First Nations Relations: History is the context, shared decision-making is the future





Introductions

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Agenda

- Place Exercise
- Presentation: Getting to Shared Decision-Making
- Video: Relationship Building Best Practices
- Activity: Collaborative Problem Solving for your Community Forest
- Closing

Place Exercise

- You will need a piece of paper and a pen.
- Participation is optional.



B.C. pauses plans to amend Land Act

'We need a bit more time to help make it work and bring people in': water, land, resource stewardship minister

Vaughn Palmer: Changes to Land Act are huge, despite B.C. minister's claims

Nathan Cullen tried to suggest that the pending change in the provincial Land Act was no big deal. He sees it flowing naturally from the passage, back in 2019, of the Declaration Act, incorporating the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

B.C. walks back Land Act amendments, says further engagement needed to show 'real benefits'

Concerns raised over B.C.'s Land Act amendments

Changes to give First Nations shared decision making powers over land use

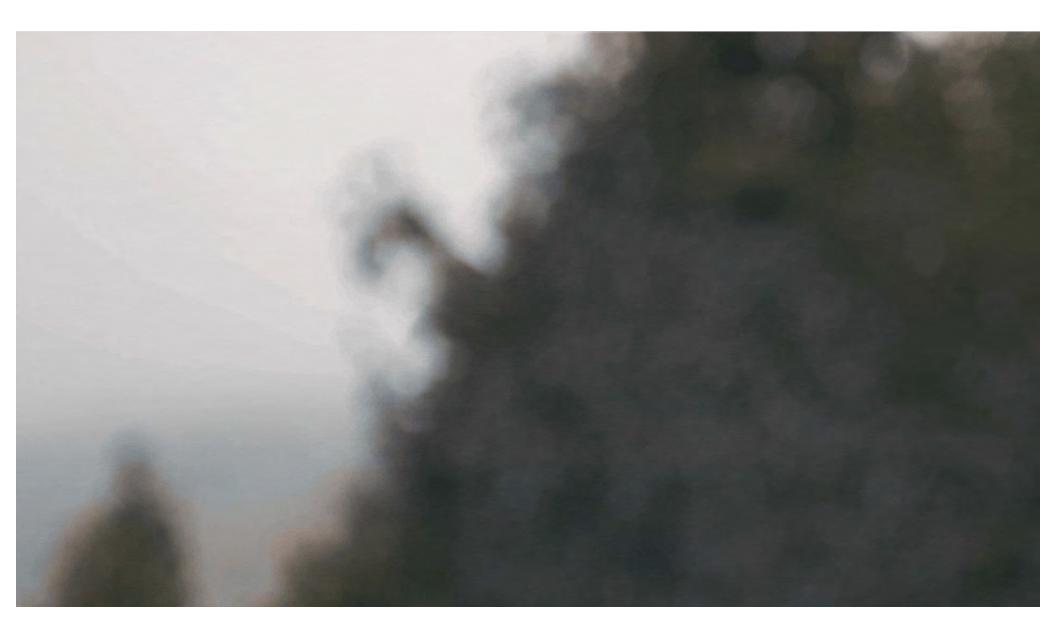
B.C. scraps proposed changes to Land Act amid consultation, controversy

B.C. has decided not to proceed with proposed amendments to the Land Act after holding a series of meetings with stakeholders











