



Laxgalts'ap Village Government

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QUARTERLY PUBLIC MEETING

Chief Councillor & Councillor Reports

Wednesday June 24, 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
5:00PM	Doors Open Be sure to sign in, for a chance to win door prizes at the end of the meeting!
5:30PM	Opening Prayer & Blessing of Food Dinner catered by Vanessa McKay-Stephens
6:00PM	Call to Order and Opening Comments – Sheldon Martin, Chief Councillor
	Council Report Summaries (5 minutes per member) ✓ Sheldon Martin, Chief Councillor ✓ Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief Councillor ✓ Rodney Davis, Councillor ✓ Peter Leeson, Councillor ✓ Fred McKay, Councillor ✓ Kevin McKay, Councillor ✓ Pamela Wright, Councillor
6:45PM	Question & Answer
9:00PM	Closing Prayer



CHIEF COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Ganim Ts'im Aws – Sheldon Martin

Committees:

NLG Executive Committee

Chair – Programs & Services Committee

OVERVIEW

March: Budget {LVG & NLG}

LVG Caucus, NLG Executive & WSN Budget sitting

Fish & Wildlife Community Consultation

April: NLG P&S Meeting, NLG Executive, LVG CoW & Regular

May: LVG Extraordinary Meeting {Community Safety}

Nisga'a Nation Special Assembly

AAMES Learning Feast

LVG CoW & Regular; Fish & Wildlife Bear Awareness

LVG & Boney Creek

NVHA: Nisga'a Men's Conference, Annual Walk For Life

WWNI Convocation

THE DETAILS

The LVG Budget ask for 2026/2027 was a status quo ask; based on the directive received in early January 2026.

WSN Motion # 2026- 010 Nisga'a Nation Budget 2026/2027 was defeated by the house.

Concerns were the draw down from the Trust; as it was in contradiction of the WSN Strategic Plan which states there be no draw down of the Trust. **Process:** Because the budget was defeated, legislation states that the previous year's budget remains in effect; until such a time that the government reconvenes a sitting and successfully passes a new budget.



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The Nation is currently in the process of reviewing legislation, updating and working to ensure our legislation is working for the betterment of the Nation as a whole.

NLG Executive: March meeting was to deal with the Budget; There was in-depth discussion and it was then brought to WSN.

April Executive: Ended before all agenda items were completed.

May Executive: Was canceled

June Executive: Takes place Thursday & Friday June 25 & 26, 2026 at NLG Chambers. **Executive**

Training: June 23 & 24, 2026 NLG Executive took part in Parliamentary Training

LVG:

Community Safety: LVG has reached out to the Attorney General to discuss the release of convicted individuals into our community; We have since met to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding between the courts and Laxgalts'ap Village Government. This is a first step in our work toward a "Community Safety Act".

Laxgalts'ap Village Government has been working diligently on housing, street signage and have been receiving updates from Boney Creek Development who are our Economic Arm.

Housing Arrears: August of 2026, construction of the New Density Relief Housing Project, {30 Unit Apartment Building} will begin. Those in good standing will have an opportunity to apply.

Nisga'a Nation Social Development Policy: The Social Development Policy states that applicants will show that they are actively looking for employment. LVG will be fully enforcing this policy; recipients will need to prove that they are either taking all available training or are able to prove that they are looking for work. With Ksi Lisims LNG on the horizon, all employable citizens do have opportunity to secure meaningful employment.



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Street & Residential Address Signage:

LVG is happy to report that we do have new street signs and are awaiting the delivery of residential address signage; in the coming weeks our maintenance department will be around the community installing the new infrastructure.

St. Andrews Church: The Envelope of the church is being redone; LVG has allocated nearly \$600,000.00 to have this work done; it is our hope that this work will help with energy efficiency.



DEPUTY CHIEF COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Matthew Bright

Committees:

Nisga'a Finance Committee

Nisga'a Capital Finance Commission – Alternate

Nisga'a Legislative Review Committee

Aama galaan silsakws ii aama sa as nisim Simgigaat/Sigidimhanak, Hlguwilsilhw...gothl gum toyaaks s imoogit laxha aama sa ahl kaliiaks lisims ii Gitxatin as nisim

Good afternoon and good day Chiefs/Matriarchs, respected elders, ladies and gentlemen. What a beautiful day here in Gitxatin / Laxgalts'ap and the beautiful Nass river. As per usual, I offer you my report, albeit brief nonetheless a report on my activities these past few months since our last public meeting.

