



Room 205-2005 Eagle Drive
Quinsam Hall

Phone: 250-287-9460

Email: dassu@lkts.ca

Important Dates

Meet with the treaty team

Victoria meeting postponed due to snow.

New date to be announced.

Community Planning Meeting

February 19, 2019

6:00 PM (Dinner provided)

Inn at the Quay, New
Westminster



Quathiaski Cove, 1914
(Campbell River Museum and Archives,
Photo # 6715)

Laich-Kwil-Tach Treaty Society Newsletter

February 2019



Incremental Treaty Agreement for Lands at the Campbell Lakes: Questions and Answers

The treaty team has been working hard to close the Incremental Treaty Agreement (ITA) that will see the transfer of almost 7000 acres of land back to We Wai Kai in the Campbell Lakes region. This agreement is a pre-treaty benefit that will transfer ownership of forest lands to We Wai Kai over the next 12-24 months. The last step before the transfer process begins is BC Treasury Board approval. We expect that approval in the coming weeks.

Recently, we hosted a number of community meetings that focused on this work. We thought we would share some of the questions and our answers that came from those sessions to help keep everyone equally informed.

Question: Where can we see the ITA language?

We are in the final stages of the work to get the ITA agreement finalized. This is the BC Treasury Board approval. During that process there may still be minor changes made to the language so we are not yet able to share the language fully. However, we are preparing a term sheet that summarizes and highlights the key points in the agreement. It will be available on the treaty website soon.



Visit the website at
www.lkts.ca



Join the FaceBook page to stay informed!
Search "Laich-Kwil-Tach Treaty Society" on Facebook
Go to LIKE, scroll down to NOTIFICATIONS and
Click ALL ON!

Incremental Treaty Agreement for Lands at the Campbell Lakes: Q&As con't

Question: What about the overlaps with the ITA?

Answer: Our ITA is in an area of mutual interest with Wei Wai Kum and we support each other's ITA negotiations. As we move through negotiations, we will continue to work with our neighbours to address any issues arising from our common areas of interest.

Question: Can we run a sustainable forestry operation on these lands? Do we have a management plan that includes fire or insect infestation plans? Will we do the work or will it be contracted out?

Answer: Yes, this will be a sustainable operation. The location of the ITA is an excellent growing site for timber and there is a large inventory that will allow for a solid private forest lands operation, which will produce an annual income to the Nation. The detailed management plan for the lands will be developed as part of the implementation process that is funded by BC during the implementation period. It will include all the required steps for a Management Commitment under the Managed Forest Act for private lands including, silviculture stocking standards, soils, riparian protection, critical wildlife, fire and insect management. We will also be developing the harvest plan over the next 12 to 24 months as the parcels are transferred and registered into the Nation's name. Who will do the work is an operational issue, which needs to be designed internally with Members. It is likely that opportunities will include road building, hoechucking/forwarding, trucking, skidding, silvaculture, foresters and scalers. All work will be done under the Private Managed Forest Act.

Question: What are the other values on the ITA lands?

Answer: These lands are predominately economic forest lands. However, they also hold significant cultural value for hunting and gathering. As the land owner and the eventual law-making authority on these lands, we can identify areas that can be managed specifically for these cultural purposes. There are also recreational opportunities for our Members and there is tourism potential.

Question: As private lands, will we pay taxes and if so, how much? Will these become We Wai Kai lands so we don't pay taxes? Will we eventually zone these lands ourselves?

Answer: As ITA lands, the parcels will be transferred to We Wai Kai as fee simple/private lands. In that form, they will be taxable. We do not yet know the exact tax cost because the parcel is still Crown land and has not been appraised for tax purposes. However, the taxes will be lower than stumpage payments on a forest license and the profit we see will more than offset the cost.

After the effective date of treaty, the ITA lands will become Treaty Settlement Lands. We Wai Kai will no longer pay taxes on its own lands. At that time We Wai Kai will also have law-making authority on its lands, including zoning.

Question: When you had to shift the lands due to prior constraints on them, were we compensated for not getting our first choice?

Answer: We worked hard to select lands in the region that would be easily transferred to We Wai Kai. After BC's review of the lands, there were areas and parcels that we changed – e.g. we unselected an area and added another area. We did this to also facilitate surveying. We did not seek compensation during this process because we ensured that the value of the lands added in each case was equal to the value of the lands removed.

More Questions From the Community Meetings

Update from the treaty team: In the new treaty model there will be regular opportunities to keep the treaty modern and relevant through a process called “periodic renewal.” This will ensure there are opportunities to benefit from court findings, changes in laws and changes in government policy.

Question: Is there a risk of eroding the treaty during periodic renewal?

Answer: After the effective date of treaty, there will be a periodic renewal process that will enable the Nation to benefit from policy changes and from court decisions. While all Parties can bring issues to the table during periodic renewal, the Working Group on Periodic Renewal worded the proposed language in such a way that First Nations are the beneficiaries of positive changes. It is unlikely that in the process the treaty would be compromised.

Health and Education

Question: Nisga’a has had problems funding their health programs. How will We Wai Kai avoid this?

Answer: Nisga’a made a decision to assume authority over health delivery. We are not contemplating moving away from existing health delivery mechanisms (i.e. FNHA). After the effective date of treaty, these programs will continue to be funded for members as they are for other people with Status in Canada. We will, however, negotiate better opportunities and better funding that will supplement and improve upon the minimum program.

Question: Can we see the treaty chapters on the website?

The Treaty Society is working to get the current chapter drafts into the members only section of the LTS website – lkts.ca. If you are not yet a member, email Nadge at ncliffe@lts.ca or Dee at deecullon@shaw.ca to sign up and get a password.

At the treaty office....

Treaty Board of Directors:

Brian Assu
Ted Lewis
Ted Assu

Chief Negotiator (Bram Rogachevsky)

bram@brlaw.ca

Office Support (Dani Assu)

dassu@lkts.ca

Lands (John Munro)

john@jkmap.ca

Forestry (Rod Visser)

Rod.visser@wewaikai.com

Research & Support (Dee Cullon) deecullon@shaw.ca

We want to talk....

Please complete our communications survey to help us communicate better and you could win a Visa gift card.

Local Campbell River members:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRarea-LKTSCommunications>

Outside of Campbell River members:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Urban-LKTSCommunications>



We want to tell you more...

We want to share more information. Please watch for announcements about our regular, informal meetings, follow us on FaceBook for regular updates, check out the website at lkts.ca or give us a call/email at any of the contacts above. We can chat over the phone or arrange a visit where we can meet in person with you and/or your family. Ğilakasla!