he is sitting in the Parliament (minority leader or government), will he support the Treaty? He said "Yes". He thinks Treaty is the ultimate form of reconciliation.

The work that has been done is good work to get the community to a positive place. The Conservative Party under Stephen Harper was very different from today's Conservatives.

Similarly, you may ask "Will BC's new premier, David Eby, change the course of Treaty negotiations?" The answer is "No". We have met with him, too.

We negotiate with negotiators for the government, not politicians. We all think that the stars are aligned to have everyone's support on the provincial and federal level, as well as our Chief and Council's support to finish negotiations and take this to a vote.

The next federal election is two years away. We have to finish the negotiations in the next year or two. The stars are aligned, and I am repeating the words of all the negotiators at the table. We will either be the next or second next Nation to complete Treaty negotiations and to have a vote in the next little while.

Q – I have been a community member since 1987. I was just wondering how if Kitselas Members aren't going to be taxed, then how are programs and services going to be provided to Kitselas Members? I have been a taxpayer all my life. Kitselas hasn't benefited from my taxes. Terrace and Kitimat benefit. We have always had to rely on the programs and services they provide. As a Nisga'a Citizen, there is an option on my tax form to be recognized as a Nisga'a Citizen, so they get part of my taxes. I make sure this is marked. Just an idea that non-Members should be given this option as well to have their taxes be paid by themselves or by their employers.

I noticed when applying for Canada Pension, we have an option to get all of your pension without paying taxes. I think that option should be given to the employers and business of Kitselas. They should give an option to their non-Members to pay taxes on their own to Kitselas.

A – We agree with what you said. We are trying to make sure that we get the benefits from our Members paying taxes, just like the Nisga'a. Programs and services will not change. They will continue as they are now, after Treaty. We are able to top them up now with our revenue, and we will continue to top them up after Treaty.

Like income tax exemptions, Canada Pension Plan (CPP) payment rules are somewhat complex for taxation. I am happy to chat of-line, with anybody about how the government of Canada (Canada Revenue Agency) determines whether CPP is considered taxable income or not.

Unfortunately, we don't believe Canada or BC will agree that non-Indigenous people working on (current) Indian Reserves or future Treaty Settlement Lands should be tax free.

Q – I was not born on reserve. I was born at the Sunnyside cannery. I don't know if that means anything, but I have been thinking about it a lot. I'll get back to that later. I've been retired for 12 years. I had no problems with my income tax returns, until 3 years ago. All of a sudden, I saw my income tax return and all of a sudden, I owed \$3000. Where's that coming from? I couldn't understand. I didn't want to pay because I knew there was something wrong. So, the next year it happened again, and finally this year, I asked when I filed my income tax. I was told I'm not paying income tax. I'm retired. I haven't been paying income tax since I started my retirement. Why all of a sudden do I owe \$3000 for the last 3 years? They take \$1000 a month. There was a tough time for a while. They finally told me that I had to pay \$100 for my income tax. I never thought about all of this, until it came up now.

What do I say? What am I supposed to do? I don't know if I'm the only one, but it is happening to me.

I'm sure glad I came to hear all of this. I had to hear this. I want to thank you for inviting me, and I'm glad I'm here.

A – I can't answer your specific question from up here right now. But please give your name and contact details to the Treaty staff and we will help you get an answer.

Comment (Darren McCormacak, CEO of the Kitselas Development Corporation) – I'm a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and I will do my best to help you with this. I would really like to help you with this. I wanted to share a website with everyone from the CPA, if you wanted to Google Indian Act Employment Guidelines. There will be answers to some of your questions, like Debbie's questions. These are not laws—they are interpretations of laws—but it is a useful resource.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/indigenous-peoples/indian-act-exemption-employment-income-guidelines.html>

Q – My brother-in-law, Jack Kennedy, was born and raised [here]. He is a Member of the Kitsumkalum Band. He lives near Hamilton, Ontario. When he and his wife go shopping, he shows his status card and doesn't have to pay taxes. We live here in Terrace. My wife wanted to use her status card. She bought me a gift of drill bits and the Rona dealer [said we needed to pay taxes] unless they would be delivered on reserve and we would do the transaction on reserve. I asked about having it delivered to Kitsumkalum, but it was a \$75-delivery fee. It was cheaper to pay the taxes.

