



Laxgalts'ap Village Government

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**PUBLIC MEETING
OF
LAXGALTS'AP VILLAGE GOVERNMENT**

Chief & Council Reports

Monday February 9, 2026

Laxgalts'ap Community Centre



Laxgalts'ap Public Meeting Rules of Procedure

1. Every Nisga'a citizen ordinarily residing within the Nisga'a Village Lands of Laxgalts'ap has the right to attend and speak at the meeting
2. The Chairperson shall be the Chief Councillor, or designate
3. All sessions will start on time
4. Disorderly conduct is strictly prohibited – such conduct may result in removal from the meeting
5. Cellular phones and other transmitting devices must be muted while the meeting is in session. No recording or broadcasting of any kind is permitted.
6. VHF mobile radiophones must be turned off before they can be brought in to the meeting hall
7. Delegates may ask questions about the presentation(s) given and must keep the question to no more than 2 minutes
8. Each Delegate must identify themselves by first and last name
9. Delegates are asked to avoid referring to matters before the court or make reference to personal or confidential information of themselves or others,
10. Delegates may make recommendations to Laxgalts'ap Village Government to consider a matter within its authority,
11. In recognition of Nisga'a Law, recommendations will not obligate Laxgalts'ap Village Government to appropriate or expend funds and must not be contrary to Nisga'a law.
12. Door prizes will be drawn at the end of the meeting and Delegates must be in attendance to claim their prize



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AGENDA

Time	Item
5:30PM	Opening Prayer & Blessing of Food Dinner is served <i>Dinner catered by Greenville Athletic Guild & Greenville Athletic Club</i>
6:00PM	Call to Order and Opening Comments – Sheldon Martin, Chief Councillor
	Council Report Summaries (5 minutes per member): <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Sheldon Martin, Chief Councillor✓ Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief Councillor✓ Rodney Davis, Councillor✓ Peter Leeson, Councillor✓ Fred McKay, Councillor✓ Kevin McKay, Councillor (on LVG business)✓ Pamela Wright, Councillor
	Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Official Community Plan 20252. IHF Affordable 30-unit Apartment Complex3. Nisga'a Nation Zero Waste4. Laxgalts'ap Cemetery5. St. Andrew's Church – Envelope
7:00PM	Question & Answer
9:00PM	Closing Prayer



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CHIEF COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Ganim Ts'im Aws – Sheldon Martin

Responsibilities:

ROLE	MEETING DATES
Chief Councillor, and Executive Officer of Laxgalts'ap Village Government	Committee of the Whole: <i>Third Monday & Tuesday of month</i> LVG Regular Meeting: <i>Third Thursday</i>
LVG Representative to Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive	NLG Executive Committee: <i>First Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of month</i>
Chairperson, NLG Programs & Services Committee	NLG P&S Committee: <i>Quarterly up to six meetings a year.</i>
NLG Representative, Northwest Regional Hospital District	NWRHD: <i>Quarterly</i>
Co-Chair, NLG Cyber Security Committee	NLG CSC: <i>Newly formed, Quarterly</i>
Member, NLG Executive Rules Committee	Executive Rules Committee: <i>Quarterly</i>

Summary

Laxgalts'ap Official Community Plan {Consultation, Planning & Approval} **2025**

ICLD Leadership Training {LVG Council & Administration} **July 2025**

Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a "Strategic Plan" {Four Post Plan} **July 2025**

Introduction, "Language & Culture Act", **October 2025**

First Nations Leadership Gathering, **Jan 2025 & November 2025**

Met with 11 Ministries: Environment, Indigenous Relations, Housing, Infrastructure etc.

NLG Executive Training, {Team Building} **December 2025**

Going Forward

Section 87 *Indian Act*: As it applies to LVG Lands

Illegal Sales of Alcohol & Drugs

Long-term meaningful Employment

Communication: What is your preference for Communication?



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DEPUTY CHIEF COUNCILLOR MATTHEW BRIGHT

Aama galaan silsakws ii aama sii kuyuuhl as nisim Simgiga'at, sigidimhanak, Hlguwilsilkw gans txa'anit kubakilhkw gothl gum toyaaks simoogit laxha aama sa as gu'un.

Good afternoon and Happy New year Chiefs, Matriarchs, ladies and gentlemen and of course all our children. I hope everyone is having a wonderful day. Welcome to our first official public meeting for this term 2025-2028.

First of a little explanation as to why it has taken over a year into this term to have a public meeting. Coming into this term, council prioritized updating and renewing our "Official Community plan" because coming into this mandate we were utilizing our community plan from 2013 so we needed a new blueprint and new marching orders.

