



## NISGA'A TS'AMIKS VANCOUVER SOCIETY

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### Nisga'a Ts'amiks Community Meeting Minutes December 2, 2023

*We acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.*

**1. Call to Order:** 1:20pm – Opening prayer; Matt Azak & Sam McKay

**2. Welcome Address;** Andrea Burrell

**3. Adoption of the Agenda** December 2, 2023

Moved by; Matt Azak                      Seconded by; Tania Percival

All in Favor

Motion carried

**4. Approval of the Community Meeting minutes** from October 21, 2023

Moved by; Matt Azak                      Seconded by; Malcolm Stewart

All in Favor

Motion Carried

**5. Administrative Reports:**

**a. Hoobiye 2024**

**Q – Tania:** I have some questions or suggestions as well regarding the vendors list. Will it be Nisga'a given priority first? That's my first question. The schedule, I know you did say that you're going to be addressing this at the debrief, but I don't know if this was addressed last year, I think the schedule we need, or you need to possibly think of a way to assert that that schedule is in stone or something because the issue that occurred last year happened right in front of Squamish Nation coming out and event or citizen was quite upset about the schedule change and had addressed one of your staff right in front of while they were coming out. It was actually quite embarrassing. Because cameras were on them and you could see the yelling, it ended up turning attention to those people and I felt bad for your staff member that had to deal with that. So, if there's a way to avoid having citizens approaching the staff or whoever's in charge of the scheduled changes, because we were on a time crunch that time. So that's one of the issues of security. If there's a way to possibly train a group of if you're wanting ambassadors, but maybe training a group of Nisga'as interested to get the security training that way. I'm not saying just volunteers, but that way it's not. A group of volunteers. You're having people that are actually trained.

**A – Tony Robinson:** First question, yes, vendors are going to be the priority. By your second question, we are looking at that. Thanks. Scheduling. It's going to be set in stone and it's

very important that you come to the meeting in December. So it's good to get your input in there and it will be set once the community finalizes scheduling. I like the Security question. We actually talked on the board level about it. And through Ts'amiks Development Corp.

Q – Kerry: I was wondering about how much tables are we allowed to use a table because I'm in peer support and we just give information about code then to get their booster shot. We don't talk about the testing part that much; we just get their booster shots and just your COVID shots. We know where the clinics are and stuff, and it's free and you just give your information out, not with like free of charge. And I was wondering if we're allowed to have the table just to give handouts. How much are they? How much do they cost?

A - Tony Robinson: We haven't determined the prices yet. Meeting is in December.

Q – Lily: Is there a list of how many dance groups have confirmed that they're coming and? So I was wondering if there's room for large dance groups to be invited. I just came across somebody who belongs to a Gitxsan dance group who would love to come for the first time. So well, is that list available or do I have to wait? I have one more question.

A – Tony Robinson: Thank you, Lily for now six confirmed. I believe we sent almost 20 invitations out. And it's not too late. I know. Gitxaala was mentioned earlier, so, you just have to get the contact details to me, and we'll see you.

Q – Lily: The last time the acoustics were not very good. You can't hear the dance group, the groups very well, especially if you're by the vendors you know, shopping at the vendors' table. You can hardly hear them at all. I hope that they have good acoustics this time.

A – Tony Robinson: We were informed of the sound issues. We're going to get our sound specialists to walk with us through the area.

Q – Sherry: Last year, I know this was already brought up, but I can't help but think about the teachings. Last year I attended a public meeting where the young people were identified to be lifted up and to do the drum drill. And they were the ones that were publicly pushed aside. And too many leaders over the front. So going forward, is this not something we're supposed to publicly apologize to these young people and we lift them up into the community for misunderstandings and don't use their gifts? The third purpose of that was to mentor them to become leaders. Just out of curiosity, is that something we're supposed to do as Nisga'a is to publicly apologize to young people for misunderstanding? Thank you.

A – Tony Robinson: I am in the process of meeting with Ts'amiks Dance Group Manager so whoever is on the dance group remind her to come and see me so that we can ensure the drum drill is in place on the first day. You can attend the Hoobiye committee meeting in December. We can address all these issues.

Q – Sherry: As well as a board, we have talked about the apology. I did attend the Elders meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> and I did see two of those dancers here. So I did get up and

apologized to them at the Elders' meeting and I stayed. I told them we didn't forget about the apology. I stated this in front of all of the Elders who were in the room at that time. Mine are more of like concerns about transparency regarding the coordination of everything volunteered to set up like help with these. The community has a lot of say in everything which it sounds like we didn't last year. So that was one of the biggest problems. And then also picking volunteers for the feast to set up the vendor group. We didn't have the time for that.

A – Tony Robinson: Thank you. Organization is critical. This is why we're having these meetings this year. This year we're looking to be more organized. We have a feast organization on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Voice your concerns at that meeting and we'll make sure everything is addressed.

Q – Dana: I just want to revisit the comments on security. I'm hoping that it might be possible for us to prioritize trauma and foreign leaders as well, those who are certified in mental health. And not only for Hoobiyee, but for all of our large community gatherings, because all circles of life come to these gatherings and rather than us, further escalate a situation. Someone sees it as a threat to kind of see the humanness of it. There was an incident even at our department community dinner. A few weeks ago, you know if we didn't have someone there who was trauma-informed, it could have been a completely different scenario. So again, revisiting common security to ensure that we always have someone who's certified in mental health and make that aware. For everyone in the room.

A – Tony Robinson: Good points and again, raise them at the next December meeting. We'll make sure there's a table of personal wellness.

## **b. Journey Home 2024**

Q – Sherry: Thank you for your wonderful presentation and a really good reflection on the first one. My first question is about the spiritual aspect of the box. Have you connected with your department Elders', Council of Elders and Language and Cultural Director for guidance about that issue? It's pretty traumatizing issue. In regards to the communities, this is the most easiest time of the year for as I grew up in the village, for women and men who gather fish. What are their inputs into the Journey Home? Because when we did this, we started with them. About their availability and their agendas and how they saw fit to welcome people into their communities and into their families.

A – Shannon-Rose Vickers-King: The piece with the wood box that was this suggestion that came from board meetings and it's something that was felt very strongly that they really felt that it would be an amazing part of creating this Journey Home. It's in my plans to consult with counselors, with the IRS like that these different supports that are already in place for. I actually will ask you or contact you further for more information of who I could talk with at the Council of others because it is very important to me as well. I've reached out to the village governments and introduced myself and tried to make those initial contacts.

Q – Tania: I appreciate that you reached out to the community and considered our views. I suggested to the Nisga'a community to have a mini version of that here for the Nisga'a community in the city because when you take a look at the Downtown Eastside, and we have an outreach team that communicates with them. Many of our Nisga'a people that are lost down there are lost coming from residential school. And if you were to have those intimate conversations with them. They would find out that these were the reasons why they never returned home. I would really like to see some sort of forum because a lot of those people did not attend the last journey home. I would like to see some sort of forum or some sort of venue to open it up for them to be able to do, similar to what happened at the TRC event. Where they were given so many minutes to tell their story because we want to hear their story and that starts the healing because our community needs to start somewhere with the healing and many of those people aren't coming to these events because of that. It's not open to them yet. They're not feeling comfortable yet for a reason. And it's not pointing fingers at anybody. I would be willing to volunteer time if and should you do that as well, my question is, I mean, I didn't get to go the last time because of work. It was a very lengthy time process that I really wanted to attend but couldn't. We do have it on our travels to want to go home. To do any to do fish anyway, but in the event, we pay our own flights to go home, let's say just as an example, would there be the option of having a bus up there to be able to bring us to the Nas rather than that you know the extra cost of renting cars and such or whatever? Because I would really like to attend, but I just 12 days is quite lengthy to be away from here when you have a job and as well as we run our own business. So that's my question.

A - Tony Robinson: Thank you, Tania. And yes, we are ramping up our budgets. We are looking at the fast journey home budget. We did, we do have a \$180,000 budget right now and that's only for 75 members. And as soon as we get to that point, Shannon, myself, and finance, will sit down and go over all the transportation logistics. And we do want to make sure our Members are comfortable as well in that budget.

Q – Denise: I have a bunch of writing down ideas as they were coming. The first thing would be hotels. If you are able to get the government discount, we can book our clients at hotels. I also wanted to know this time if you'll have packages ready like paid for the elders or people so that they don't actually have a package in their hand. I also know that Holiday Inns have the First Nations discount and some salmons. Another suggestion going towards the leisure day. That makes it quite long, so I'd like to attend as well, but same with Tania. 12 days take off work is a little long. Ts'amiks could be a part of any of this event. I also wanted to suggest maybe if this is called the Journey Home and it's for them to go home to be able to meet their families and or learn about the cultural practices that were mentioned about harvesting, all those different things. Some of the people are going to go in yheir primary goal is to meet their family if they haven't, don't know them already. Or of they want to learn those cultural practices if the society needs to do it. Like say if we stop in Gitlaxt'aamiks, I don't have any family in Gitlaxt'aamiks. So if I was to go there with the entire group then that would be a full day where I'm just like waiting around.

A – Shannon-Rose Vickers-King: As this is very very introductory, this is kind of like a snapshot and it is really geared towards people who haven't really gotten to feel what it's

like to be home to feel that embraced in the community and also do the things that lots of us are very fortunate to have grown up being able to do. Building a connection ahead of time is really important because I heard it over and over again and the feedbacks a lot of people felt lost once they got there. I'm already kind of pulling together some ideas similar to what you're saying about looking at their family trees and making connections earlier connections with their groups so they kind of know what to expect before they get there. And I hear what you're saying about the different communities when I was there all my life I've never really known the other communities just locked up. It would be good to focus on and like there's things like leisure, if that's what you want to do then. You know, people would be able to go and do things on their own with their families and then, but also offering the different meaningful ways of connecting with our land and our people as well, but for that specifically, if you like that idea and I would like to look into that more with having certain things like the different traditional practices making the connections in each village for that. They can provide that to our people who desire to learn those things.