Similarly, we went out to the Nass and wanted to fill up for gas, but they wouldn't accept her status card on the Nass. But they cannot...

A – We cannot speak to Ontario's tax policies, but don't think a BC Treaty will enable us to change Canada and BC tax policies. Without all the facts, we may go so far as to suggest your brother-in-law is probably either buying goods on reserve land (whether he knows this or not) or the businesses are not following the law. Canada's tax policies are clear, whether you live in PEI or BC. We accept what you're saying, but we cannot change it. If you want to try, I can only give you the Member of Parliament's and Member of Legislative Assembly's addresses, so you can contact their office

Nisga'a people are no longer tax-exempt, whether buying gas in the Nass or when they get gas at Kitsumkalum. They lost their tax exemptions in Treaty. We won't. That's the big news. Nisga'a will get their tax exemptions back one day, too.

Q – Property tax – I have signed the documents and have a Certificate of Possession that my house will go to my daughter. I hope to see Treaty become a reality. Will my daughter have to pay property taxes on the house after Treaty?

A – We are not sure. It will be up to Chief and Council (the Kitselas government) to decide if Kitselas Members will pay property taxes for houses on reserve. They can make these laws, but we suspect that they will choose to not make this happen. We think that this is somewhat unlikely to happen, but we can't tell you for sure. But, as was described earlier, we will have programs to help Elders and people who will need help. No one will lose a home because of property taxes.

Q – As I was saying, I pay taxes to the Canadian government, and I pay Employment Insurance (EI) and Canada Pension Plan (CPP). I look forward to my taxes going to Kitselas. I just want to know if the money that I have paid to date for my CPP, will it come to me when I retire? Will I get my pension?

A – Yes, you will get your pension. The CPP fund is very healthy (financially) and there is no doubt that you will get your pension when you get old enough! The current rules are that if you pay your CPP on tax-exempt taxes, you will get your tax-exempt pension. It will not be taxable income. This is a Government of Canada policy, not a Kitselas policy. Treaty will not allow us to change this. You'll certainly get your pension. It's just a matter of if it will be taxable or not.

Q – We have outstanding overlap with Lax Kw'alaams and Metlakatla. Will this be resolved?

A – The land that we have negotiated as Treaty Settlement Lands (TSL) does not have overlaps. There are other lands, where everyone can hunt and fish and go to use the resources. It is a shared territory. The overlap issue is being discussed at the Tsimshian Chief's Meeting. This is something being done at a political level, not at a Treaty negotiation level. This is a highly political issue.

Q – Truth and Reconciliation – this is separate. Is this correct? I hope we don't get left behind with Truth and Reconciliation because we were put into residential schools and our culture was taken away. There are a lot of Elders that were taken. Some were mistreated. I would not want to see younger generations to be left out of any possible help with addictions, drugs, etc. Our youth are suffering. We can see this on-reserve. I would like us to be in Truth and Reconciliation.

A – Treaty is one part of Truth and Reconciliation in BC. I would say that Truth and Reconciliation is what drives Treaty negotiations today—what motivates BC and Canada to finish negotiations.

Drugs: I wish I had an answer for this. I volunteered at a detox centre in Ottawa for more than a decade. I wish I could tell you I think I have even part of an answer. There isn't an answer. And Treaty cannot solve this.

The Health Department has the leadership for Administration. There is funding to send someone to a treatment centre. Many people in Terrace are seeking a local detox center. Ultimately, we are trying to build a healthier community. We will have ongoing funding for treatment, programs, and services, but that won't address the core issues, just the symptoms. Treaty will be able to create some new laws (for example, to remove drug dealers from our community, but they are only going to move to

Terrace). We are doing some things, but in my experience, this will only make a small dent in a much larger problem.

Q – You're saying Kitselas is going to be in a Treaty by ourselves, and we're in a race with Comox. What level are we going to be at in terms of government? If we are really close to Treaty, I don't think we're including enough Kitselas Members and we're not educating our Members to get to the finish line. We're being left behind, and we need to take care of our people.

A – It's not a race. We did not mean to imply that. We are not rushing, but did want to say that we are close to being finished.