This term, I've been honoured by my colleagues and assigned "Deputy Chief" in addition to that my portfolios include finance, capital finance and housing (co-chair) Legislative review and by virtue of being deputy, I'm also ex officio to all other portfolios.

Finance- Currently we are going through preparations for "Budget 2026-27", Laxgalts'ap Village Government officially approved our proposed budget on January 22, 2026 and presented to NLG budget presentations going on all this week.

Capital Finance & Housing- for the most part this committee is the responsibility of Councilor Wright, if for any reason she can't attend then it's my responsibility too ensure representation of LVG. I also attended an orientation session in early October 2025.

Legislative review- This committee is a continuation from last term. Its purpose is to review all current legislation for effectiveness and address any loopholes or shortfalls. So far, we've reviewed "Code of conduct", Nisga'a Elections Act, there is several others on our docket which include Nisga'a business development Act, Fisheries and others...the work continues.

Although very brief, this is a snapshot of my activities through the past year. Looking ahead it promises to be very busy and exciting, especially with the prospects of a final investment decision (FID) which will forever change the lives of all our citizens now and into the future.

Thank you all for your time and this opportunity, if there are any questions, clarifications please don't hesitate to ask or contact myself. My council email is matthew.bright@laxgaltsap.ca.

**Respectfully submitted by
Matthew W. Bright , Deputy Chief
Laxgalts'ap Village Government**



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COUNCILLOR RODNEY DAVIS

Fishing & Wildlife Update:

Fishing, 2025 stock for chinook were low once again, 2026 chinook will be looked at and changes made for possible food fishing.

Fish sales in each community were again a success, Fish & Wildlife look to continue this with each village Govt. Moose tags were drawn again with a few not picking up permits, redraw for the permits that were not picked up were added to 2nd season.

Fish & Wildlife is looking to make changes to next years hunting season, also with game warden in hunting areas, hunters are asked to have at least 1 PAL with hunter, or hunters seek to get their PAL.

Lands & Resources:

Lands had a few meetings regarding LNG pipeline, the proposed area where it would go and also the transmission line that would run beside it, more updates will come in 2026.

Waste Mangement, if you haven't heard yet, our valley will be involved in waste managment, a few buildings are going up at the landfill, this project is slated to start in the spring 2026.

The team for this will be passing out phamplets to each community and will also have meetings in each community in near future, this is exciting times for our Nation, something we can all learn together .



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COUNCILLOR PETER LEESON

Welcome to LVG Public meeting, our official first meeting to report to the Public. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for putting me into public office for Laxgalts'ap Village Government as Councilor for the 2024-2028 term.

My condolences go out to all who have lost loved ones in the past year, it has been tough for everyone in this community, my continued prayers are with each and every one of you.

During our swearing in ceremony at WSN, one of the first tasks after the swearing in of members, an election for Speaker of the House was conducted. To my surprise I was elected as Speaker for the 4-year term. I would like to thank Councilor Kevin McKay for being the Speaker for a number of years.

My job as Speaker is to keep order and decorum in the House during our sessions of WSN. It was and still is a learning experience. The striking committee formed a rules committee for WSN to look over the rules of procedure and make recommendations to WSN for a smoother flow to the agenda each session. The committee met once and has made recommendations to make changes to the rules of procedure, which were accepted and passed.

It was recommended by NLG that I do not sit on any external committees in order to avoid conflicts of interest. I did research the laws and did not see any reason why I could not be on any of NLG committees, and have since been put on as alternate for the POPS committee.

My role in LVG has been to attend all Committee of the Whole Meetings and Regular LVG Meetings and have participated wholly in making decisions that benefit this community. As a Public Servant I have and will continue to attend Memorials and Feasts as well as all other public events in our community and Nation.

Council has been busy with infrastructure and Housing, along with renovations, the report will be given by another councilor who holds the portfolio along with other reports. Bony Creek is the economic arm of the community and continues to explore opportunities that are bringing employment for those that are employable.

I look forward to this term as there are many exciting opportunities on the horizon for this community and the Nation as a whole.

Peter Leeson – Councilor



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COUNCILLOR FRED MCKAY

Frederick McKay Councilor, Village of Laxgalts'ap **Birthplace of the Nisga'a Land Question**

Nisga'a Lisims Government Standing Committee : Peace, Order, Public Safety – POPS

As an elected member, I represent Laxgalts'ap at the POPS committee, where we discuss issues and concerns that affect many in our village and our Nisga'a Nation as a whole. I take concerns raised at our local level to this committee, where we meet with Lisims R.C.M.P., Lisims Enforcement, Lisims Justice department.