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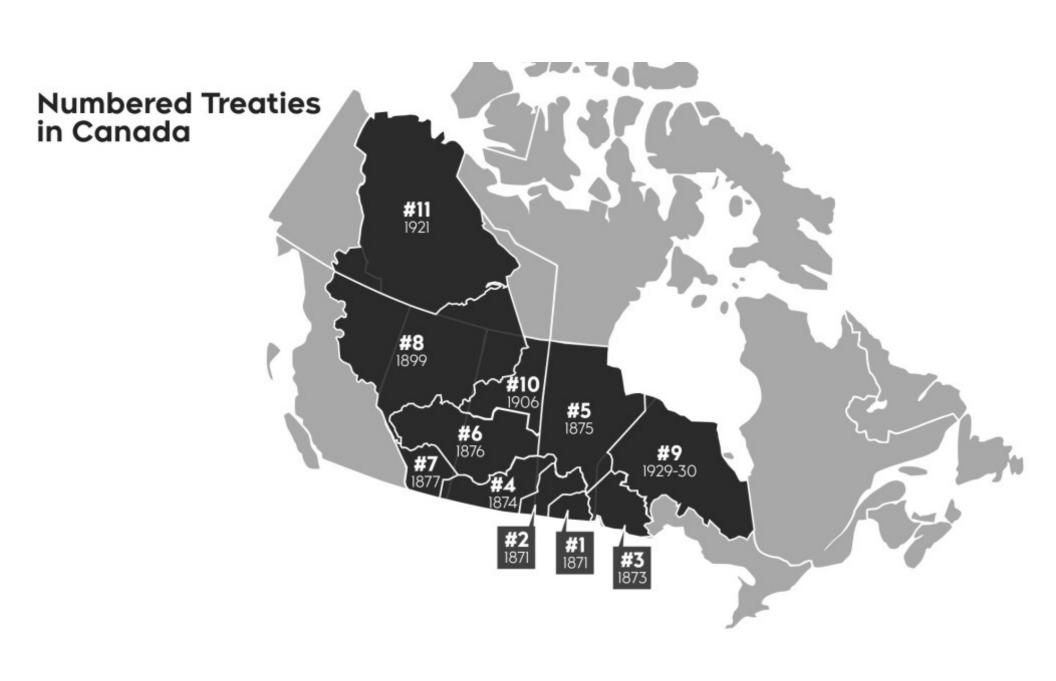
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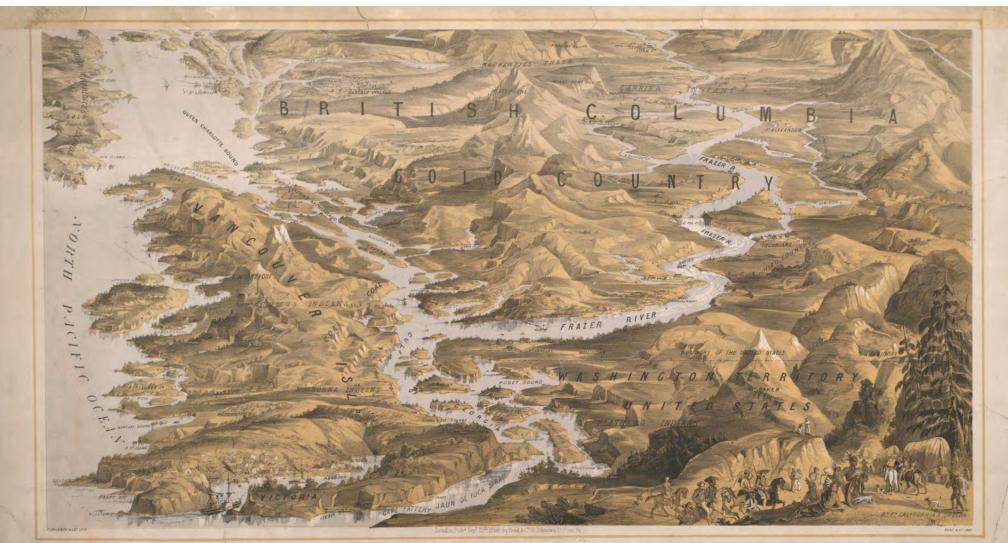


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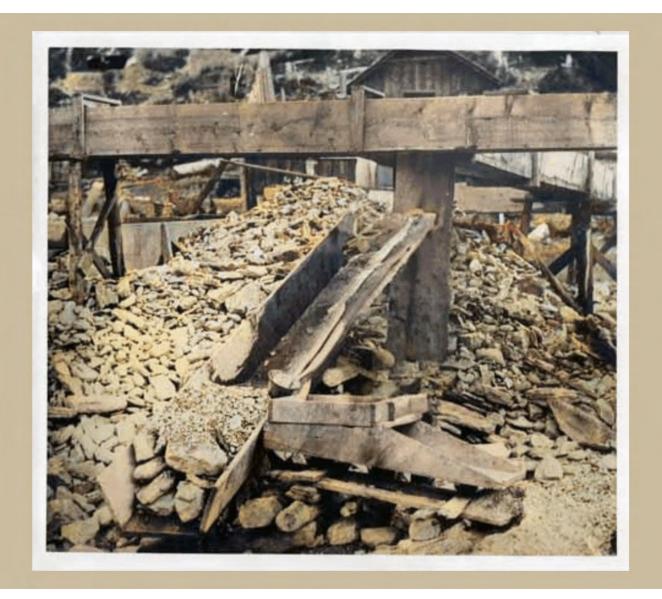