Communications – We work hard and consistently at educating Kitselas People on Treaty with monthly mail-outs, monthly meetings, the Treaty website, the new phone app (coming in the new year), social media, radio, and newspaper ads, BC road tours, and even free coffee at Treaty Office! We always welcome any other ideas you have on how to get the message out about Treaty. Of course, we cannot compel people to learn, so we must each accept collective responsibility to be Treaty teachers for those not here tonight!

Q – I would like to see from other Treaty Nations what they have learned, what they have or not, so that we can learn from them. I have seen things on TikTok, and we share a similar experience. I would like to see more of this kind of information, where we're lacking in Treaty and others have progressed.

Our resources are gone. People who have traplines in the Kitimat valley. Pipelines have decimated these trap lines. How are we going to level the playing ground? People have traplines that don't even exist now. It's sad. What is our Lands and Resources [Department] doing to protect our present trapline owners or even our land? What is the baseline to say hey, "I've got a salmon. Let's talk about your trapline." This is where it's at. This is the baseline of the environment. This is what's on there. This is what's available. But we're not doing that for our Membership right now, who have traplines. CGL and LNG are just ripping up the lands and there are camps up there. What are those trapline owners going to benefit from that? That is a long-term problem. I don't know if Treaty is going to have an effect on that. Maybe we can get something from that for our resources that are gone. We have to tell people

A – We'll own a lot more land, and we will set the rules and laws on that land (not BC or Canada).

If you have a trapline that has been impacted by LNG. I encourage you to call LNG and tell them you want compensation. You may want to talk to our Lands and

Resource Department (Chris Apps, Director) to see what the department can do to help you, but it has to be a specific question and claim. Treaty did a study of traplines and I have the map in my office. We know who owns what traplines and I encourage you to take action with specific cases.

In terms of informing people, we have a monthly meeting, we put everything online, and we are building an app that will be rolled out in January. We mail everything out that is discussed at these monthly meetings. We are trying to increase how we engage with community Members. But the Treaty Team cannot compel people to come to these meetings. Please encourage people you know to come. We are planning to have more meetings with Elders and youth in 2023. You can email and call the office any time.

Q – I'm curious about getting responses from our Members, who live far away. It would be interesting to hear what they have to say. And the questions they have asked. Are they getting the information we are getting?

A – As you may recall, we did visit seven communities around BC in June 2022. We certainly had lots of questions from our off-reserve community Members, who were really happy to see us. We published Q&A's from meetings and mailed a copy to every Kitselas household. We are happy to send you a copy if you'd like. They are also on the Treaty website.

Comment – I always receive the Treaty meeting info in the mail after each meeting. I'm off-reserve at a distance; I would like to be able to watch recordings of past meetings.

A – We do record these meetings, and all recordings can be found on the Treaty website, too, in the Member's Area: <https://www.kitselastreaty.ca/members-area/>

Q – I was also wondering about our status cards? Do we lose them with Treaty? Or do we get to keep them?

A – You will not lose your status card. You will use the Canada status card for services such as gas stations on the way to Vancouver. You will also get a Kitselas Nation citizenship card that you will use for services and programs locally.

Q – I have to pay for medications now and some of them aren't covered. I have to pay for my own medication now and it's hard. I need them and I need to get them. Will this be covered under Treaty?

A – Those health programs will stay the same as they are now. Kitselas may choose to increase benefits for our Members, as we wish.

Q – Feast – I've been told they won't be allowed

A – It is exactly the reverse. Treaty ensures that we can do all of our cultural events in any way we wish. It will become entrenched and protected by Canadian law, so there can never be another potlatch ban.

Q – Listening to how close we are to negotiations, through it all with Canada and the Province, there has always been talk of certainty. BC wants certainty. I think it's important for us as Kitselas Members, too. What is this certainty for us? What does it mean? We have heard information. The feedback we hear is that programs and services won't change, but what other things are certain?

Fishing, as an example, we should have the chance to review the chapters and ask questions of this. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) recommends no fishing when stocks are low, but we can fish. How does this impact our food and diet? This is a certainty that needs to be addressed, especially because of farmed fish.