The committee sits and discusses the issues at hand, each village has a representative and we find that we have similar concerns. The committee forms recommendations which our chairperson presents to the executive members for consideration.

Throughout the year since being elected I have attended a meeting and an AGM with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Workshops and study sessions designed to facilitate peer learning on complex topics. Some of the workshop themes include:

Local Government Engagement in Provincial-First Nations Negotiations: Exploring collaboration with Indigenous communities.

Climate Hazards & Housing: Addressing the intersection of climate risks and housing delivery.

Healthcare Infrastructure: Examining local government roles in healthcare systems.

At the UBCM AGM there was a Board vacancy where a Nisga'a Lisims Government Member was nominated and then elected.

I was chosen to attend the Nation 2 Nation Events held in Kitimat. Established in 2015 in Terrace, BC. Creating spaces for real conversation, with passion and a genuine focus centered on honest and meaningful collaboration between First Nations, Industry, local Government, and Women in Leadership. The Nation2Nation Forum is held annually in Terrace or Kitimat and the N2N Women's Gathering moves around the North. With a goal to continue to build stronger and more meaningful paths forward. An eye opening and an excellent learning experience for me.

I look forward for what the future holds for Laxgalts'ap and our Great Nisga'a Nation.

Please visit <https://laxgaltsap.ca/> , for additional info concerning Laxgalts'ap.



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COUNCILLOR KEVIN MCKAY

Councillor Kevin McKay is away on LVG business this week attending the Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) Annual Leadership Gathering in Ottawa.

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COUNCILLOR PAMELA WRIGHT

Laxgalts'ap Village Government ~ Public Meeting ~ February 9, 2026

Happy New Years to all residents of Laxgalts'ap, this year is going to be filled with opportunities for not only employment but housing, education/training and community building. I would like to take this time to inform you of my ongoing responsibility and accountability to you, our community and administration.

Capital Finance Commission (CFC) / Capital Finance Commission (New Asset) Appointed as the LVG commissioner / Councillor Matthew Bright (Alternate)

This stand-alone committee was created under the FFA (Fiscal Financing Agreement) in which the funding flows into the Nisga'a Nation for capital projects, including housing. The CFC is established under the Nisga'a Capital Finance Commission Act, referred to in the Nisga'a Financial Administration Act, and extended in the Nisga'a Capital (New Asset) Finance Commission Act.

The CFC under the Act and regulations manage the "Schedule C" Assets listed in our Nisga'a Final Agreement for Laxgalts'ap and other entities (Pre-Treaty Assets). These LVG assets, we as the owners are responsible for with Major Maintenance and Repairs and Replacement. The objective is to ensure that there are sufficient funds on hand to maintain and ultimately replace those assets, in accordance with the lifecycle management program. More recently, NLG has negotiated additional funding within the FFA to include Operations and Maintenance funding (O&M) to assist the entities with operating and maintaining the assets.

9 meetings to date (2-orientations)

- LX - Project Status Report FY 2023/24 (CFC & CFCNA) - \$718,871.84
 - Year 1 Action Plan Renovations
 - Year 1 Action Plan New Builds
 - Capacity Support B2022 Fund (B=Budget)
 - Rapid Housing Initiative / Indigenous Housing Fund (IHF)
- LX - Project Status Report FY 2024/25 (CFC & CFCNA) – \$8,573,545.54
 - Operations and Maintenance Funding – Request
 - Water and Wastewater Funding – Request
 - Juniper Street Subdivision Expansion
 - Juniper 4Plexs
 - Watermain Looping
 - Douglas Place Subdivision
 - Density Relief
 - IHF Apartment Project

Density Relief Project – 2 Alder Drive

- 30 units – Construction early this spring 2026

Estimated Cost: \$24,297,464

Funding Received:	\$130,000	CMHC Seed Funding (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation)
	\$500,000	BC Housing Predevelopment Funding



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\$11,481,630 BC Housing and Indigenous Housing Fund
\$9,085,843 CMHC Affordable Housing Fund

Total in Grants – \$21,197,464

Team: Alicia Adams, Drae Azak, Eric Nyce (NLG) / Development Consultant and Project Manager: Makola Development Society / Architects / Construction

Urban, Rural, and Northern (URN) Housing Grant Program - May 2025

- In support of off-reserve Nisga'a citizens, the Commission conditionally approved the establishment of:
 - Nisga'a URN Housing Grant 10 x \$25,000.00
 - Nisga'a URN Renovation Grant 10 x \$25,000.00

Nisga'a Finance Committee – Alternate

Striking Committee – Representative – 3 meetings

- Assign members to standing committees
- Remove and shuffle members to standing committees
- Review member and attendance (quorum requirements)

