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Based on a foundation of culture, the 'Namgis First Nation Council will strive to create a self-governing, prosperous, healthy community with a strong, self-sustaining economy so that every member has the opportunity to achieve their highest potential.

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In this edition of Kala'mas I'd like to share with you a snapshot of the work that Council is doing on your behalf to address social and economic issues in our community. I'm pleased to share information about work that Council is doing or has done in regard to the 2016 food fishery, education and language revitalization.



2016 Food Fishery

In anticipation of low returns of passing Fraser River sockeye salmon stocks, Council undertook a number of measures to address the food fish needs of 'Namgis members this year.

First of all, Council met with the hereditary Chiefs in February of this year and authorized four days of community fishing to take up to 1,000 sockeye from the Nimpkish River.

Secondly, we were able to adjust this number upwards in July and August 2016 due to installation of a fish fence and DIDSON fish counter, which allowed us to accurately determine the escapement count of adult sockeye salmon returning to the Nimpkish River. As at August 3, 2016 a preliminary total escapement of 73,000 sockeye salmon had passed through the DIDSON counter. Based on this escapement, we could harvest up to 5,600 sockeye from the Nimpkish River, which allowed us to increase the number of community fishing days.

However, despite increasing the number of community fishing days, using the drag seining method and community volunteers, we were only able to harvest a total of 1800 sockeye from the Nimpkish River during the community fishery.

This allowed for distribution of approximately three sockeye salmon per 'Namgis household at 'Yalis. We have been advised by fisheries staff that some households did not receive their allocation due primarily to the limited number of fish harvested this year. In other instances, we have been advised that despite numerous attempts by the fisheries staff to deliver fish to some households, members were not home thus did not receive their allocations.

As in previous years, if members living away from home provided us with a local address at 'Yalis, fisheries staff would deliver sockeye to the local address for that member's household.

Thirdly, on the recommendation of fisheries portfolio holders, Council set aside \$60,000 to secure sockeye and other seafood for members. Part of these funds were allocated to hiring fishers to harvest passing Fraser River stocks during food, social and ceremonial openings authorized by DFO. Unfortunately, despite efforts to hire more fishers, we were only able to engage one fisher to harvest passing Fraser River

sockeye for 'Namgis members. This fisher caught a total of 68 sockeye.

Due to the limited availability of sockeye this year, the remaining part of the \$60,000 is allocated to harvesting other seafood for members. Other seafood could include crabs, prawns, halibut, which could be distributed throughout the year. Fisheries portfolio holders and staff members will be working on a harvest and distribution plan for other seafood. 'Namgis fisheries portfolio holders are Councillors Victor Isaac, Brian Wadhams. Bill Wasden. Rob Mountain and Art Dick.

T'lisalagi'lakw School celebrates 20th Anniversary

The T'lisalagi'lakw School has been in operation for almost 40 years. A community dinner was held at the Big House on June 14, 2016 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the T'lisalagi'lakw School at its present location. Happy Anniversary T'lisalagi'lakw School!

When the T'lisalagi'lakw School was established in the late 1970s, dropout rates among 'Namgis youth were 90% or higher. Having our own school has contributed to improved high school completion rates for 'Namgis youth and afforded us with an opportunity to help prepare T'lisalagi'lakw students for academic success.

A strong sense of identity is crucial to the success of our youth. Having our own independent school has afforded us with an opportunity to build a strong sense of identity among 'Namgis youth, in part, through the cultural and language instruction provided to our students. Having our own school has also afforded us with an opportunity to share our culture and language with all students that attend our school.

Our success in operating an independent school for the past 40 years is due in large part to community support and dedicated school staff and 'Namgis Education Board members. We wish to thank the 'Namgis Education Board and all current and former T'lisalagi'lakw School staff members for your commitment to the academic success of our students and for helping to instill a strong sense of identity in our youth. We also wish to thank community members and parents of T'lisalagi'lakw School students for your invaluable support for our school.

