



KITSELAS FIRST NATION
KITSUMKALUM FIRST NATION
CITY OF TERRACE

COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUM

MARCH 23, 2006

“HANDS ACROSS THE RIVERS”

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

This Forum sponsored by the City of Terrace with the participation of the Kitselas and Kitsumkalum First Nations, and in conjunction with the Union of BC Municipalities - Community to Community Forum Programme



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FORUM OBJECTIVES:

This Forum is the first time that the City of Terrace has formally sat with the leaders of its First Nations neighbours. The primary objectives of the Forum were to begin dialogue and build on trust and communications between First Nations and local government in our area. Another primary objective was to start the process of better understanding and getting to know our First Nations neighbours.

PARTICIPANTS:

The Community to Community Forum was held on March 23, 2006 at the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club, in the traditional territory of the Kitselas. Participants included the following:

Kitselas First Nation:

Isabelle McKee, Elder
Mel Bevan, Hereditary Chief/Chief Negotiator
Glenn Bennett, Chief Councillor
Wilfred Bennett, Councillor
Judy Gerow, Councillor
Morris Mason, Treaty Researcher
Chris Knight, Advisor

Kitsumkalum First Nation:

Mildred Roberts, Elder
Alex Bolton, Hereditary Chief
Steve Roberts, Chief Councillor/Administrator
Ernie Gerow, Councillor
Joe Bevan, Financial Controller, Kalum Ventures Ltd.
Richard Inkster, Head of Operations and Maintenance
Dr. James McDonald, Director of Kitsumkalum Social Research
Troy Sam, President of Kalum Ventures Ltd.
Clyde Smith, Fisheries Department

City of Terrace:

Jack Talstra, Mayor
Marylin Davies, Councillor and Forum Facilitator
Brian Downie, Councillor
Carol Leclerc, Councillor
Brad Pollard, Councillor
Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer
Denise Fisher, Corporate Administrator and Forum Co-ordinator
Roger Harris, Consultant
Jo Anne Haworth, Executive Assistant
Dave Menzies, Executive Director, Terrace Economic Development Authority
Marvin Kwiatkowski, Director of Development Services

Guest Speaker:

Clarence Louie, Chief, Osoyoos Band



Community to Community Forum Participants

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

The first part of the Forum consisted of a welcome from the Kitselas to their traditional territory, and introductions by the leaders of the participating groups. The Mayor and Chief Councillors spoke on their visions for their communities, and all expressed their pleasure with the fact that we are sitting together and opening dialogue between us in this manner.

Guest speaker, Clarence Louie, Chief of the Osoyoos Indian Band, made an insightful presentation to the group, speaking passionately about the economic development initiatives his Band has pursued. He stressed that without economic stability and sufficient funds, First Nations are dependent on under-funded Federal programmes. He also stressed that we should understand our First Nations neighbours and the history of why we are where we are today. Education and jobs for his people are his number one priority, and he is very proud of the successful economic and social developments that have taken place in the OIB community.





The latter part of the Forum consisted of a round-table discussion, with all participants outlining their visions and goals, and where we can move forward from here towards developing improved relationships between us.

Elder Mildred Roberts shared a very personal and heart-wrenching song and poem about homeless friends of hers who had perished from exposure. This served as a reminder that we have many issues in our community that must be resolved, for the betterment of us all.

RECOMMENDATIONS/OUTCOME:

One of the key outcomes from the Forum was the start of a better understanding and building of trust. The Kitsumkalum First Nations has offered to host a meeting in the near future, with one of the key focuses being on cultural awareness and the history of their people. The Kitselas First Nation presented the City with a first draft Protocol and Co-operation Agreement, which will be expanded into a Tri-Party Agreement to include the Kitsumkalum. A working group will meet shortly to finalize this Agreement for presentation to the respective parties for ratification. In addition, the City's Development Services Department will provide information and assistance to the Kitselas on land use and planning issues.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Lunch.....	\$ 404.86
Coffee Service.....	\$ 146.40
Room Rental	\$ 100.00
Facilitation.....	\$1,500.00
Guest Speaker - Travel & Accommodation.....	\$ 771.14
Protocol Gift Exchange.....	\$1,362.30
Printing and Mail Out Costs.....	\$ 173.00
Audio Visual & Technical	\$ 200.00
Final Report Preparation	\$ 500.00
Minute Taking & Preparation	\$ 500.00
Contingency (Miscellaneous)	\$ 69.72
City Staff Costs	
Chief Administrative Officer	\$ 700.00
Director of Development Services	\$ 500.00
Strategic Planner	\$ 500.00
Economic Development Officer	\$ 400.00
 Total Costs.....	 \$7,827.42
 Approved Budget	 \$8,125.00
50% UBCM Grant Approved.....	\$4,062.00
50% Based on Forum Costs	\$3,913.71
UBCM Funding Received to Date.....	\$2,031.00
UBCM Funding Outstanding.....	<u>\$1,882.71</u>
 Additional City Costs not covered by UBCM Grant	
Honorarium for Guest Speaker.....	\$1,000.00

AGENDA

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Skeena Valley Golf & Country Club

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- 9:00 Welcome - Facilitator Marilyn Davies
- Introductions - Kitselas, Kitsumkalum & City of Terrace
- 9:15 Jack Talstra, City of Terrace Mayor
- Glenn Bennett, Kitselas Chief Councillor
- Alex Bolton, Kitsumkalum Hereditary Chief
- 10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:30 Guest Speaker - Chief Clarence Louie, Osoyoos Band
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Round Table Dialogue - Visions and Goals
- 3:30 Presentations and Wrap Up
- 4:00 Adjourn