Nisga'a Zero Waste – 6 meetings

- All four Villages and surrounding homesteaders are participating
- Household pick ups – target date May 2026
 - Colored bins will be provided to each household (paper, soft plastics, hard plastics, refundable, compostables – food scraps, fish guts etc.)
 - 1 cube van for each community
- Individual drop offs are going to be available

LVG Meetings – 21 meetings attended

- My reports include my attendance, observations and directives at meetings and conferences. I send CFC / CFC New Asset information to all Chief and Council and Senior Administrators, while keeping our Clerk to Council updated on my email correspondence for our records.
- Standing Committee Information Received / Written Reports
 - Programs and Services – no packages / no reports
 - Finance – 1 package / 1 report (email)
 - Fisheries and Wildlife – no packages / no reports
 - Public, Order, Peace and Safety – no packages / no reports
 - Lands and Resources – no packages / no reports
 - NLG Executive – 2 packages / 2 reports



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- Our LVG meetings are open to the public and we encourage and welcome guests for not only presentations, but to observe as well. Please contact our LVG office and ask to speak to our Clerk to Council for more information of dates and times.

Workshops and Conferences

- **LVG Strategic Planning – April 15-17, 2025 – Prince Rupert**
 - Roles of Elected Council, Orientation of new members, meetings and workplans, working as a team, boundaries, community engagement, administrative roles and responsibilities, communication, projects and programing, infrastructure – next steps and plan moving forward
- **LVG Training – July 16-19, 2025 – Vancouver**
 - ICLD (Indigenous Community for Leadership and Development)
 - Chief and Council session was separate from Administration
 - Strengthening bonds for collective impact / Foundation of High-Performance Communities / Assessing strengths and challenges / Supporting each other, transparent communications, respectful conflict resolution, effective leadership, humility, shared vision
- **Boney Creek – October 14-16, 2025 – Calgary**
 - Pincher Creek, Alberta – Enel Green Energy
 - Site visit – wind turbines, battery storage and office
 - Information for possible investment for the BC Hydro Call for Power Bids / Investment in Laxgalts'ap infrastructure
- **BC Cabinet and First Nations Leaders Gathering – November 3-5, 2025 – Vancouver**
 - Meetings with Declaration Act Secretariat, Premier's Office, Citizen Services, Post Secondary Education and Future Skills, Agriculture & Food
- **Housing Central – November 17-19, 2025 – Vancouver**
 - Energy Efficiency: Our Sector's Buildings, Development without Government Funding, Fostering Small-town Partnerships to build housing, Shared infrastructure for Community Resilience, From Vision to Home: Strengthening Indigenous Partnerships, Executing Community Housing Development, Moving Forward: Canada's National Housing Strategy Act.
- **Nisga'a Housing Retreat 2025 – November 20-21, 2025 – Vancouver**
 - Gather to share, communicate, and celebrate Housing successes between 2021-2025 / Review FY2021/2022 Budget Implementation and Accomplishments / Creating a Nationwide Housing Vision and Action Plan / CMHC Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy Funding, FY 2026/2027 Budget discussions.
 - Representatives from all four Village Governments and two Urban Locals attended
- **AME Roundup 2026 – January 26-29, 2026 – Vancouver**
 - Minerals for a Changing World
 - Day 1 – Mineral Exploration and Mining in BC / Yukon Exploration and Mining Overview / Alaska's Mineral Industry / Premier Eby Address / The Pacific Northwest's Role in Helping Secure a Reliable Global Critical Minerals Supply Chain - Hon. Jagrup Brar
 - Day 2 – Advances in Geoscience / Critical and Base Metals



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- Day 3 – Precious Metals / Geoscience Innovation

Day 4 – Geophysics

Exciting times for all, our OCP (Official Community Plan is in the final stages). A huge thank you to all who were able to participate in person, online and through surveys – it takes all of us working together to build a vision and roadmap to the success of Laxgalts'ap in the near and distant future. Congratulations to the Laxgalts'ap Elder's Society for conducting the elections and now they are up and running; Yuletide 2025 was a success and was respectful of our cultural duties when we are in mourning. Training and employment opportunities are all around us, in mining, health, education, government, business and industry. As, we embark on new possibilities I would like to encourage you all to continue being the leaders we need today and into the future. Be kind, be courteous and be compassionate and most of all continue to be curious.

If you would like further information or if you are just interested having a discussion on issues that matter to you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250.975.1561 (please leave a message and a good time to call back if you happen to get my voicemail). Or via email at pamela.wright@laxgaltsap.ca.