A - Tony Robinson: We are linked up with Indigenous Travel Services agency discounts on hotels, flights, and vehicle rentals.

Q – Lily: I was part of the Journey Home in 2011. It was a very healing journey for us. We went to Saint Michael's Residential School, it hadn't been demolished then. We all were so appreciative of having that opportunity to travel in memory of our mother as a child forced to go to that school. Are we remembering that? How they tried to steal her Nisga'a culture away from her? It is a part of our story and I think it should be documented. I really think we should hire writers that can document what happened. I think we should look back in 2011 and the mistakes that were made there. The next board of directors that elections in 2024 I don't want to see the next Board of Directors trying to hinder this project because from my understanding the video was made for 2011 almost got thrown in the garbage. there should be something in place to stop people that might try to hinder this project.

A – Tony Robinson: Thank you, Lily. As I mentioned earlier, we have grant writers, there are funding grants out there. We are looking to document this trip and have a book written on it. We're looking at writers for this. And I believe those 2011 CDs are still in the box.

## **6. Ts'amiks Development Corp.**

Q – Tania: It's I think these are great initiatives. Sorry, I just have some questions regarding transparency, when was this board developed and how was the board, how was it opened? Board members join as a board of directors, who decided on the board members to look at the list. Is it not a conflict? I'm just asking the question because I do see it as a conflict. Correct me if I'm wrong. Where do the dollars come from? Is it just grants or is it streaming in from this? Business, government, and don't small businesses fall under these categories?

A - Tony Robinson: Thank you, Tania. As I went to an org chart, it's the NTVS Board is 100% owner of the TDC and TVC. In regards to conflict, I will leave that with the board to answer that one. The funding is not coming from grants. We could go after grants. But we had a

lucrative contract to start where we got almost \$1,000,000 from Arctic Construction and that's where the money came from.

A - Travis Angus: When we first started, we had selected and chosen our board. Our regular board as a stakeholder, you still have to have that input in there so that that transparency is still there. I don't see a conflict with it. But that's just in my own opinion. But everything's been working like I said we know everything that's going on here like there's we can hold both positions on our board here and I've got a list of people.

Q – Tania: Because there's two people on there, two of you that sit on the society, you're a board member. So what happens next year when, let's say you don't get back in? What happens to your position on the TDC? Do you still remain in those positions and who decided?

A – Travis Angus: Up to Nisga'a Ts'amiks in how they want to pursue if they want to appoint. You're looking at having somebody come on board for governance. That's a different story than trying to go into business. You need somebody with more of a business background than business mind.

Q – Greg: I was looking at your chart here. And it goes down to first work construction. And what do you mean by that? On your chart. Like you're hiring companies. Or I thought that's supposed to be hiring local. And I sent my resume here. And we never got a call back.

A – Tony Robinson: I am in contact constantly with Ascots in business relations person. If you can send me your resume, I will forward it. We are looking for a job fair as well. We have 5 partnerships, if we can get 20 in each contract, that is 100 employment for 100 Ts'amiks members.

Q – Carol: Speaking of transparency. A report of what grants were applied to. Was it successful? If not successful. Why? Keep saying there was grants applied to but no detail.

A – Tony Robinson: This is on the society side and what my finance accountant is here will provide a breakdown of all the funding grants that we've received. We'll discuss ore in this in the society meeting.

Q – Maureen: We see the benefits of the Development Corp. Will at any time there be opportunities to provide grants for home-based businesses of the citizens?

A – Tony Robinson: On the society side, contact Shannan Schimmelmann. There's a Ts'amiks Business Fund that's on our website.

Q – Sherry: This is the first I've heard of this presentation. I've seen corporations like this before where some of your Community Board Members are sitting on a business corporation and they talk about board, they're looked at as Community Board member, not as a Business Corporation Board member. So what is the liability of having that kind of stuff and I think what we would need. As a community, as a legal understanding how do we

ensure that both agencies are protected? Because when Travis, when you say as a board member and then you said the board member chose and I'm like which member chose? I'm not accusing you or anything, I'm just letting you know my confusion as an individual as well as a board member, not really understanding if we're 100% shareholder, that's different than being an administrator to your company.

A - Travis Angus: Just to be clear, I didn't start as a Board Member when this Development Corporation came into place, neither was Franklin. Prior to first term of office, Nisga'a Ts'amiks was the one that created the first board of the Development Corporation. So they were the ones that had picked and chose their board members. When we had chosen the board, we did approach a number of Nisga'a people that would sit on the board. And these were like people in the executive director positions or senior office positions that would help in that business realm, but it never fit their schedule. There was too much to take on because we're just starting out. It was like basically you're opening a book and trying to read together with it.

A - Andrea Burrell: It's the first term of TDC Board. Non-Nisga'a weren't seeing the same direction as Nisga'a members were on the board at that time. So all of NTVS Board members were in attendance at our board meeting when it was decided that we would put in place Franklin and Travis. Before everything happened, everything went to legal. The whole board was there at the meeting and everybody was under the same understanding. But you're right, this is the first time that this is being brought to the public.

A - Sherry Small: Please know that I trust the process, I parachuted into the Board. I didn't get an orientation. I appreciate the presentation. But I do see the confusion with this.

A - Travis Angus: I do want to apologize because I skipped a step on this. Because at our last AGM there was a request to come forward for TDC to come forward to do this process. So we had to get this done in order for it to fit us today. This is where we look at the ideas coming forward that we can bring into our strategic planning in those areas. We can separate the meetings off.

A - Tony Robinson: This is the complexity of the setup. It could get confusing. So what I'm going to do is I will work with our legal and accountants and develop a flow chart on this. But at the end of the day, we're all working towards the same values, and missions, and values. So that's my action item to develop a briefing note and I'll bring that to both sets of the boards before TDC's next presentation.

Q - Lily: I just wanted to address communication with the Board of Directors. I find it troublesome that one director is not fully informed about this. I think it's very important for board to work on communications in that regard. There's another board coming on. Hopefully, it's the same board members but If not, the next board is going to be they have the power to come in and fire everybody and make changes and that's what makes me nervous about this. I'm just wondering if the being on the board is a paid position. To be a board member, what do you have to have on your resume?

A – Tony Robinson: We did post when TDC first developed. There was a posting for Board of Directors. And we received about 8 applications that we brought to NTVS Board and this was back in 2021. It is paid as you've seen. Malcolm went over the financial statements, you'll see a line item in there. We hear your concerns. We were noting all your questions, I told the TDC board before we came here that all your questions and concerns are going to come up. We need to brainstorm how we can address all of your concerned areas.

Q – Carol: Can we see what is in the Economic Development program so far what is in the incubator for potential businesses on our Ts'amiks webpage? No names just a list.

A – Tony Robinson: Email Shannan Schimmelmenn for further information about Economic Development: [Shannan.s@tsamiks.com](mailto:Shannan.s@tsamiks.com)

Q – Greg: What I would like to know is what are the projections for this kind of project or housing for members of the NTVS and in the interim, what is Society or TDC doing about the housing shortage for members? I have the opportunity and have been lucky enough to stay with family and friends. When I was in Alberta, I was actually able to get my own place but now I'm back in BC. Again, I'm crashing on couches and I'm trying to get back on my own feet again.

A - Tony Robinson: On TDC side, there is a housing construction contract and if we find a project in the Lower Mainland, we can employ minimum 20 Ts'amiks members and that company will train members. In Society, the next community meeting will be held on February. And its agenda will be on Economic Development and Housing. For your concern, we are doing our due diligence on the housing referral partnership.

Q – Sarah: About Journey Home? What did they mean by going home?

A – Travis Angus: If you need to contact anybody regarding Journey Home, you can contact Shannon-Rose Vickers

**7. Closing Remarks: NTVS Elders – Matt Azak & Sam McKay**

**8. Motion to Adjourn: 4:25pm**

**9. Next Meeting Date: TBA**



- Treat members with respect both, during the NTVS Community Collaboration meeting and outside of the meeting.
- Be prompt in arriving to the meeting and in returning from breaks.
- Turn cell phones off or to vibrate.
- If you must take urgent calls on the cell phone, take your conversation outside.
- Please stand when addressing the floor [it makes hearing easier] & state your name
- Present yourself in a positive manner.
- Talk one at a time, waiting to be recognized by the Chairperson.
- Limit side conversations.
- Be patient when listening to others speak and do not interrupt them.
- Members need to stay on the topic being discussed.
- When a topic or agenda item has been discussed fully, do not bring the same subject back up.
- Don't discuss personal issues during the meeting, except when it is about the subject being discussed by the Committee
- Don't make threats or rude comments to members.
- Address any concerns about the discussion or the meeting with the Chairperson. It is the Chairperson's job to bring the meeting to order.
- If members feel they cannot talk about issues or concerns during the meeting, they can talk to the facilitators or the NTVS BoD's.
- Be respectful of other people's ideas or situations.