There are a few staff changes at the T'lisalagi'lakw School this year. New staff members include school principal Mike Kanhai, Grade 4/5 teacher Nahani Willis and Grade 6/7 teacher Flo Kanhai. A community dinner was held on August 30, 2016 to introduce new school staff to community members. Please join me in welcoming new staff members to the T'lisalagi'lakw School.

New Terms of Reference for 'Namgis Education Board

Operation of the T'lisalagi'lakw School is overseen by the 'Namgis Education Board. Board members include Diane Alfred, Trish Nolie, Don Svanvik, James Glendale and Board Chairperson Randy Bell.

The roles and responsibilities of the 'Namgis Education Board are set out in Terms of Reference, which were originally passed by 'Namgis Council on April 18, 1991. Over the summer break, 'Namgis Council and the 'Namgis Education Board undertook a much needed and extensive review of the Terms of Reference, which had not been amended by Council in the 25 years since they were originally passed.

This review resulted in a number of amendments to the Terms of Reference. Under the amended Terms of Reference, the elected 'Namgis Education Board is solely responsible for overseeing the operation and maintenance of the School. This includes setting direction, strategic planning, financial management, all personnel matters including the hiring and evaluation of all school staff and development of school policies and procedures. The Board is also responsible for all communication with community members and for establishing and implementing fair and effective processes for addressing concerns and grievances of

parents and guardians. The Terms of Reference require the 'Namgis Education Board to meet a minimum of two times per month.

The roles and responsibilities of 'Namgis Council are set out in an agreement dated August 18, 2016 between the 'Namgis Education Board and Council. Council's main role is to secure funds for School operations and account for funds received from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and others. While school staff are employees of the 'Namgis First Nation, the agreement makes it clear that all responsibility for personnel matters including the hiring and evaluation of staff members rests with the elected 'Namgis Education Board and School Principal. Responsibility for addressing concerns and grievances of parents, guardians and community members also rests exclusively with the elected 'Namgis Education Board and School Principal.

The August 18th agreement and revised Terms of Reference provide a solid foundation for smooth operation and maintenance of the School and for expeditiously addressing any issues that may arise.

Funds for Tutoring Available through Kwagis Community Benefit Fund

The Impact Benefit Agreement between 'Namgis and Brookfield provides for the establishment of a Community Benefit Fund. Kwagis Power contributes \$0.40 per Mwh of electricity generated by the Project to the Fund.

The purposes of the Fund are set out in the Kwagis Community Benefit Fund Policy, which was approved by Council earlier this year. (A copy of the policy is available at the 'Namgis webpage at www.namgis.bc.ca). Improving education outcomes for 'Namgis youth is one of the purposes supported by the Fund. 'Namgis Council is committed to supporting our youth to achieve their full potential. Monies are available through the Fund for 'Namgis students in elementary or high school to hire tutors or to take courses on exam preparation or writing papers. These initiatives are designed to help improve education outcomes for 'Namgis youth.

As the Fund was established for the benefit of our members, 'Namgis members only are eligible to apply for monies from the Fund. Application forms are available on our webpage as an Appendix to the Kwagis Community Benefit Fund policy. If you would like more information about the Fund, please contact our A/Senior Administrator. Verna Ambers.

Language Revitalization

We reported to your earlier this year that 'Namgis received \$90,000 from the 'National Indian Brotherhood Trust for language revitalization. An Advisory Committee has been established to guide the Language Revitalization project team. Advisory Committee members include Gloria Cranmer Webster, Donna Cranmer, Pewi Alfred and Pauline Alfred. An inaugural meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on August 26, 2016.

Focus groups consisting of fluent Kwak'wala speakers and linguists are among the key initiatives that the Language Revitalization Project team and Advisory Committee are working on. The committee will meet again in early September to set dates for the focus groups and to consider options for revitalizing our language.