First Nations Major Projects – April 28-29, 2026 in Toronto Ontario

The sessions were focussed on how Indigenous nations are leading and owning major infrastructure, energy projects through Canada. Participants and presenters included First Nations Governments/leaders, financial institutions and industry partners. The discussions were primarily focussed based on current operating projects, being financed or in development. One clear message was prevalent throughout the conference was Indigenous participation has moved well past consultation and are now owning major projects or having equity in the projects.

Nisga'a Nation Special Assembly-May 11-15, 2026 in Gitlaxdamix BC

All in all, it was an assembly like all the other assemblies. In my opinion we really need to figure out a format that works for our people because there is never enough time for the public to ask questions or provide input. One thing that was worrisome was when the officers were providing their wrap up statements, there was clear division and a public admission that they aren't working together because of this, it has affected the work of Executive.

North/ Central Local Government association AGM- May 20 to 22 in Prince George BC

This organization we are members by virtue of our membership with Union of BC municipalities, which is beneficial for provincial matters. Lately there has been a lot of work on "Mental health crisis" happening throughout BC and Canada.

Something we're keeping an eye and apprised of. One thing of note, one of our elected Nisga'a representatives Melanie Woods of Gitlaxdamix was re-elected to their organization as a "Director at



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large". In addition, we had opportunity to hear the of the official opposition, former in term leader – Mr Trevor Halford speak.

In short he didn't expect any kind of push back regarding withdrawing UNDRIP/DRIPA, should they form government in the future.

Although very brief, this is my report of my activities beyond my duties in Laxgalts'ap Village Government. Thank you all for your valuable time and attention.

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



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COUNCILLOR RODNEY DAVIS

Committees:

Nisga'a Fisheries & Wildlife Committee

Nisga'a Lands & Resources Committee

To Laxgalts'ap citizens, I am rep for fishing and wildlife and alternate for Lands and Resources.

Fishing and Wildlife has had quite a few productive meetings.

The hunting season we made changes to the 2025 season, hunters that did not pick up permits, N and W held draws to add on 2nd season.

Hunting season for 2026, hunters will have 1 month each season, Sept (Rut) will be season 1, season 2 will be October only.

Fishing, we made changes to Chinook Fishing, 3 days per week in June. No over night Fishing. This is to help future stock in the future.

Fish sales will again happen, Fishing sales will be by villages again with fish and wildlife over seen and announcing the openings.

Lands and Resources

I have attended most of these meetings as a alternate.

Lands has been busy with the pipeline and transmission lines. How and where they will run, this is on going project.

Waste and refuse meetings is close to getting off the ground, all communities are involved with this, this is a big project as it will change each households refuse.

Please read materials that will come out in the future on how to separate your refuse.

These 2 committees keep me busy, each meeting have so much information. I will keep voicing my opinion in both for the better living for community and Nation.



COUNCILLOR PETER LEESON

Speaker of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN)

Committees:

Chair – WSN Rules Committee

Public Order Peace and Safety – Alternate

Good evening to all who have taken your precious time to attend Laxgalts'ap Village Government's Public Meeting. It is a pleasure to do the work on your behalf to better our community needs in the areas of Programs & Services, Infrastructure, and Housing.

It has been a busy time for our Nation since the last Public Meeting. The biggest event was the Nisga'a Nation Special Assembly, which was hosted by the Community of New Aiyansh.

As you are all aware I am the Speaker of the House for this 4 year term, I will begin with a report on WSN proceedings from March 25, 26, 27, 2026.

Legislative Motions day 1

- Nisga'a Language and Culture Act
 - Second reading
 - Amendment brought forward from public consultation
 - Second reading passes
- Nisga'a Real Property Tax Amendment Act, 2025
 - Second reading
 - Second reading passes
- Nisga'a Landholding Transition Amendment Act, 2025
 - First Reading
 - First Reading passes

Non-legislative motions

- Draft Budget of the Nisga'a Nation for 2026/2027
 - Budget defeated
 - Due to budget being defeated Section 36.1 (1) of the Fiscal Financial Act comes in to affect.
 - If Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a does not pass a buldget for the next fiscal year pursuant to section 30 by March 30 of a fiscal year:



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- A) the budget for that fiscal year is deemed to be the budget adopted for the next fiscal year under section 30 and to have been adopted in accordance with part 5, and
- B) the budget for each Nisga'a Village for the fiscal year ending that March 31 is deemed to be the budget for the next fiscal year for that Nisga'a Village in accordance with a section 31 and to have been adopted in accordance with Part 5.