**HAVE A GOOD TIME AND ENJOY EACH OTHER**

**Attendance;**

Matt Azak	Tony Robinson
Frances Morven	Malcolm Stewart
Sam McKay	Andrea Burrell
Deborah Beynon	Sherry Small
Kerry Stephens	Lavita Trimble
Fred Doolan	Travis Angus
C. Lena Doolan	Sabrina Stevens
Dana Small	Begum Bircan
Tania Percival	Cindy Wishart
Rob Smith	Brent Adams
Barb Robinson	Lindsay Hong
Shanice Peal	
Boyd Moore	
Lily Jorgensen	
Crystal Azak	
Naslyn Brown	
Yvonne Mark	
Denise Doolan	
M. Brown	
Kevin Gosnell	
ZOOM	
Chelsey Perry	Debra Febril
Dannella Morrison	Franklin Alexcee
Flora Stewart	
Frances Stanley	
Greg McNeil	
Judy McKay	
Leslie Grant	
Lindsay Dawson	
Marilyn Stewart	
Maureen Morven	
Carol Doolan	
Carmen Percival	
Anthony Stewart	
Melanie Mark	



HOOBIYEE 2024



# Hoobiye 2024 - Official Dates

Please SAVE THE DATE: We are excited to announce that Hoobiye 2024 Ts'amiks Edition is returning to the PNE Agrodome.

## Proposed Program:

- Thursday, February 29, 2024:  
Community Feast & Welcome 5 pm to 8 pm -
- Friday, March 1, 2024: Dance  
Program from 10:30 am to 9:00 pm
- Saturday, March 2, 2024: Dance  
Program & Grand Finale from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm





## 2023 Feast Community Highlights





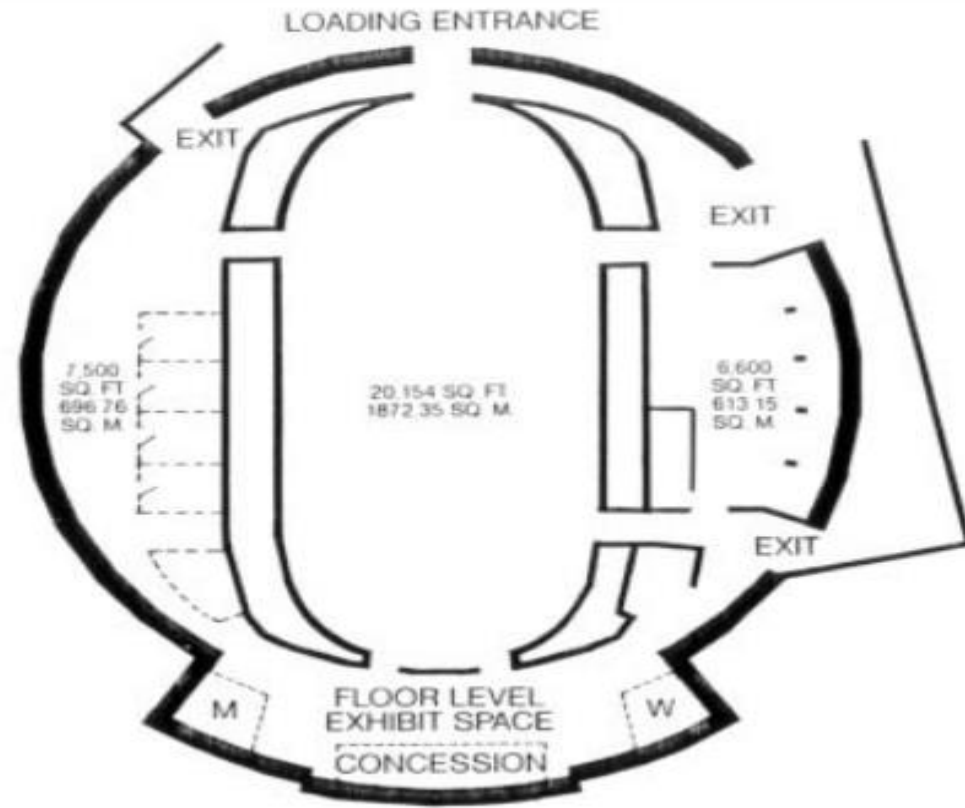
# Community Feast 2024 - Update

On January 6, 2024 we will be hosting a meeting to talk about the Feast preparation with the community. Stay tuned for more details on the meeting locations. We will release all dates for community into a schedule thereafter.



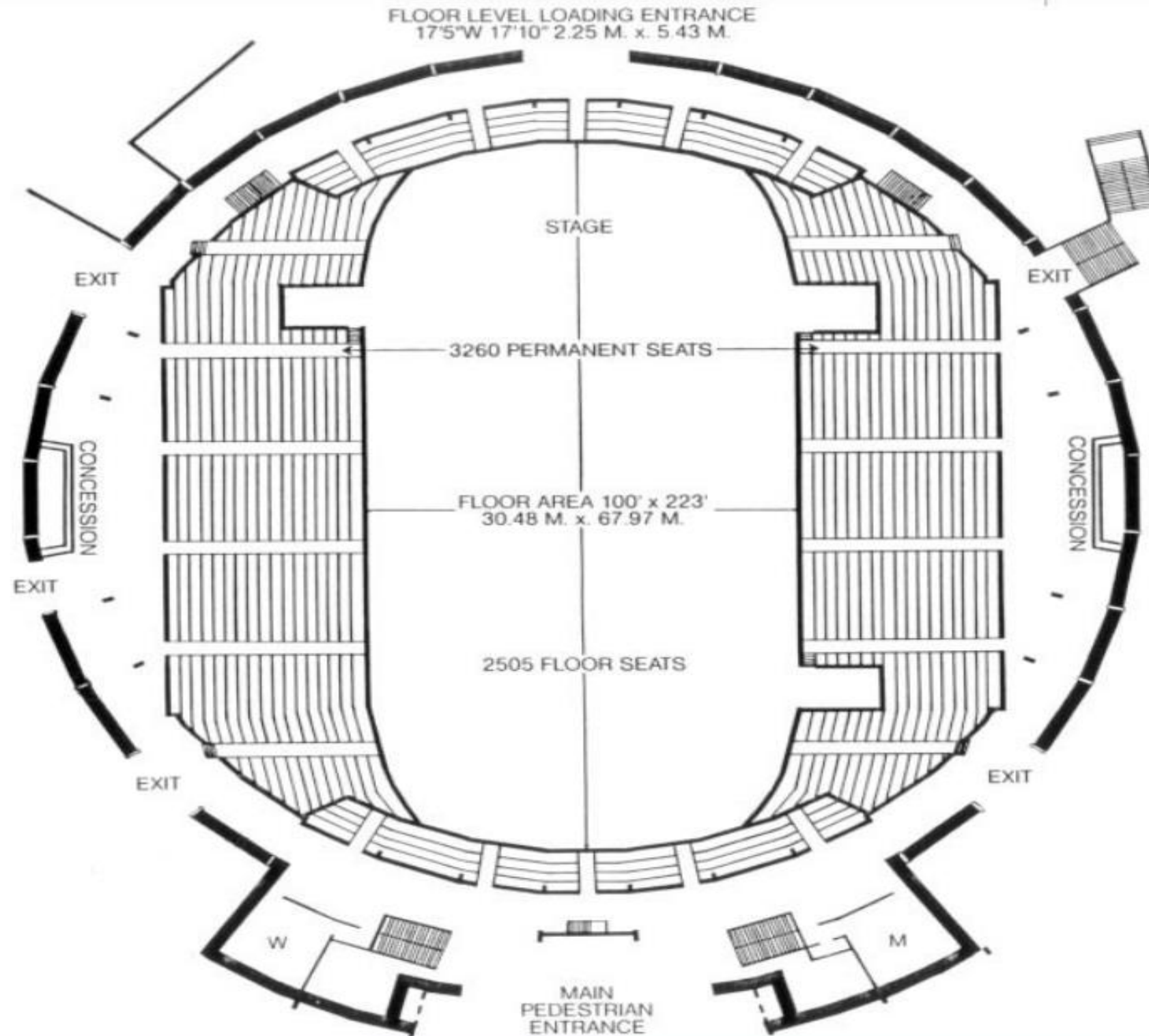


# PNE AGRODOME - 2901 E. Hastings Street



**SPECIFICATIONS:**

Clear Floor Area:	20,154 sq. ft. (1872.35 sq. m.)
Booth Capacity:	88 (10 x 10)
Seating Capacity:	3,260 permanent 2,505 floor
Floor:	polished concrete
Floor Load Factor:	1,000 p.s.f. (4880.62 Kg/sq.m.)
Loading Entrance:	17'5" wide, 17'10" high (5.25 m. x 5.43 m.)
Illumination:	quartz and fluorescent
Electricity:	120 / 208V 3 phase 4 wire 480 / 277V 3 phase 4 wire





# 2023 Hooibye Community Highlights





# Hoobiye Status & Community Update

What	Estimated Timing	
Dance Invitations	October	
Nisga’a Artist Call Out	December 11	
Vendor Application Launch	December 8	
Hooibye Meeting Schedule Feast, Dance Group & Vendors - Release	December 15	
Hoobiye Theme	Decemeber 15	
Educational Program - Community Lead	Jan - TBA	
Dance Program – Back-Stage Ambassadors Needed	January 20th	

Thank you! We are so excited about Hooibye 2024 & can't wait to hear from you and see you there!





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# **JOURNEY HOME 2024**

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

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### **The Journey Home 2011:**

Teaser: Sayt-K'il'im-Goot – One heart,  
one path, one nation.

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Journey Home Survey Introduction:  
-Survey Data from JH 2011 participants

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### **Introducing the new Journey Home:**

Theme

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Survey Data.

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Agenda.

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What to expect in the months ahead.

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# THE JOURNEY HOME 2011

A historic event for the Nisga'a Nation.



Set against the backdrop of rugged, fertile terrain in the mountainous coastline of Northwestern British Columbia, the traditional homeland of the Nisga'a fostered the development of one of the most sophisticated cultures in Canada. It has been defended and inhabited by Nisga'a people since time immemorial.