Tides of Change

We are pleased to report that the *Tides of Change* economic plan jointly developed by 'Namgis and the Village of Alert Bay (VOAB) has won another award. The International Association of Public Participation granted the *Tides of Change* economic plan an award for public participation in the "diversity and inclusion category." 'Namgis representatives on the Tides of Change Steering Committee are Councillors Kelly Speck, Sharon Gordon and Rob Mountain.





NOTICE OF MEETING
'NAMGIS FIRST NATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2016

Please be informed: Saturday – October 15, 2016 and Sunday – October 16, 2016 'Namgis Nation will be holding an Annual General Meeting.

Agenda will be posted on the 'Namagis website when finalized: www.namagis.bc.ca

Your attendance is encouraged.

When: October 15, 2016 October 16, 2016 Time: 10am to 5pm 10am to 3pm

Served: Lunch & Dinner Lunch

Where: Lawrence Ambers Recreation Centre – Alert Bay

Out of Town attendees: members will be reimbursed for gas and ferry. Travel claim will be processed upon receipt of original receipts for ferry and gas. Receipts will be given to the Accounting Office during regular office hours (Monday to Friday, 8am-4pm) for processing.

Refreshments will be provided.

We hope to see you there!

For further information, please contact

Gina Wadhams
Executive Assistant/Communications Coordinator
(250) 974-5556 Ext. 3115





tsantsan'xw'ida's - Wash your hands tsutsaxwxex'ida's - Brush your teeth

'wi'lala ka'salax - Everyone pay attention hutłilala xa k'walsk'wal'yakw - Listen to the old people

naka'mux - That is right tłikwux - That is wrong

'wigilat/as? - What are you going to do? 'wigila'exsdas? - What do you want to do?

T'lisalagi'lakw School

Michael Kanhai: Principal



Michael was born in Guyana, South America. Michael was educated in Laugheed, Alberta; Melfort, Saskatchewan and Yorkton, Saskatchewan. He received his post-secondary training in Canadian Nazerene College, Winnipeg; SIAST in Saskatoon for carpentry and his education training at the University of Saskatchewan where he played on the

Huskies Football Team and ran on the Huskies Track & Field Team.

In 1985, after six years of being in the classroom and teaching physical education Mr. Kanhai became a Principal and has been an Administrator. Over the years he has mentored 37 teachers to become Administrators and has been involved in First Nations Education for the vast majority of his administrative experience.

Michael's passion other than teaching is coaching which he has done at a high level in volleyball, basketball, football and track & field. He is a Level III sprints, hurdles and relays coach; Level II volleyball coach and a Level III volleyball official. During his many years of coaching he has worked with several Olympic, NHL, CFL athletes and one NFL athlete. Of course there are thousands of high school athletes whose lives he has impacted.

Being a new Grandpa, Mr. Kanhai and his wife of 25 years, Florence and their three boys moved to Coquitlam, BC where they own a Condo close to the grandchildren. Their objective is to be close to their grandsons, Osric(almost 3 years old) and August (almost 6 months old).

Our new Principal is extremely happy to be here in Alert Bay, he would like to thank all the community members who so warmly welcomed he and his wife during the amazing meal Monday evening. His initial reaction to the school and staff is extremely positive and he is looking forward to an amazing year serving the children and parents of Alert Bay.

Finally, Mr. Kanhai would like to invite all parents and community members to stop in at the school and introduce yourself to him and find out more about the plans for the year in our school.

Florence Kanhai: Grade 6/7 Teacher

Florence Kanhai comes to us from her home Nation of Thunderchild First Nations. She is of Cree descent and was raised both on Reserve and in the City. She received her secondary education in North Battleford, Saskatchewan and went on



to get her education degree at the University of Saskatchewan. She then received her Master's in Curriculum Studies at the University of Phoenix. She is married to Michael Kanhai, our new Principal and they have three boys: Jeremy 23, Sikwan 18 and Kesean 17. She is looking forward to teaching in our beautiful school and meeting the children and parents of Alert Bay. You can expect to see her around your home soon.