A – Kitselas will get certainty, too. Nobody can ever take our rights away, our land away, or our resources away. The reason we are not passing out copies of a 225-page Treaty document tonight is that some parts are still under negotiations. As we finish things we are bringing you things. You are welcome to come look at a copy at any point. We will share this with you as we get more sections finished.

Certainty – The Treaty makes everything law. It locks it in as a law. The certainty is that the government can't change their minds anymore. We can set laws and everyone has to acknowledge, follow, and hopefully respect Kitselas laws. We sure can't do this right now. This is the certainty that you referred to. The federal or provincial government can't undo things.

Fish – We'll be doing a fish update sometime in the first half of 2023. We are always available to answer specific questions in the fish or any other chapter you mentioned.

Q – I've been a councillor before. In that time, I was able to sit with Mel and the lawyers to add to Kitselas laws. I'm just wondering if there is a time when these laws that were drafted earlier will be reviewed and looked at going forward?

A – Yes, we will need to review and update previous Kitselas laws. Going forward, we will pass in the range of three to four dozen new laws. Some will have to be done by the Effective Date; some can be done after. There are three to four new laws under development right now. All existing Kitselas laws (and we do have some right now, too) will have to be redone, because they are using legal authority or powers that come from the Indian Act. So we have to update past laws, and write about three to

four dozen new laws. We are just starting to test the process now, so that we can practice this process. This process will involve a community consultation phase. To pass a law after Treaty, we will have to consult with the community on each law, too.

Q – After the Treaty, are we going to have a Constitution like the USA? When you start making a Constitution, you make those words to stand for today and the future. That's the question about the act that the Kitselas will stand on today and for future generations.

Comment – This is a really big world. I'm going to go back in time to quite a few years ago. This Treaty that is being negotiated has been going on for a long time. There were three men who were doing it. The first, Andy Paul, he made the headlines in the newspaper. That the 'voice of Indians was dead'. Recently, Frank Collander and Guy Williams, they were doing the same thing that you are doing now.

Why don't we get united and really get together and be strong about it. Those men that were doing that, the last two, were great negotiators. What did the government do to them? The government shut them up. The government put them in the Senate, and then we don't hear anything about them any more. People be careful.

Truth and Reconciliation – Truth on our side, and truth on the government side. The government is a bunch of liars. There are a lot of words, but we have to be careful about how the 'truth' is shared by the government. Where you're sitting right now, belongs to our ancestors. This is yours. That man upstairs, in the clouds, the sky with no end, and no beginning, it's been there. That man up there talked to our ancestors, he said that as far as you can see this is your land.

LNG is doing a good job. They are taking care of the land here. I have a friend in the Houston area, and there they don't take care of the land.

The guys that I work with, the sports fisherman, they do their sports fishing, they just damage the fish and throw it back. Our ancestors, even us today, go and get fish for food, not for sport. I want to see this stopped. I want to see the sport fishermen stopped.

We have to think about the future generations. I was a taxpayer in my younger days. I bought a TV in a store and I paid for it. A lady walked up to me and said that 'you are a lucky Indian that don't have to pay income tax'. I had just come back from paying income tax. Paid quite a few thousand dollars. I showed her my papers. And asked if her husband paid the same. The owner of the store asked the woman to leave. She was fired on the spot for what she said to me.

Those of you who are negotiators, look far ahead, not only for today. May God bless you all. Thank you.

A – Thank you. We appreciate your comments.

Comment (Zoom) – I am fully informed and try to join the meeting via Zoom. I've been off-reserve for many years. I'm quite happy with all the information that myself and my children receive.

Comment (Zoom)– on the medical part; I have been denied an insulin pump because I am a BC Status Indian and First Nations health care in BC doesn't cover this (their exact words). In any other province in Canada, I would have been approved for the pump. Our medical [system] cannot get worse.

Comment (Tyler Harrison on Zoom) - Lots of past meeting info here:

<https://www.kitselastreaty.ca/members-area/meetings/>

Q – (George) Can you mention hunting again? He mentioned an example on the Nass of their hunting laws. You said we could hunt anywhere on Traditional Lands.

A – Treaty will not change those laws. We must ask Nisga'a for permission to hunt on their lands (as they will on our lands after Treaty), and we can hunt on Crown land all year long.