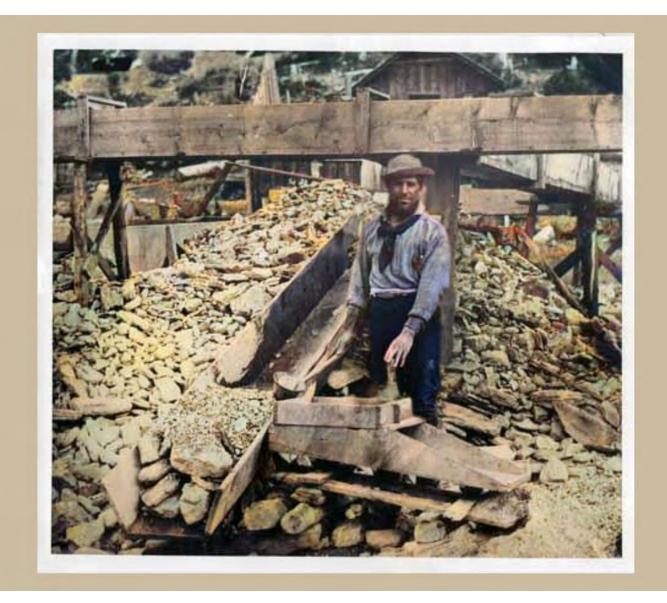




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A COMPLETE VIEW OF THE NEWLY DISCOVERED GOLD FIELDS IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. WITH VANCOUVER ISLAND AND THE WHOLE OF THE SEA-BORD FROM CAPE FLATTERY TO PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND.