The North wind that often dominates this majestic valley, carries with it whispers of Nisga'a ancestors calling the people home.

In the late 19th and early 20th century, Nisga'a children were forcibly removed from their homes and put into residential schools. Today, the Nisga'a continue to witness the effects of the most destructive chapter in the history of Canada, Indian residential schools.

Prepare yourself to witness The Spirit of Sayt-K'il'im-Goot, as approximately 500 Nisga'a from southern British Columbia embark on an unprecedented journey to their homelands. Join us for a physical and spiritual journey of healing.

Some on the journey have never seen their homelands, and some have only faint childhood memories of a beautiful land with windswept mountains and picturesque fjords.



## The Spirit of Sayt-K'il'im-Goot

The Nisga'a Community of Ts'amiks Presents

## The Spirit of Sayt-K'il'im-Goot

*One Heart, One Path, One Nation*

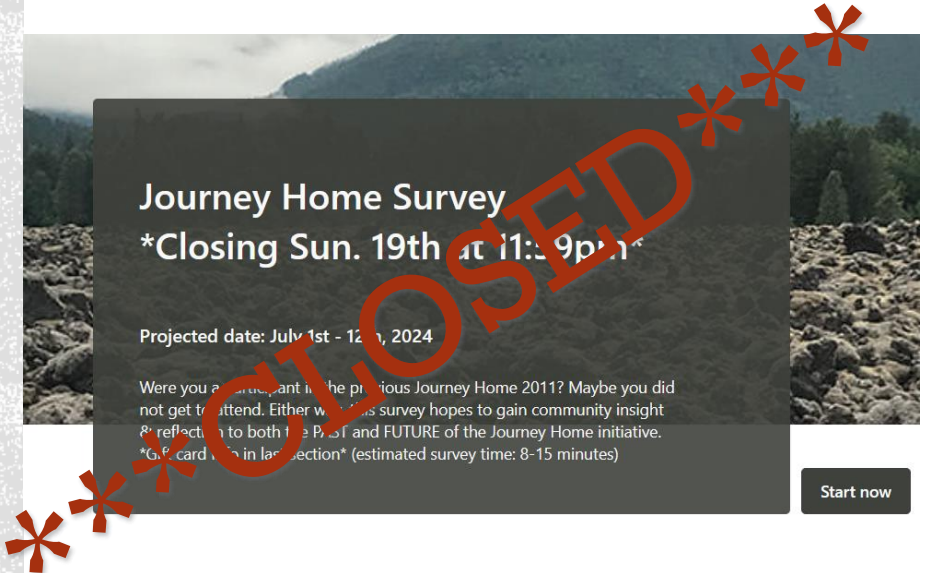
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# SURVEY INTRODUCTION

- When: October 21<sup>st</sup>-November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Where: Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> & Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> community meetings as well as Facebook and Christmas Dinner.
- **Two-part survey:**
  1. Collect data from participants of the previous Journey Home.
  2. Gain insight to the input and interests of our current Ts'amiks membership.



Received 107 Responses!

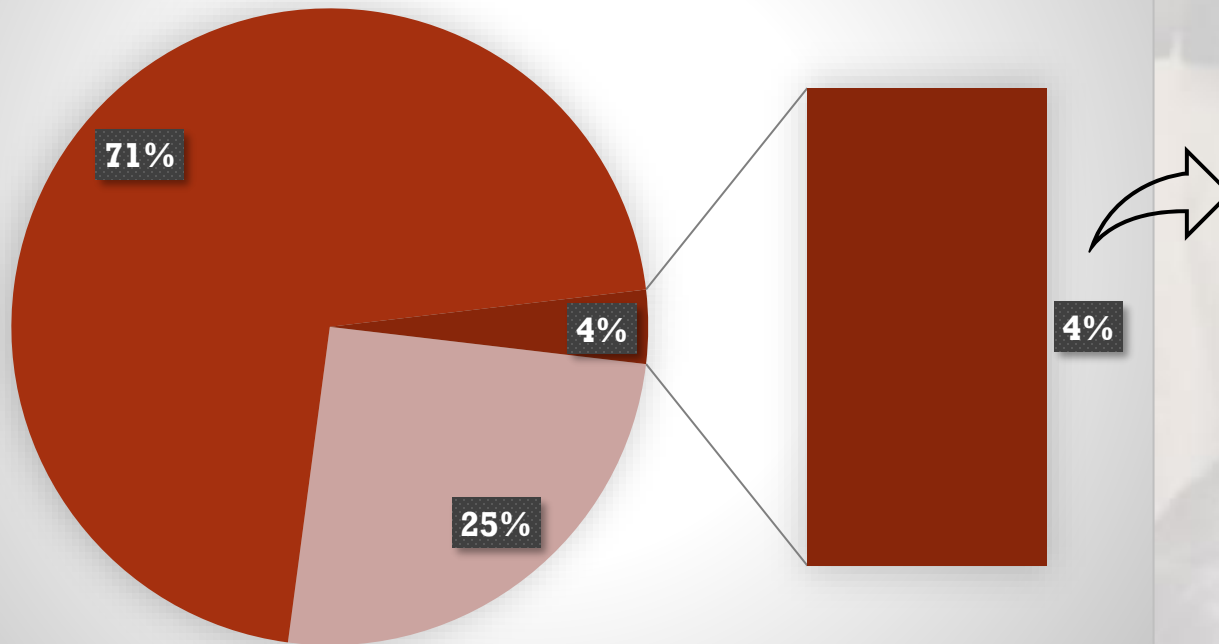




# Q: WERE YOU A PARTICIPANT IN THE JOURNEY HOME 2011?

A: Signed up, did not go

■ Yes ( 27) ■ No (76) ■ Signed up, did not go (4)



What kept the 4% from attending?

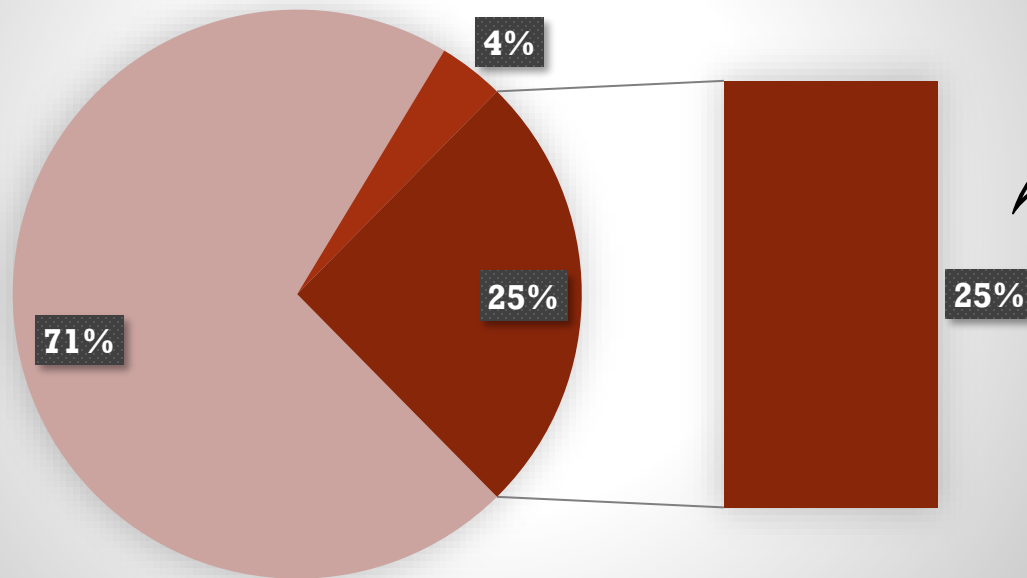
- Pregnancy
- Family Emergency
- Family conflict
- Work



# Q: WERE YOU A PARTICIPANT IN THE JOURNEY HOME 2011?

A: Yes

■ No (76) ■ Signed up, did not go (4) ■ Yes (27)



- This next section will focus on the 25% of survey respondents that went on the previous Journey Home.



# STATS FROM THOSE WHO WENT ON THE PREVIOUS JOURNEY HOME:

## Location:

- 49% lived in Vancouver at that time.
- 19% lived in the greater Vancouver areas like Burnaby, Surrey, and New Westminster.
- The remaining 32% lived on Vancouver Island and the interior of British Columbia.

## Travel:

- We got responses from those that traveled by bus, bus/ferry, and their own personal vehicle, but no feedback about plane travel.
- The most favorable experiences came from those that traveled by bus and ferry.





## Travel feedback:

One person noticed that some had their entire travel paid for while those who drove only received a travel subsidy.

Another person was disappointed that the travel option they would have preferred had a lot of people back out leaving many seats free.

Multiple people remembered the poor bathroom upkeep on the bus.

## Planning considerations:

- Equal access for travel expenses.
  - How can we support people to avoid no-shows?
- Consider hygiene if booking any longer travel options.



## **Accommodations during travel:**

- 48% of respondents remembered their accommodations and Prince George had the worst experiences in the “not good” range.
- Some reflections to consider are:
  - Lack of communication about continental breakfast or no breakfast at all.
  - Booking the lowest quality rooms: “felt obvious that cheap was more important than comfort.”

## **Accommodations in the Nass**

- Most had no trouble, difficulties or serious situations. But issues for some included:
  - Shifty accommodations.
  - Having a teething baby, so opting to stay with family instead.
  - Sub-par sleeping arrangements.
  - For those who were reconnecting for the first time – events were too formal to “connect” and there was no way to go exploring when participants didn’t know anyone.