Day 2

- Due to the budget defeat a friendly amendment had to be completed to mirror the budget motion from the 2025/2026 budget in alignment with the Legislation
 - Motion amendment
 - Now therefore it is resolved that Wilp Si'ayuuklh Nisga'a acting under section 4.3 of the Trust Agreement, direct that the Trustee, acting under Section 4.2(b) of the Trust Agreement, make a distribution from the Trust fund to the Nisga'a Nation
 - Now therefore it is moved that WSN action under section 4.3 of the Trust Agreement, direct that the Trustee, acting under section 4.2(b) of the Trust Agreement, make a distribution from the Trust Fund to the Nisga'a Nation
 - In the total amount of \$17,739,008; and
 - To be paid in one installment in or before the eighth day after the Trustee receives a copy of the WSN resolution.
 - This motion is to keep funds flowing to Village Governments until we revisit the budget in the July 2026 sitting.
 - Gingolx Breakwater Budget Amendment
 - That WSN approves 2025/2026 budget be amended to provide \$3 million from accumulated surplus for the Gingolx Marina and Waterfront Hub
 - Motion carried
 - Project to go to Capital finance commission for approval and project oversight
 - Nisga'a Language and Culture Act
 - Third reading
 - Carried



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- Nisga'a Real property amendment act
 - Third reading
 - Carried

Day 3

- In camera session
- Members statements
- Question period



COUNCILLOR FRED MCKAY

Committees:

Public Order Peace and Safety (POPS)

Programs & Services Committee

Hello to all, I trust you are doing well and may the creator's blessings be with you.

POPS Committee- has a member from the four villages and a chairperson, with Access to Justice, Compliance & Enforcement, Lisims Nass Valley-RCMP as well as administrative staff and the Director of programs and services present.

The Peace, Order and Public Safety Committee provides recommendations to the Nisga'a Lisims Government with the aim of keeping Nisga'a lands safe, peaceful, and healthy. It focuses on managing community safety and local policing to protect Nisga'a citizens while respecting traditional culture and modern treaty rights.

Also at committee level we discuss issues which citizens have expressed concerns about. As well as the continuing and evolving culturally-grounded frameworks with which issues can be addressed, while keeping to federal and provincial legal system.

Meetings attended:

Indigenous Policing 2026

-law/By-law enforcement challenges

-First Nations in Canada face a "jurisdictional vacuum" where their community bylaws and inherent laws are routinely left unenforced by colonial legal structures. While the Indian Act, Land Codes, and self-government treaties grant First Nations the legal authority to draft laws, a breakdown in the Canadian policing and prosecution framework leaves these laws largely ineffective on the ground.

-First Nations policing provides culturally responsive law enforcement that is tailored to the unique social and historical contexts of Indigenous communities. By integrating local culture and focusing on self-determination, these dedicated services build stronger community trust and have been shown to reduce crime rates.



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Clean Energy 2026

BC's Current Energy Mix

BC is abundant in natural resources, including clean and reliable renewable electricity. Approximately 95% of BC's electricity production is clean. However, electricity accounts for only 22% of the total energy we consume. Most energy consumed (78%) is sourced from fossil fuels. The transportation sector, heating our built environments, and many industrial activities still rely primarily on fossil fuels, which produce greenhouse gas emissions. Fuel-switching from these fossil fuels (like gasoline, oil and natural gas) to low-carbon electricity is key in meeting the Government of BC's CleanBC greenhouse gas reduction targets.

BC's electricity resources provide a clear pathway for decarbonizing our energy system and can serve as a catalyst for electrification in other sectors. Our clean electricity system is BC's advantage; it is imperative that we leverage it to grow and future-proof our economy while meeting greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Wind, solar, run of river, geothermal, tidal, and wave technologies are but some of the solutions for clean energy production.