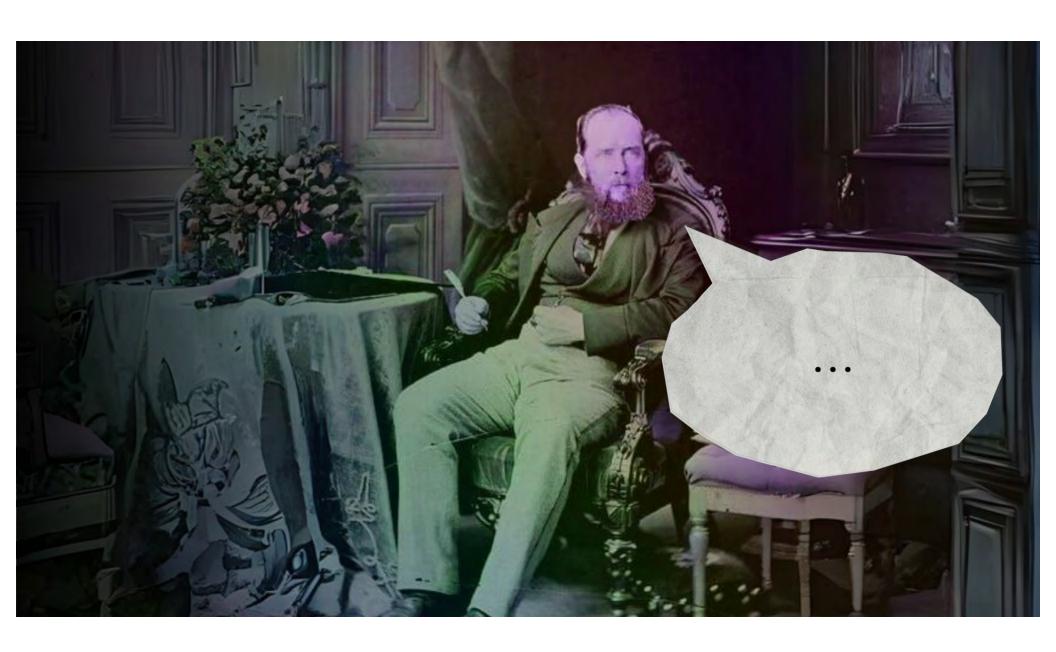














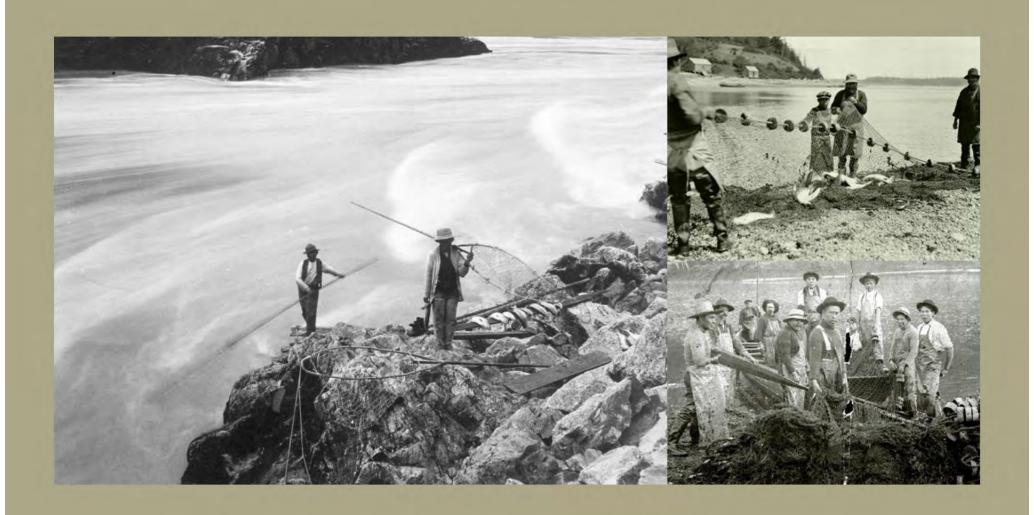
MEMBERS OF THE LAND COMMITTEE OF THE NISHGA TRIBE.

Photograph taken at Aiyansh, Naas River, upon occasion of a meeting of the Tribe held there in October, 1913.