## Accommodations in the Nass continued:

			
<p><b>Gingolx (Kincolith)</b></p> <p><b>7 people</b> <b>26%</b></p>	<p><b>Laxgalts'ap (Greenville)</b></p> <p><b>12 people</b> <b>44%</b></p>	<p><b>Gitwinksihlkw (Canyon City)</b></p> <p><b>4 people</b> <b>15%</b></p>	<p><b>Gitlaxt'aamix (New Aiyansh)</b></p> <p><b>4 people</b> <b>15%</b></p>

Most (70%) arranged their accommodations in the Nass Valley themselves.

## Planning considerations:

- Quality => Cost for hotels.
- More clarity in travel itineraries, including breakfast availability.
- How can we support billeteers in providing comfortable, reliable arrangements to our members?
- Participants may not get to stay with their family, how can we ensure their comfort?

## Overall:

**97% were highly satisfied  
with the events and activities  
they experienced.**

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## Stand out experiences:

cultural activities  
Travelling to all the villages  
residential school  
birth family  
Dancing with family  
family dance  
singing  
family preform  
time  
signs  
Peoples  
communities  
feasts were amazing  
feasts at each village  
community feasts  
Singing and dancing

**family** villages

feasts  
welcome  
feasts

## Strength of family and wilp connections today:

- Most responses fell in the mid-neutral range. However, since the previous journey home, participants connections to their family are stronger than the connections made to their wilp.
- Common theme: participants felt they were just expected to know who their family and wilp were. There were no introductions or time just for that.





## Final additions:



A word cloud of feedback themes. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with 'people' and 'families' being the largest and most central. Other prominent words include 'trip', 'children', 'communities', and 'visits in each community'. Smaller words include 'interpretation of protocol', 'experience', 'not culture', 'people had funds lunch and dinner', 'people made assumptions', 'great trip', 'communities will be more organized', 'breaks in the communities', 'way', 'Family trees', 'life time', 'maybe having', 'children's and husbands', and 'visits in each community'.

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Culture: no culture shaming, build inclusion through more workshops and activities that help people learn about Nisga'a ways of life.

Family: more supports for those who have not established themselves with their families yet with more opportunities to have fun and get to know each other.

Trip of a lifetime. Memorable. Life changing.





# JOURNEY HOME 2024

July 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**“Restoring our Roots.”**



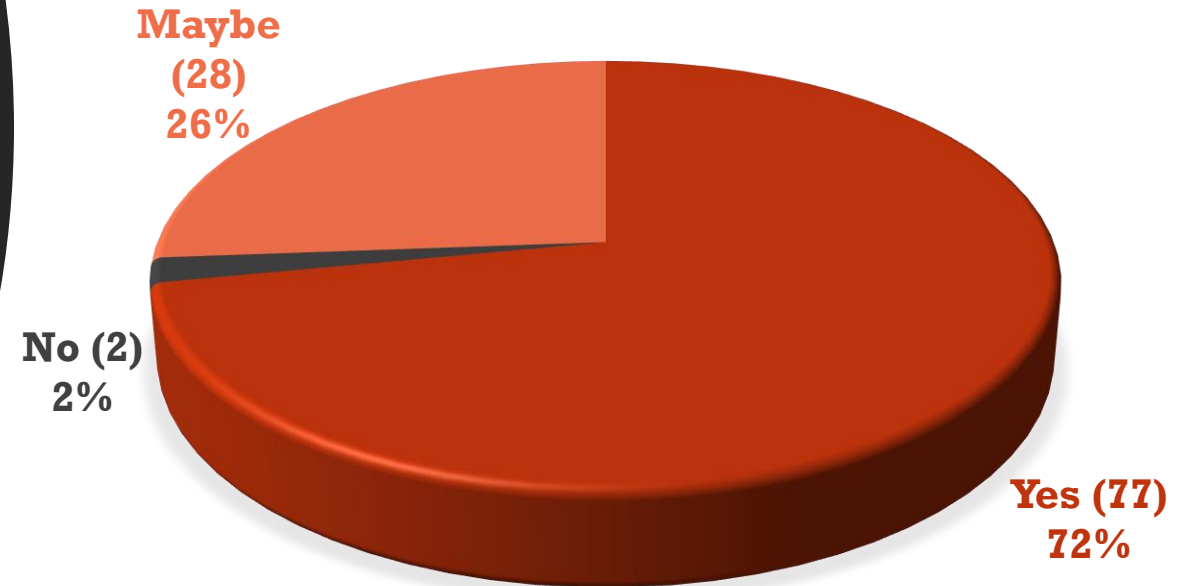


**"Restoring our Roots."**



**Q: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
PARTICIPATING IN THE JH SET  
FOR JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024?**

**RESULT FROM 107 RESPONSES:**



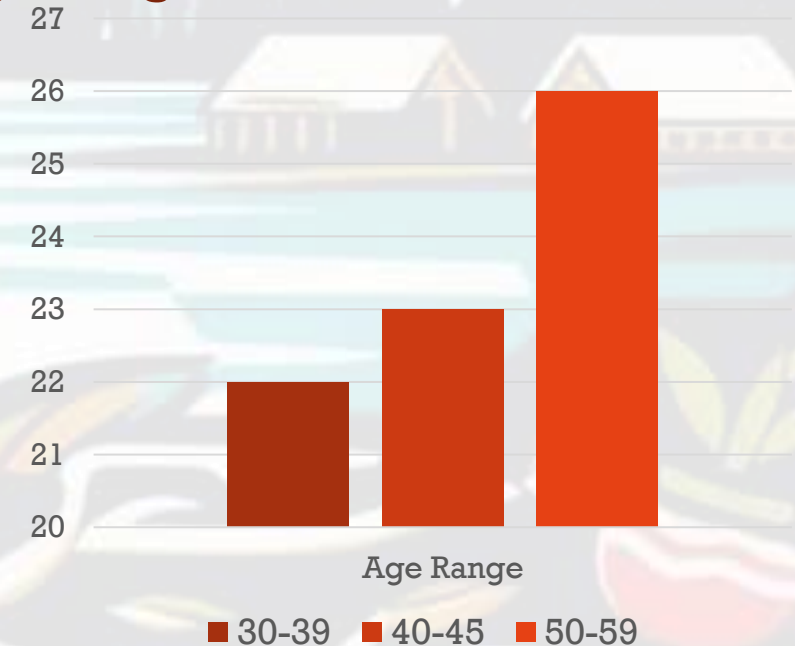
# COMMUNITY STATS AND INPUT ABOUT THE UPCOMING JH: “RESTORING OUR ROOTS.”

## Location:



52% currently live in Vancouver. Further 18% in greater Vancouver area

## Age range:



66% of respondents were between the ages of 30 – 59:



## Q: Have you ever been to our Nisga'a homelands?

89% said yes.

How often? Top three:

1. A few times.
2. 2-3x in a decade.
3. Only once.

Events that brought you home?

Top three:

1. Death in family
2. Feast
3. Visiting

Barriers to going home?

Top three:

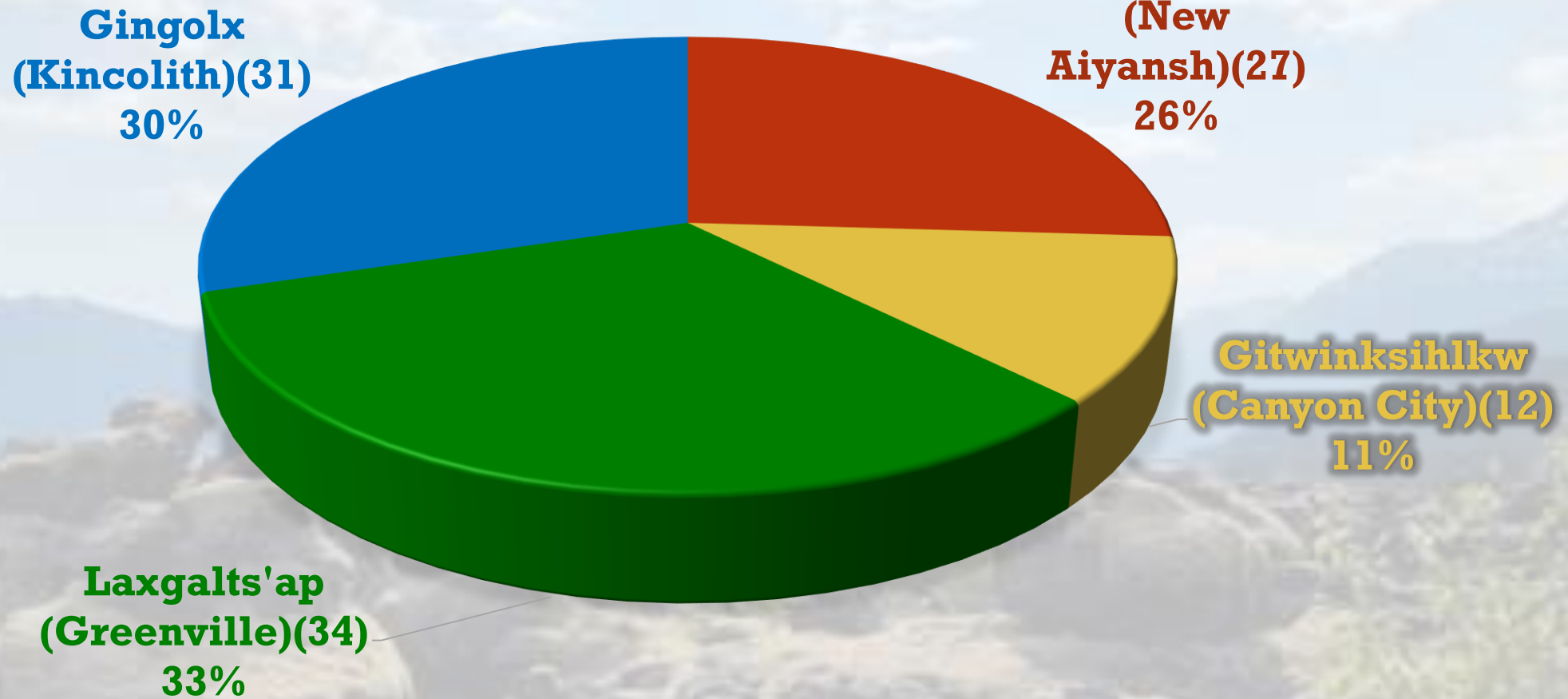
1. Finances (overwhelmingly)
2. Work/School
3. Disconnected from family

Travel:

- Most people travel home by car, when they do.