Nahani Willis: Grade 4/5 Teacher

Nahani Esther Willis was born in Comox and was raised mostly in the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Nahani received a Bachelor of Native Education in 2016 in the Native Indian Teacher's Education Program at UBC. Nahani has a background

in Family Preservation in Social Work.

Nahani's Father is Haisla and Mother is Jewish.

Nahani is the proud Mother of a beautiful daughter who will be attending college in 2017.

'Namgis Education Board Chair Randy Bell

I would like to introduce myself to you in my position as of Chair of the 'Namgis Education Board (NEB). My role is Chair to the NEB is to deal with our community's future, our children, and their cross cultural education.

As most of you know already my interest is our youth. WE need to be part of the changing world and changing economy. To quote Bob Dylan, "Times are a changing".

We have some work to do. That work is to provide the best, all inclusive education for our youth. Our past is colourful and sometimes fraught with indecision and disagreement. We must put our past behind us and move forward to a healthy, transparent, and knowledge filled future that our youth will be proud of and also thankful to parents for creating an education system in Alert Bay that will showcase who they are and how capable they are to easily move into the future.



This is our job and my job as Chair. I will try my very best to give you reasonable solutions to our communities education. I am willing to work for you and our youth and my door is open to hear your comments.

Patient Travel

The Patient Travel Department at the 'Namgis Health Centre began issuing cheques on Monday, April 4, 2016 in place of issuing petty cash. Cheques will be issued for mileage and meal allowances associated to medical travel.

Banking hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 10:00am-3:30pm.

This is a part of our quality service improvements to best meet members needs and we thank you in advance for your patience during this transition.

If you have any questions about this transition, please call Nicole James at 250 974 5522.

CHANGE IN HOURS
Starting Monday, August 8, 2016 the Patient
Travel Office at the 'Namgis Health Centre will
be open from
9:30am-5:00pm

Pick-up for medical travel funds will be between 3:00-4:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole James at 250 974 5522



'Namgis Election for Four (4) Councillors will be held on December 09, 2016

The Councillors whose terms will be expiring are:

- Gordon, Sharon Colleen
- Speck, Kelly Ann
- Wadhams, Brian Wayne
- Wasden, Willaim Edward (Sr.)

'Namgis membership will be receiving information in the mail in the very near future.

In order to ensure that you receive the election package, contact the Band Office to confirm your contact information: 250-974-5556

The Bully Project

HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL AS AN UPSTANDER

Upstander:

A person who speaks or acts in support of an individual or cause, particularly someone who intervenes on behalf of a person being attacked or bullied:

Encourage your child to be an upstander, not a bystander.



What would it look like if we had a community of Upstanders heading back to school this fall?

Upstanders are the students who choose to speak up, the teachers who reach out, the principal who takes new actions in their schools, and the parents who join together to raise awareness about bullying.



Through The BULLY Project's tools and resources that support social emotional learning, as well as creative programs like the Adobe Mural project, we hope to foster more Upstanders in our schools everyday. As we embark on a new school year, let us each take the opportunity to be an Upstander in our own lives and promote Upstanders in our schools and

LAM Rec Centre Summer Camp





To the Wonderful community of Alert Bay

LAM Rec Centre would like to thank everyone for supporting our fundraising throughout the summer. We sold 50/50 boards; held a car wash and mini auction. We raised approximately \$2,610.

The funds were used for the following activities expenses:

- Swimming in McNeill every Tuesday (swimming fare and ferry)
- · Whale Watching on August 17, 2016
- Roller skating and bowling

Funders for Children in Sports

2016 KIDSPORT BC GRANT

http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/apply-for-assistance/

- For low-income families who cannot register their children for sports.
- Children ages 18 and under are eligible to apply for a grant.
- Grants of a maximum of \$400 are to be used for the payment of sport participation/ registration fees.
- Only one grant per calendar year, for one eligible sport, may be submitted.
- Sport activity must be affiliated with the member sport organization of Sport BC.