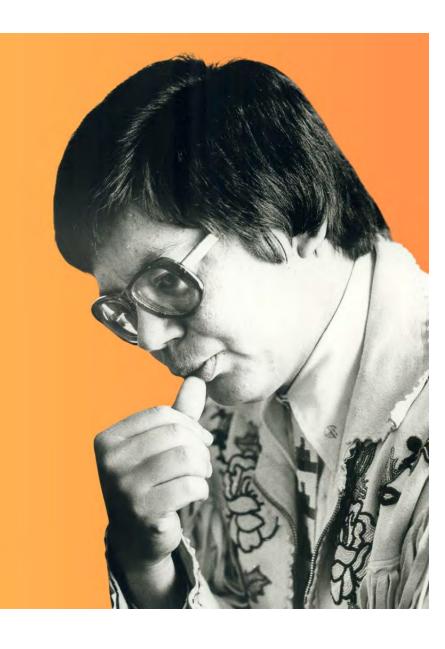




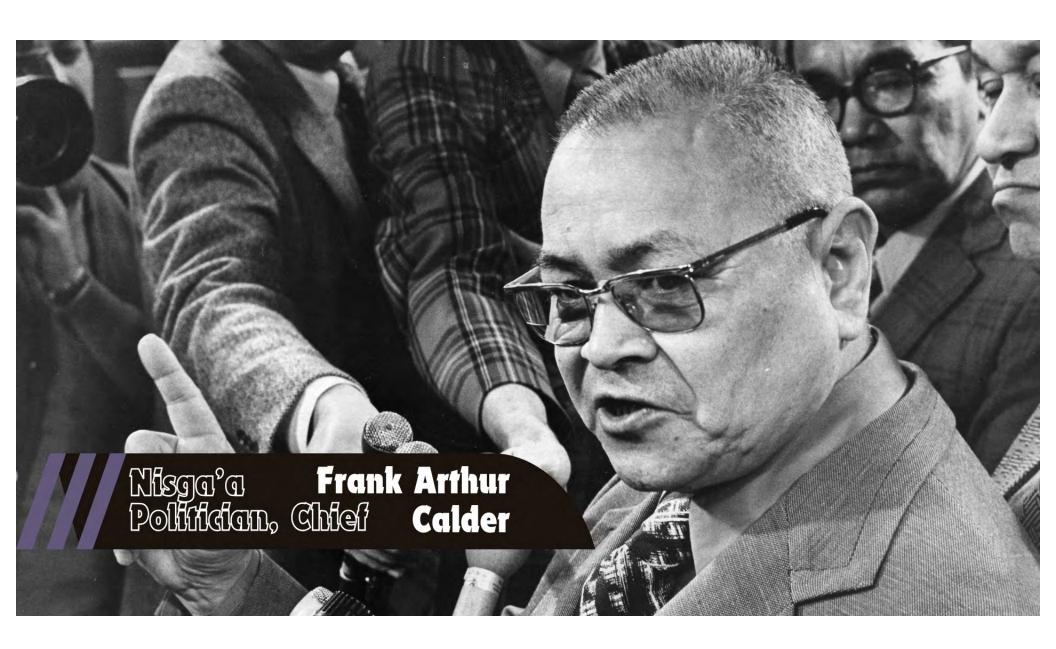




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Children push to forefront at McLeod Lake Indian band blockade on access road to Carp and War lakes.

Fight is one of hope

by GORDON CLARK

Staff reporter
Sitting around a campfire. drinking coffee and eating bannock, the boys from McLeod Lake are planning their next move. It's been 11 days since they set

up a blockade across an old logging road leading into Carp and War lakes, but the provincial government hasn't agreed to McLeod Lake band's demand for a logging moratorium on an 89,200-hectare parcel of land it claims. The government's only reaction to the protest has been to announce plans for an alternative road into the park.

Once again, the Indians feel they

have been ignored.

Band chief Harry Chingee sits on log by the fire, sipping camp coffee, and explaining why the band resorted to sealing off a provincial park.
"I think the biggest problem we

have is that our people can't get work. That's why we want to get control of our own resources," he

"If they go down to public works, and we've heard they need guys, they get told to come back in a few After a couple times, they get discouraged."

Chingee, 64, says the perception that Indians want land out of greed is wrong. All they want, he says, is the chance to work "like the rest of the people in Canada. "White society is racist, he says, making it difficult for native people to find

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"You remember the recession? It was hard on whites, but it was 10 times harder on Indians, You're the first to go when the times get tough," he says. "It's hopeless for us until we can get something going on our own.

Since July 1, between four and 15 Indians have manned a blockade near War Lake, about 20 kilometres up a gravel road off the Hart highway. On Friday, the band dug three deep ditches across the road to block access to the park. The band had to phone many backhoe operators before someone agreed to do the work. Chingee says any were afraid of working

The road, built in 1964 to a forest fire spotting cabin, cuts through a five-hectare reserve property as it winds its way into the park. The provincial government never gazetted the road and even Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Stephen Rogers admits the band is within its right to block access.

The band decided to dig the trenches - rather than maintain a camp — to avoid confrontations similar to one last Monday when six white men ran the blockade, using chainsaws to cut logs placed across the road. A rifle was fired by one of the Indians as a "warning shot" during the incident. Chingee says he was afraid someone might get hurt. The ditches will keep people out without that rick without that risk.

Chingee dismisses threats by

Highways Minister Cliff Michael that the government will build another route into the park, "It'll never happen this summer," says. The terrain is too rough."

He says the blockade is part of a strategy to make the government halt logging in the McLeod Lake area until after the band's claim is settled. Each day, he says, logging lessens the value of land the band may one day own.

The federal government agrees with the band that under Treaty 8, offered to Indians in northeastern British Columbia in 1899, that McLeod Lake Indians are entitled to about 12,000 hectares. Negotiations to determine which land will be given to the band have been stalled, with Victoria resisting the claim.

Chingee says that once the band has control of the land, it will set up a logging industry to employ its people. It will no longer depend on government handouts for its cash.

"If we get this thing going, most of the money will stay right here," he says.

Right now, Chingee says, natives are caught in a vicious circle of poverty, alcoholism and unemployment. Unemployed Indians find it difficult to get work and turn to booze. As a result, they are not employable.

are not emproyable.
"In 1952, the first beer parlor opened up and things have gone downhill ever since," Chingee says. "In the 1960s there was lots of work. But at the same time they got involved with liqour - that's really devastating."

Chingee says a gradual process of involving natives in the workplace must take place if the cycle of unemployment is to be broken. "Most Indians can't just walk into a production line . . . it can't work. It's just shifting from

can be worked to another."

Chingee. a forestry engineer. says that if the band gets control of some land and starts to log, it will no longer need handouts from the federal government to survive. By giving the band some land, the vernment will save itself some money. But Chingee says the government is afraid because it makes a lot of money from

"There's big money in the logging industry and they simply don't want to give it up."

