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KITSELAS FIRST NATION TREATY – PROTOCOL AGREEMENT

Gitxaala, through the Lu Sa Hax Hoyagm Wil'nat'aal, has attempted to negotiate a protocol agreement with Kitselas in Nation-to-Nation meetings to address the impacts of the proposed Kitselas Treaty on Gitxaala Nation's inherent title and rights. However, Kitselas has engaged in bad faith negotiations, consistently making conflicting statements during meetings and advancing different positions between them.

- Gitxaala has taken a cautious and considerate approach in discussions with Kitselas regarding treaty ratification.
- This approach reflects Gitxaala's intent not to interfere with Kitselas' community discussions related to the treaty vote.
- Many of the leaders, treaty team members and elders representing Kitselas in these discussions are, in fact, from Gitxaala, including their elected Chief.
- Kitselas' claim to Gitxaala territory is based on the fact that many of its members are originally from Gitxaala.
- Gitxaala has no legal recourse in this matter, as the issue is governed by Western law rather than traditional laws. Western courts have consistently favored the treaty process.
- This situation does not suggest that the process Kitselas is engaged in is correct, nor does it imply that the government perceives Kitselas' claim as strong.

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Txagyet Clarence Innes, Chair

Lu Sa Hax Hoyak Wil'nat'aal

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Lou Ga Gwelks Linda Innes, Chief Councillor |

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