JUMPSTART CANADIAN TIRE

http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/what-we-do/want-to-apply

- · For low income families who cannot register their children for sports.
- Children ages 18 and under are eligible to apply.
- Before you start, we ask that you first be able to answer Yes to the following questions:
 - Is the child on whose behalf you are applying between the ages of 5-18?
 - Is the funding that you require for a program involving a sport or physical activity?
 - Is your family in a demographic which would be considered in financial need (see table below)?

2014 Family Size	Community Size under
	10.000 Income
1 person	l 16.747
2 bersons	1 20.849
3 bersons	1 25.630
4 bersons	1 3 1.120
5 bersons	1 35.294
6 bersons	1 39,808
7 bersons	1 44.319

Application is online only. Must provide proof of finances.

ATHLETICS FOR KIDS http://www.a4k.ca/apply_now

Who Can Apply?

- Applicants must be between the ages of 5 and 18 years old and must be enrolled in school within BC.
- Net family income must be under \$40,000 a year (is not dependent on the number of children).

When To Apply:

 Apply 2 to 4 weeks in advance of the start of play to allow for processing times. Must provide proof of finances.

Applications must be send by Canada Post or emailed.

If you need any help in filling in the applications, please contact Jamie Hunt (250)974-5356.

Jamie Hunt Family and Youth Support Worker 'Namgis First Nation 45 Atli St., P.O. Box 350 Alert Bay, B.C. VON1A0 (250) 974-5356 EXT 347

Mama'omas Limited Partnership

Effective: July 12, 2016

New Hours of Operation are: Starting 9 a.m. to Noon Monday to Friday

In an urgency, please contact Chris McPhedran, Business Manager at 250-337-5311 THANK YOU!



'Namgis Post Secondary Students

We are looking for 'Namgis Post-Secondary Students, ... Wherever you are!

Our long term goal is to hire more qualified 'Namgis members for 'Namgis jobs.

We would like to create a contact list of all 'Namgis Post-Secondary Students and Graduates, so that we can learn more about You, Your Studies and Your Career Ambitions.

If you are a 'Namgis post-secondary student or recent graduate, we invite you to contact us. Let us know:

- What are you studying and where?
- What are your career goals?
- What is the best way for us to stay in touch with you?

Add your name to the 'Namgis Post-Secondary Student contact lists and we will:

- Share 'Namgis Contract, Employment and Training opportunities with you
- Seek you input from time to time on issues that are important to 'Namgis

Contact Gina Wadhams at <u>GinaW@namgis.bc.ca</u> to add your name to our 'Namgis Post-Secondary Students Contact List



If you have any questions regarding Post Secondary, please feel free to contact the Post Secondary Education Coordinator ~ Donna Hunt

250-974-5556 #3302

250-974-4363 (Cell)

Outdoor Careers Training

ARE YOU A YOUTH 18-35? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING IN 'NAMGIS TERRITORY? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAINING FOR OUTDOOR CAREERS?

Throughout the year the 'Namgis Natural Resources Department often gets requests from companies working within our territory for temporary labourers in various activities such as, pile burning, tree planting, brushing, wildlife surveys, river surveys, invasive plant mangement, campsite operation, etc.

Also we may have training opportunities available throughout the year.

We would like 'Namgis members interested in working in the territory to submit your name, and how you can be reached, and we will inform you of these opportunities as they arise.

Send your name and contact info to forestry@namgis.bc.ca, or come to the administration office and ask to speak with someone in Natural Resources Dept.

Communications Update By: Gina Wadhams

I would like you to know why there has not been a newsletter since March 2016. In addition to being the Communications Coordinator, I am now working as the Executive Assistant for 'Namgis Nation. I am very grateful to our Nation for having the faith in me that I can take on these added responsibilities. It has kept me very busy over the past few months which in turn has prevented me from getting to the newsletter.

