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Important Dates

Meet the treaty team

November 6, 2018

6:30-8 pm

Quinsam Hall

Boardroom

December 5, 2018

6:00-7:30 pm

Cape Mudge Band

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Communications Update

In August the Laich-Kwil-Tach Treaty Society began offering opportunities to meet directly with the treaty team. So far we have had two of these meetings and they have been very productive. We provide updates, bring maps and several members of the treaty team are on hand to answer your questions. We find these meetings very helpful for the team to hear from the community and we think they are an excellent way to keep people up to date on what is happening with treaty. We hope that more people will take advantage of these meetings (see the dates to the left).

We are also starting a series of short treaty information videos. We will cover what's new in treaty, provide update information and basic treaty information. Stay tuned on FaceBook and our website, lkts.ca, for more information.

A question from our last “Meet the Treaty Team” gathering

At our last “Meet the Treaty Team” meeting one member asked about “royalties” from all of the resources in We Wai Kai territory that others are profiting from. Here is more information on that question.

The Forest Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreement (FCRSA) is an initiative by British Columbia to reimburse First Nation communities for active harvesting practices occurring on their traditional territory. A FCRSA between the Province and a First Nation provides economic benefits from harvesting activities directly to the First Nation community. The intention is that these agreements act to fulfill consultation obligations and compensate for damage to traditional lands that results from harvest activities.

From this initiative, BC and We Wai Kai have a three-year agreement. The agreement spells out how this revenue-sharing works. Payments are made twice each year to the Nation. The amount is based on a percentage of the stumpage, waste and annual rent collected by the Crown over the previous two years. We Wai Kai’s share is calculated based on the size of We Wai Kai territory.

Currently, there is a review underway to increase the percentage share and through treaty we are working to improve this royalty-like process overall. In addition to monies from our forestry resources, we are seeking revenue sharing from all resources. We are also negotiating a voice in management and decision-making throughout all of our territory. We align our position with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation recommendations in an effort to attain meaningful reconciliation.

For more information see the We Wai Kai-BC agreement at:

(https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/we_wai_kai_fcrsa_executed_may_16_2018.pdf).

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