## HOME COMMUNITY



Just over half of the respondents would need accommodations arranged for them, the rest could arrange accommodations themselves.





# INDIAN DAY SCHOOL, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL AND 60'S SCOOP SURVIVORS:

## **Journey Home 2011 Responses:**

- 7 residential school/day school/60's scoop survivors
- More than half went in support of a survivor and most felt they received adequate support, comfort and care.
- Of the three 60's scoop survivors, one was not given access to a counsellor because they were for the "IRS survivors."

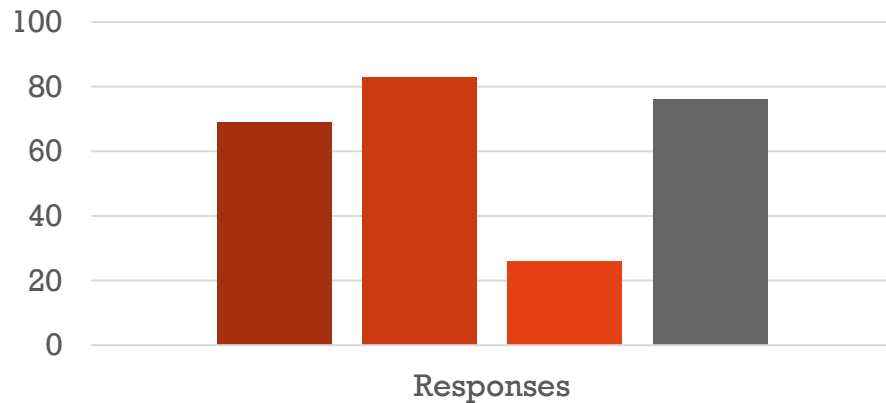
## **Current Journey Home Interest:**

- 23 residential school/day school/60's scoop survivors
- 91% are descendants of residential/day school survivors – mostly parents
- 28% are descendants of 60's scoop survivors, mostly parents



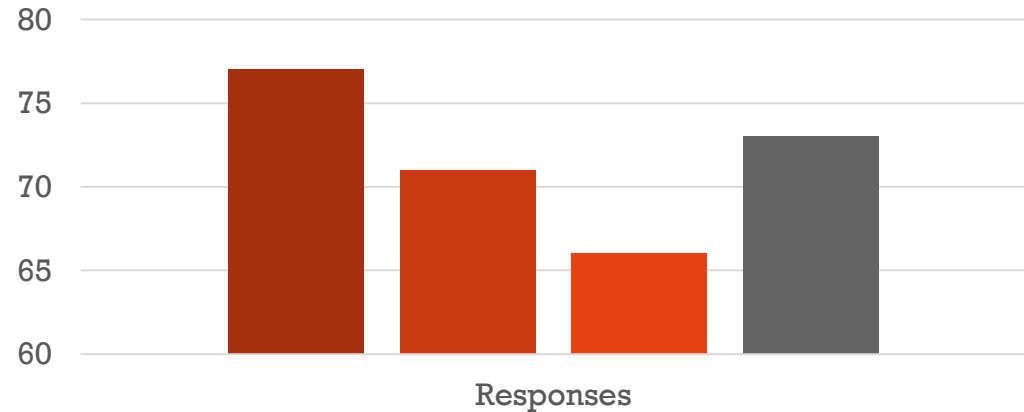
# TOP 4 ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

## Cultural/Spiritual



- Healing from Intergenerational Trauma (69)
- Nisga'a Ways of Spiritual Cleansing (83)
- Medicines of the land (74)
- Learning the stories and roots of our wilp (76)

## Traditional Practices



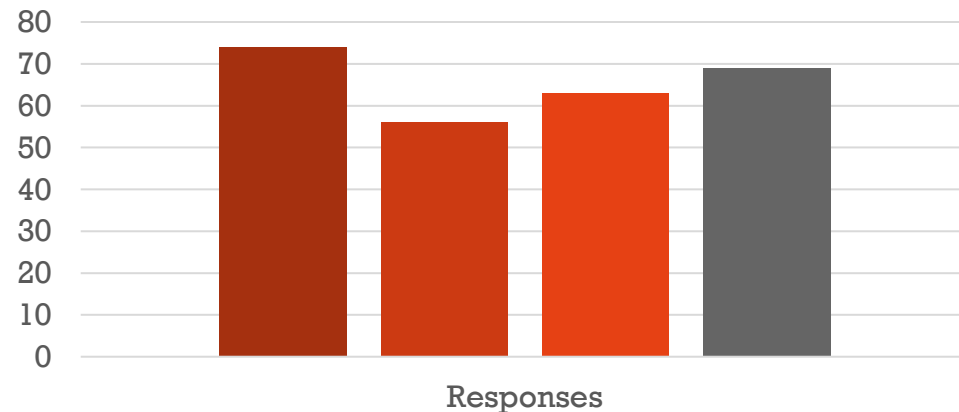
- Smokehouse (77)
- Fishing/River Tour (71)
- Weaving (66)
- Harvesting Medicines (73)





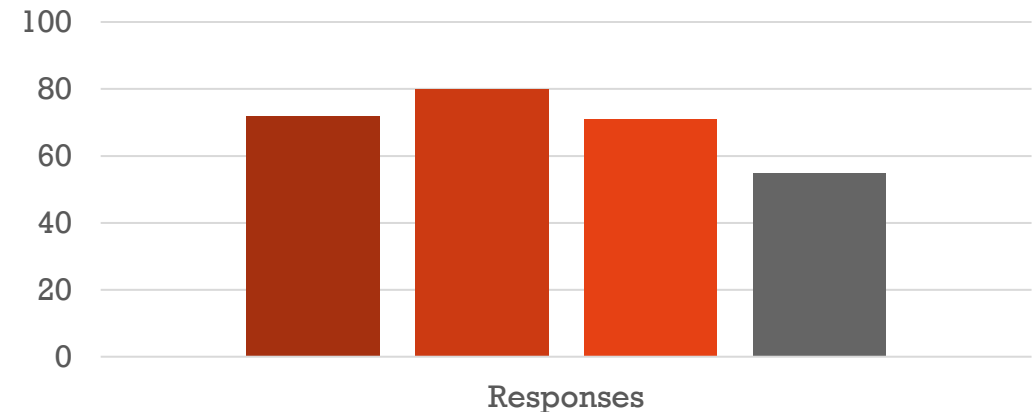
# TOP 4 ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

## Leisure



- Nisga'a Museum (74)
- Laval bed park (56)
- Volcano (63)
- Hlgu Isgwit Hotsprings (69)

## Prep for “Restoring our Roots”



- Feast Protocol (72)
- Making feast regalia (80)
- Language classes (71)
- Learning about the villages & local geography (55)

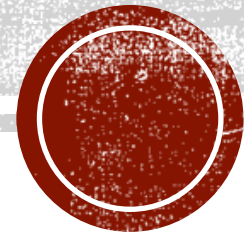




# AGENDA/WHAT TO EXPECT

Date:	Location:	Description:
June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Travel to Kamloops	All participants gather and travel together to Kamloops.
July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Kamloops (I used this location as an example as it is on the route to our homelands.)	Healing ceremony with one bentwood box sealed here and taken along as the heart of our journey.
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	Travel	All participants travel home.
July 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Gitlaxt'aamiks and accommodations.	Welcome from NLG and settle in at accommodations.
July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Gingolx	Wilp gathering in the early afternoon. Evening Feast/Cultural Dancing
July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Leisure Day	See list of activities
July 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Laxgalts'ap	Wilp gathering in the early afternoon. Evening Feast/Cultural Dancing
July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Leisure Day	See list of activities
July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Gitwinksihlkw	Wilp gathering in the early afternoon. Evening Feast/Cultural Dancing
July 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Bentwood box ceremony and Leisure Day	See list of activities
July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Gitlaxt'aamiks	Wilp gathering in the early afternoon. Evening Feast/Cultural Dancing
July 12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Travel	All participants travel home

# BOARD APPROVED AGENDA:







# RESTORING OUR ROOTS: UPCOMING:

## Intake

- Procedures in the works
- Dates for sign-up

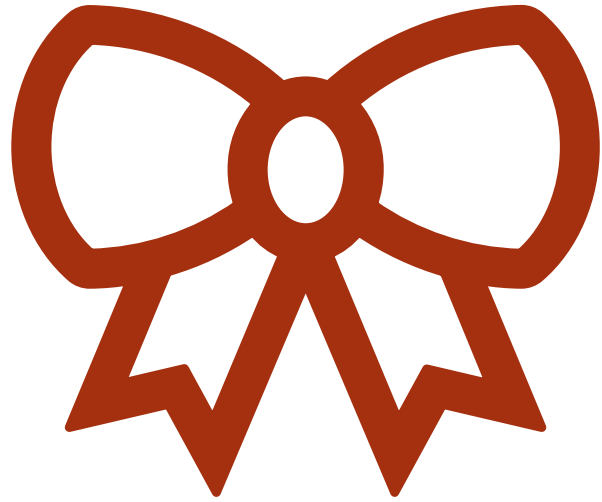
## Guidelines

- Expectations for participation

## Preparation workshops

- Based on interest
- Aimed for January/February





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## **SURVEY DRAW FOR \$50 VISA GIFT CARD:**

- Of 107 Survey respondents, 100 people left their contact information.