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COUNCILLOR KEVIN MCKAY

Committees:

Nisga'a Lands & Resources Committee

Nisga'a Fisheries & Wildlife Committee - Alternate

Legislative Review Committee



COUNCILLOR PAMELA WRIGHT

Committees:

Nisga'a Capital Commission

Nisga'a Finance Committee – Alternate

I would like to take this time to report of my ongoing responsibilities and accountabilities to you, our community and our administration.

Capital Finance Commission (CFC) / Capital Finance Commission (New Asset) Appointed as the LVG commissioner / Vacant (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.

11 Meetings to date (2-Orientations)

CFC

- LX – Project Status Report FY 2025/26 forthcoming
- LX 2510 – Operation and Maintenance Funding Request FY 2026/27 – complete
- LX 2511 – Water and Wastewater Funding Request FY 2026/27 – complete
- LX 2512 – Water Storage – Cleaning and Inspection

CFC – New Asset

- LX 2509 – Energy Audits / Evaluations
- LX 2513 – Housing FY 2026/27
- LX 2514 – Capacity Supports FY 2025/26



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- LX 2515 – Capacity Supports FY 2026/27

IHF – Indigenous Housing Fund – 3 projects were rescinded as the province has scaled back the funding amounts and Laxgalts'ap has the only application that is active. There has been a pivot from the 30-unit apartments to Townhouse units with the Affordable Housing Fund. LVG still has a CMHC funding agreement for \$8,632,831.00 in a non-repayable grant contribution.

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 – 9 meetings

- All four Villages and surrounding homesteaders are participating
- Household pick ups – target date July 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 – ours arrived this past week
- Individual drop offs are going to be available at landfill during operational hours

LVG Meetings – 29 meetings

- My reports include my attendance, observations and directives at meetings and conferences. I forward CFC / CFC New Asset information to all Chief and Council and Senior Administrators, while keeping our Clerk to Council updated within my email correspondence for our records.
- Standing Committee Meeting Packages / Written Reports (Received since December 2024)
 - 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 – 1 package / no reports
 - Lands and Resources – 1 package / no reports
 - NLG Executive – 2 packages / 3 reports
 - Legislative Committee – no packages / 1 report (email)



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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

- **Elevate Women at Work – April 22-24, 2026 – Vancouver**
 - UBC Sauder of Business
 - Communication and Persuasion
 - Team building and goal setting
 - Creating networks and overcoming adversity
 - Navigating the balance of work, life and health
- **Generate 2026 – May 25-26, 2026 – Vancouver**
 - Cleaner Energy sources within BC – Wind, Solar, Tidal, Geothermal etc.
 - Call for Power – BC Hydro 2025 – will be expecting a call every two years moving forward
 - BC Hydro needs to be more upfront with existing interconnectedness to the grid and where upgrades are needed
 - Biomass and battery storage – exploratory at the moment
 - 5.2B invested in 30 Clean Energy Projects
 - 1B invested in First Nations Projects
 - No DRIPA = No Projects
 - Importing wind turbines the ideal site for this is the Stewart Port for Northern BC
 - New Relationship Trust – opportunity in Fall 2026 to access funding for remote communities
 - There is no overlap of First Nations, as there were wars that distinguished the boundaries with other neighbouring nations
 - There needs to be a First Nations Utility Commission developed
 - AI Data centers – concerns of water usage and energy consumption
- **LNG Health Effects – May 28, 2026 – Terrace**
 - What are the health harms of flaring from LNG?
 - Emissions are being placed into the air that we breath even when a flame is not present. Special cameras were able to capture the fumes that are not seen with the naked eye.
 - 1950-2025 the earth has increased 1.4 degrees higher due to global industrial activities
 - Effects are on the respiratory system, asthma, heart attacks, pre-term birth, child leukemia, early mortality



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- Flaring has elements such as benzenes, nitrogen oxides, sulphur oxides, particular matter, other carcinogens that also create acid rain
- Lax'yip Firekeepers – connection to the land and water, loss of food and medicinal plants, loss of animal habitat, loss of critical fish habitat, contamination of water, air and soils
- AI Data Centers – contamination of water and high consumption of energy source

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.

If it matters to you, it matters to me too