I completely enjoy doing the newsletter and will continue to get them out on a bi-monthly basis.

Brian Svanvik continually updates the website: www.namgis.bc.ca. You can always find information there.

'Namgis First Nation Facebook page is updated daily with information.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions regarding Communications/Kala'mas, feel free to send an email to me at: GinaW@namqis.bc.ca or call me at 250-974-5556 Ext #3115.

In order to cut down on expenses and time, the newsletter is no longer mailed off reserve. Each issue is sent to members that we have email addresses for. Every issue is also available for viewing at: www.namgis.bc.ca.

Judge Karen Whonnock

Karen Whonnock is married to 'Namgis member Johnathan Whonnock. Johnathan is the adopted son of Reuben and Lily Whonnock.



by Monica Lamb-Yorski - Jul 28, 2016 at 3:00 PM

Williams Lake is getting a new provincial court judge.

Judge Karen Whonnock, Q.C. will be sworn in on Aug. 8, 2016 and assigned to the northern region. She was born and raised in Smithers, B.C. and is a member of the Wet'swuwet'en First Nation.

"I have an appreciation for living in that general area of B.C.," she said of growing up in Smithers. "Despite going to law school in Toronto and travelling, it has always been this part of British Columbia that feels like home."

Judge Whonnock received her law degree from the University of Toronto in 1999, a Master's in law from Osgoode Hall at York University in 2003, and is now working toward a doctorate in social sciences at Royal Roads University. In her previous experience, she was appointed to the Colville Tribal Court in Washington state for a four-year term.

"As an Associate Judge for the Colville Tribal Court, I presided over criminal, family and civil matters, including criminal jury trials," she said.

"The Colville people are a people of honour and dignity and it was both rewarding and humbling to be invited to serve the Colville Tribal Court. I enjoyed my time there very much."

She also worked as a sole practitioner in Smithers from 2007 to 2008, where she focused on criminal, family and child protection matters in provincial court.

After that she worked with the Legal Services Society from 2008 to 2012 as a family lawyer. "From 2012 to the present, I have been fortunate to be working as director's counsel under the

Child, Family and Community Services Act in the area of child protection," she said.

"However my major focus in the last 10 years has been on alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and negotiation."

Before her appointment, she was a family law mediator, family law arbitrator and parenting coordinator.

When she isn't involved with law, Judge Whonnock enjoys reading, watching movies, biking, and swimming.

"My husband and I are looking forward to moving to Williams Lake and getting to know the area and the people," she said. "We are both pleased and excited to be moving to Williams Lake, the heart of the Cariboo."

Judge Whonnock replaces Judge Marguerite Church, who was appointed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia.





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Please send me the following:

Mailing Address Phone Email Address

It would be great to have the email address as we send out information this way at times and will be doing more so in the future.

The \underline{K} ala'mas is no longer mailed out. An email is sent out to the members that we have email addresses for with the link to the newsletter.

If you do not have an email address and are interested in receiving a copy of the newsletter mailed to you, contact:

Gina Wadhams info@namgis.bc.ca 250-974-5556 Ext #3115



Crisis Lines:

Vancouver Island Crisis Line 1 – 888-494-3888 24 hour service.

> A & D On call Line 250-974-8015

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Mondays: 7 p.m. at Sunshine Room Wednesdays: 7 p.m. at Sunshine Room Sundays: 1 p.m. at NTC (when group in session)

Narcotics Anonymous meeting

Fridays: 7 p.m. at NTC (when group in session)

'Namgis Council Portfolios:

Aboriginal Title and Rights All Council

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Kelly Speck Brian Wadhams

Public Works and Housing

Kelly Speck Victor Isaac

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Dixon Taylor Sharon Gordon

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Bill Wasden Sharon Gordon

Community Justice

Rob Mountain Kelly Speck

Finance

Dixon Taylor Victor Isaac

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