Union could scuttle Canada Post deal

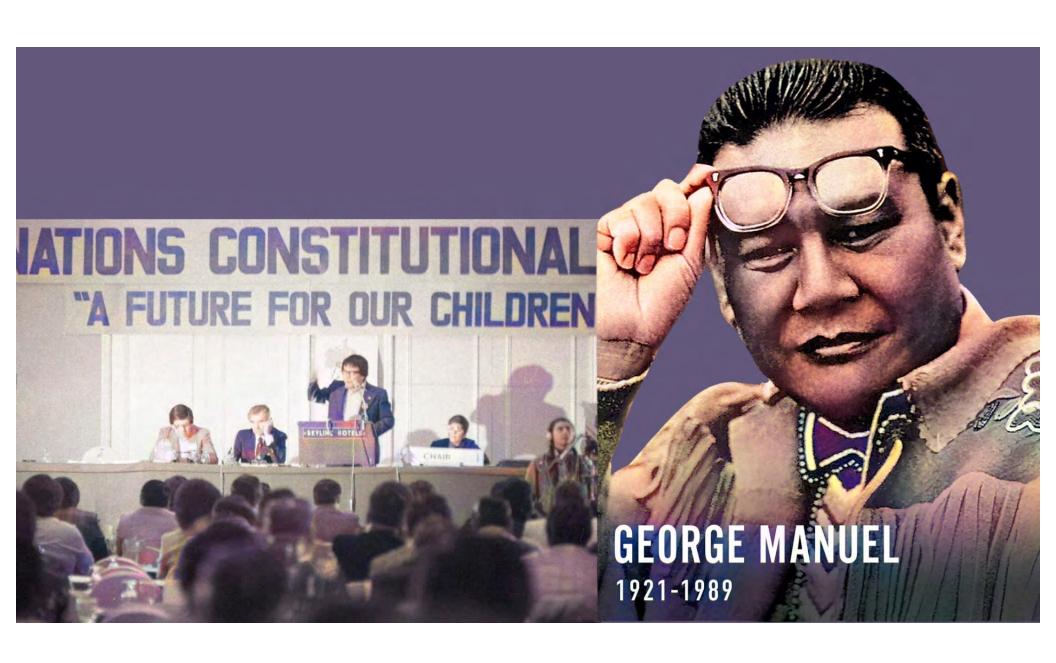
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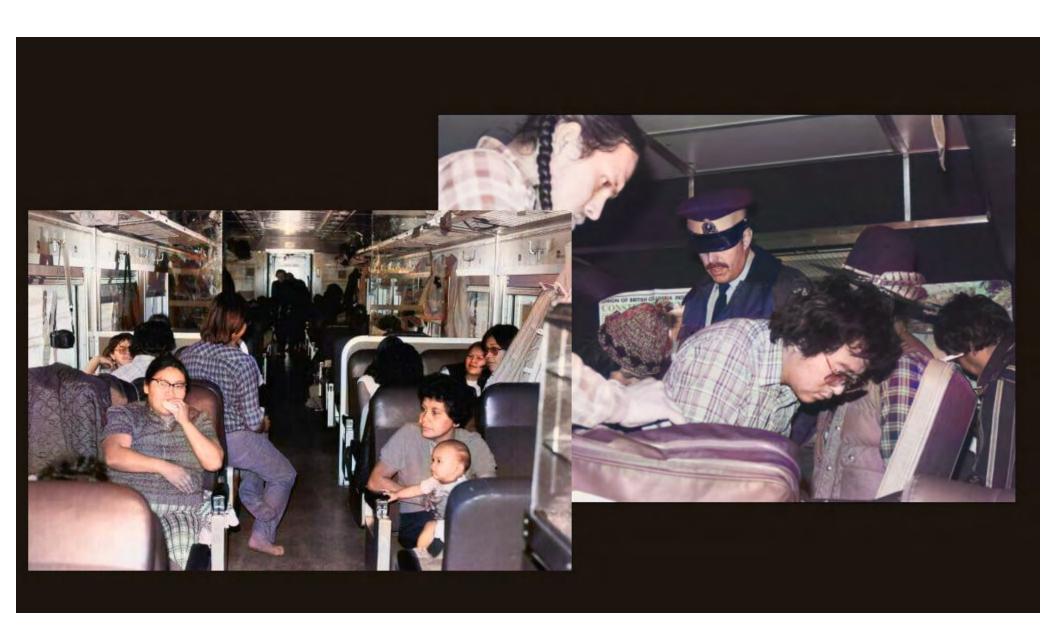
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Fallers Calvin Inyallie, left, and Les Chingee of the McLeod Lake Indian Band stand beside one of the

LAND CLAIM STRATEGY

Indians logging illegally

by BEV CHRISTENSEN Staff reporter

Fallers from the McLeod Lake Indian band began illegally cutting trees on Crown land 30 km north of Bear Lake early today in an apparent effort to force the B.C. government to act on their land claims.