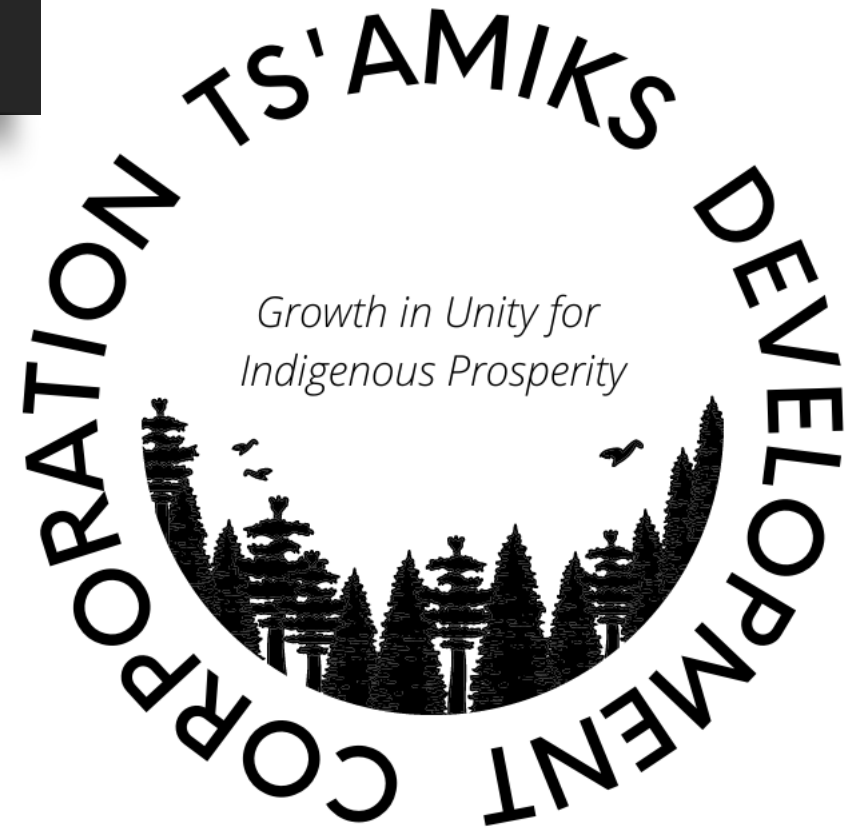




# Ts'amiks Development Corporation Ts'amiks Ventures Corporation

December 2, 2023

Presented by:  
Anthony Robinson, Chief Executive Officer  
Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society

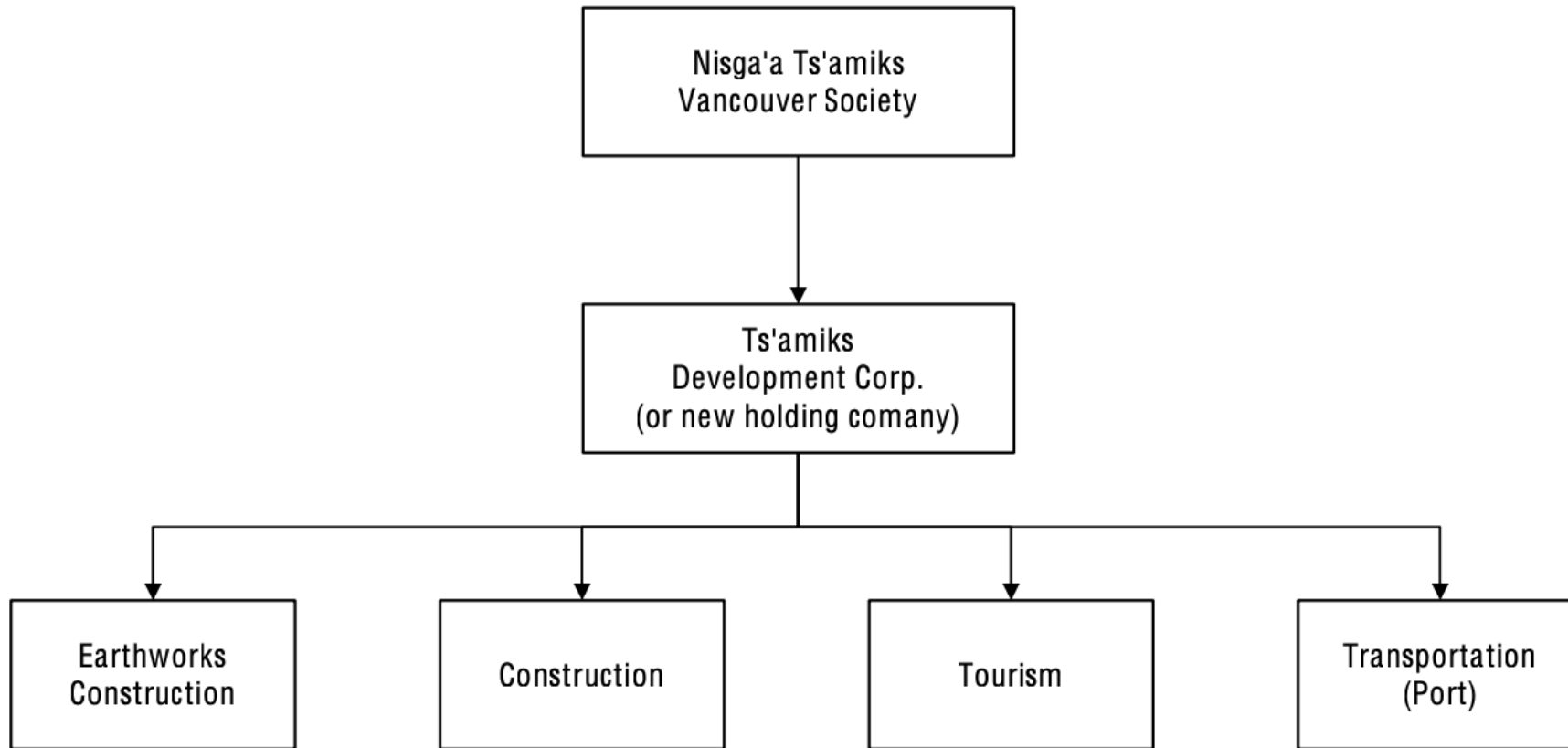




# Outline

- Organization Structure
  - TDC Corporate Structure
  - Limited Partnerships
  - Joint Ventures
- Ts'amiks Ventures Corp
  - TVC Corporate Structure
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- Conclusion

# Organizational Chart - Corporate Structure



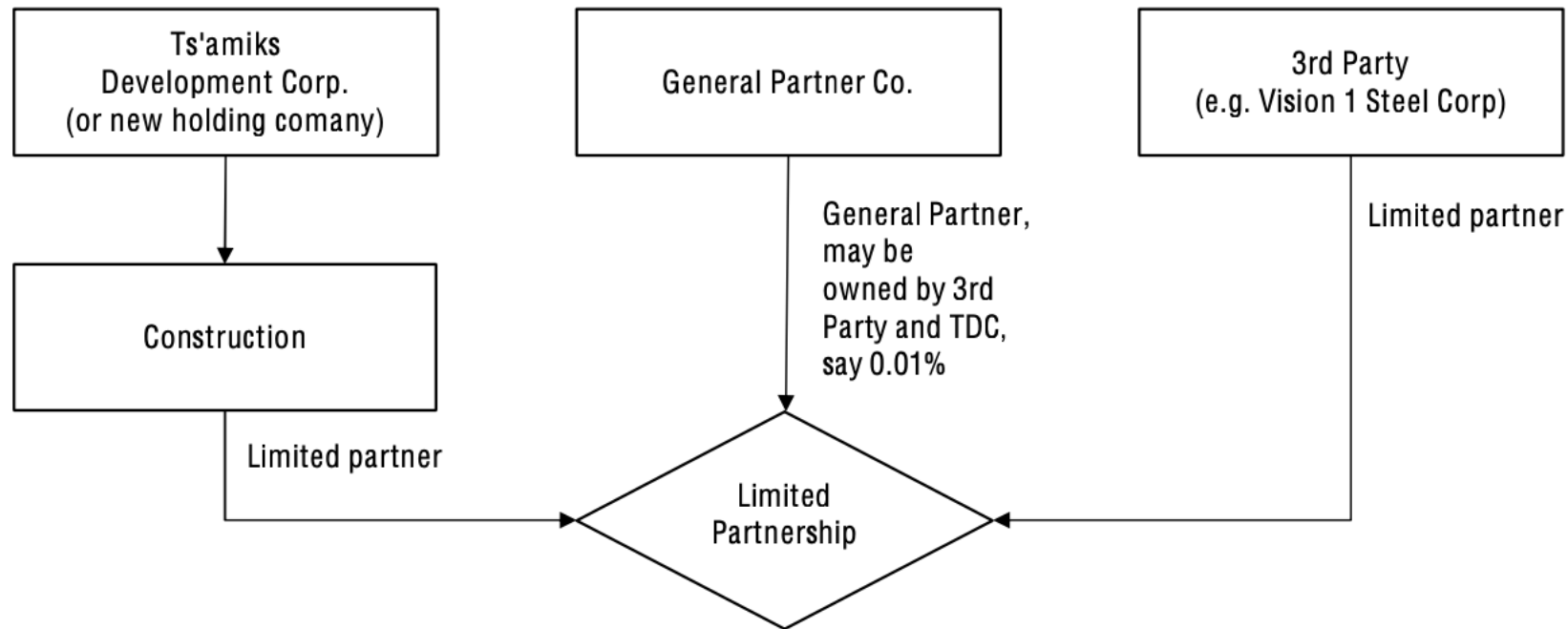


# TDC Board of Directors

- Mr. Travis Angus
- Mr. Franklin Alexcee
- Mr. Malcolm Stewart
- Mrs. Debra Febril
- Mr. Anthony Robinson