The fallers are employees of the McLeod Lake Band Development Corporation, the economic arm of the more than 300 members of the McLeod Lake Indian band.

Band manager Harley Chingee admitted the corporation's actions are illegal.

"We want the government to take us to court. We want them to freeze the area and if they won't we'll log it," he said, as a faller sent a large spruce tree crashing to the ground.

The band's actions follow the approval of a series of motions during a band council meeting Sunday in an effort to prod the provincial government into acting on its claim to more than 40,000 acres in the vicinity of Bear Lake.

During the meeting the band council took control of the land by approving an application from the McLeod Lake Band Development Corporation for a permit to use the Kerry Lake Forest Road for logging purposes, by approving a resolution giving the corporation a licence to harvest the timber and by issuing a timber mark to the corporation.

The motion stipulates stumpage "not to exceed \$60 per cubic metre of harvested timber" will be paid to the band by the corporation.

The issuing of road permits, timber harvesting licences, timber marks and the collection of stumpage fees are all done by the Ministry of Forests.

The chief and council of the band have placed an ad in today's edition of The Citizen advising companies planning to bid for timber sale licences A26267 and A24908 that the band is harvesting these trees because they fall within the area the band claims as part of its traditional territory.

The sale of the timber on these blocks is scheduled to be held in Prince George Wednesday and Thursday.

Chingee says another ad will appear in The Citizen later this week offering the logs for sale.

"It will say they're eligible for export," Chingee said in an interview at the site.

The band has been trying for more than 10 years to gain recognition for its rights under Treaty 8. The band claims, although its traditional territory is covered under the terms of the treaty, it has never received any of the benefits, including 160 acres per person it's entitled to under the terms of the agreement.

In an effort to draw attention to its claim, the band blockaded roads in the area in 1986 and 1987. But their action today in cutting timber on Crown land is potentially more serious.

"We want them to go to court and put their marbles on the table and see who is right and who is wrong - who owns this timber. We want to go to court with the big guys not the little wimps. We're getting tired of pussy footing around and getting more aggressive," Chingee said.

He's confident the band will succeed in establishing their claim to more than 40,000 acres. The claim

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Essential services eyed

VANCOUVER (CP) - Negotiators for the British Columbia government and its civil servants met briefly this morning to discuss what would be considered essential services if the union goes on strike.

Following the closed session, both sides met separately to consider the status of negotiations between the government and the 29.000-member B.C. Goverment Employees Association.

Negotiations on main contract issues adjourned Saturday.

The union has said the key issue

is job protection for workers whose employment is affected by the government's privatization plans.

"If they are willing to come back with anything other than no (to the union's job security proposal) then we'll keep going, but at the time they left, that wasn't very clear," union president John Shields said earlier in the week.

Shields said a strike, however, would not affect government-run health facilities, and distribution of welfare cheques and fire and bridge protection would continue.

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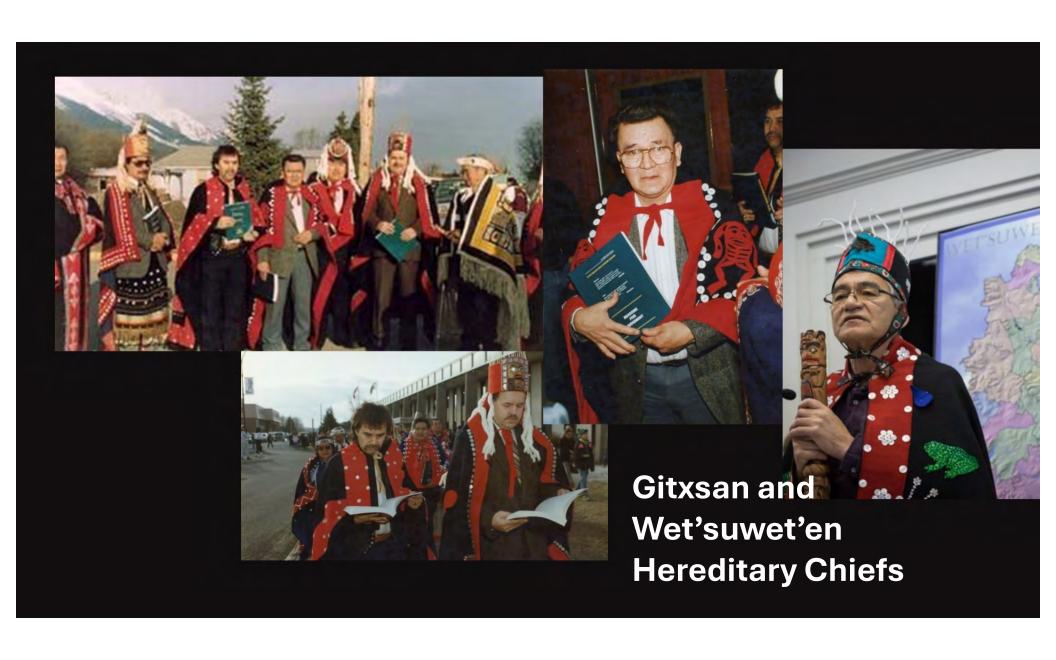
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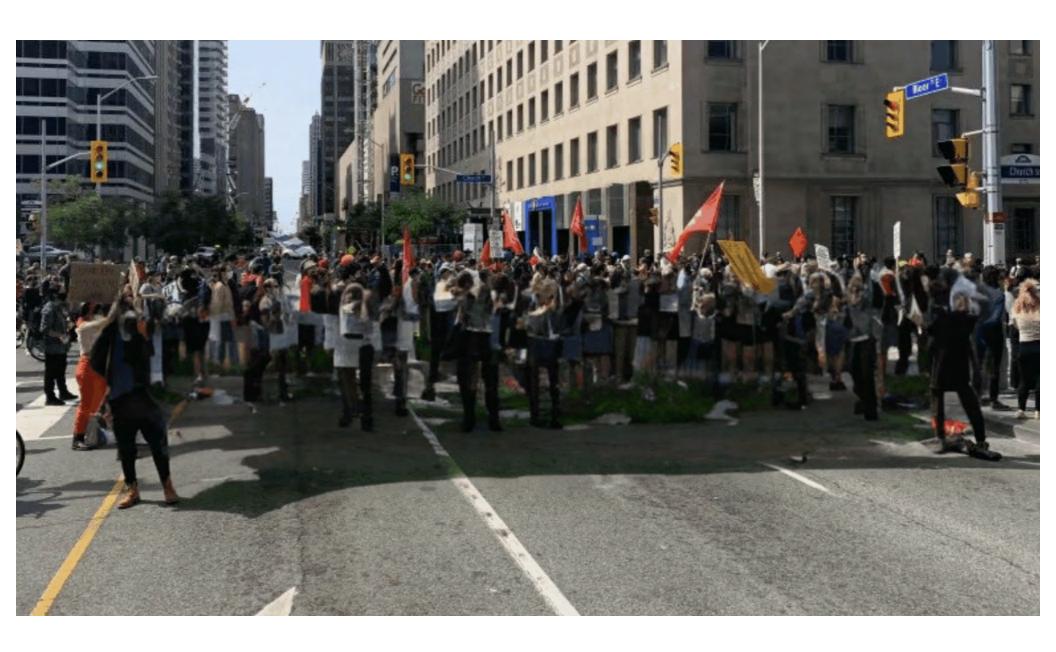




















Video: Relationship Building Best Practices

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• What are the big take aways from what Tania, Heather, and George have shared?

Activity: Collaborative Problem Solving

- Work in groups of 4
- Think about a problem, issue, or challenge you are having in your community forest that is related to relationships.
- If you're a First Nations rep, these could be with local governments or other non-Indigenous leadership
- If you're a non-Indigenous rep, these could be with local First Nations (whether they are partners or not)
- Write down your challenge anonymously and pile all 4.
- Choose one that isn't yours this is now your problem.
- Read it out to the group and take 5 minutes to discuss potential solutions

Collaborative Problem Solving Discussion

• What kinds of themes emerged in these discussions?

Closing: Somatic Exercise

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