# Organizational Chart - Limited Partnership

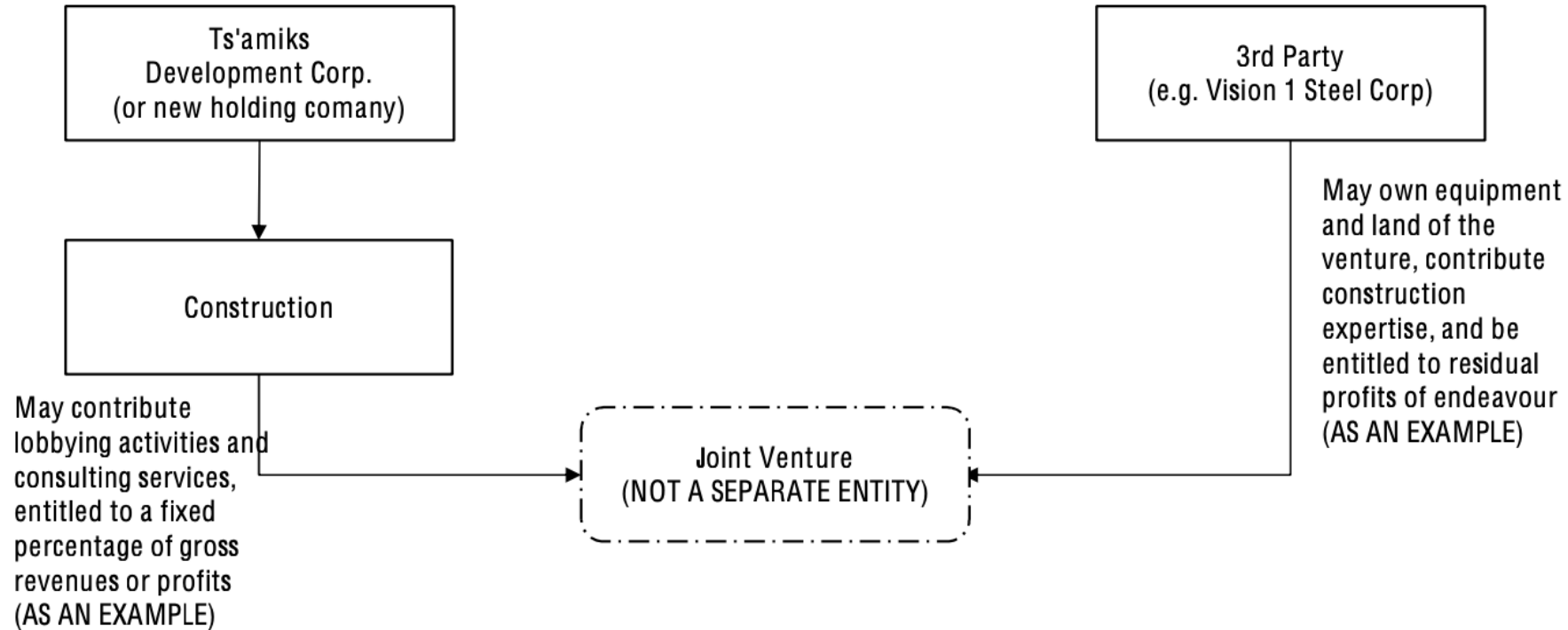
*Example Project Organizational Chart - Limited Partnership*





# Organizational Chart - Joint Venture

*Example Project Organizational Chart - Joint Venture*



# Overview of Business Partnerships/ JVs

- Earthworks and Construction
  - RSA with Nuna Logistics CCDC Earthworks for the Premier Gold Project owned by Ascot Resources Ltd. Signed May 2022. Contract terminated TDC received \$70K.
- Construction
  - RSA with Arctic Const. Ltd., Fort St. John, BC signed April 2022. TDC received 10% of \$6M contract.
- Tourism, Environmental Services, Mining and Shipyard Logistics/Transportation
  - Ts'amiks Development Corp (TDC) and Stewart World Port (SWP) are proposing a 50/50 partnership on a rotainer container leasing business.



# Financial Statements

## Statement of Income

### Statement of Income Period Ending August 31, 2023

	August 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Revenue		
Revenue - Projects	-	1,014,845
	-	1,014,845
Expenses		
Administration	688	18,773
Amortization	-	-
Board Stipend	16,467	-
Legal and Accounting	34,207	42,502
Professional Fees	281	3,909
Rent and Utilities	-	11,637
Wages and benefits	-	69,707
	51,643	146,528
Income before income taxes	(51,643)	868,317
Income Taxes		154,629
<b>Net Income (Loss) for the period</b>	<b>(51,643 )</b>	<b>713,688</b>

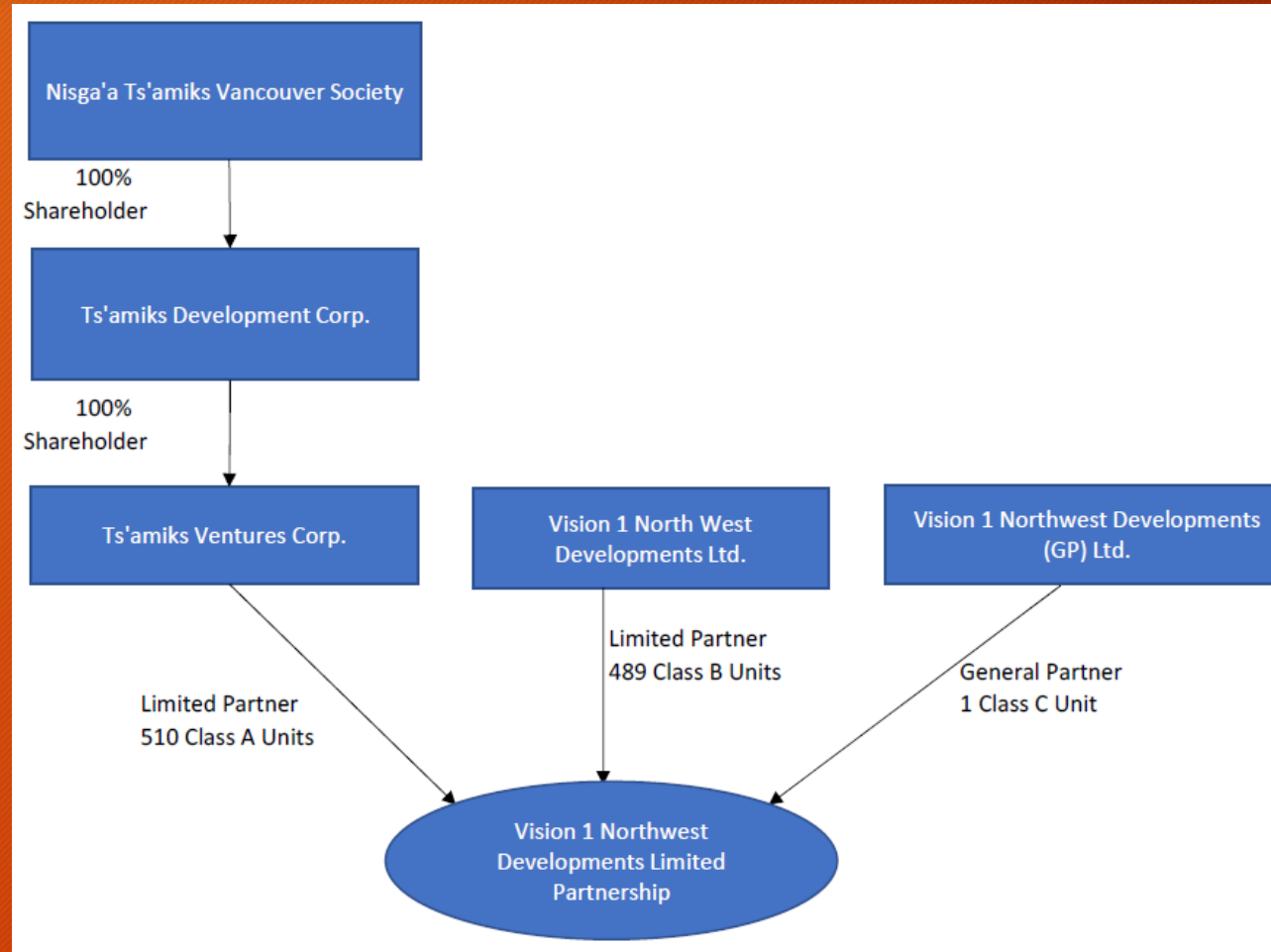
# Financial Statements

## Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet		
August 31, 2023		
(Unaudited)		
	August 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash	677,616	928,354
Accounts Receivable	134	134
GST	2,665	-
		-
	680,415	928,488
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	9,474	62
GST/HST Payable	-	48,937
Income Taxes Payable	(2,276 )	154,629
Shareholder Loan	10,950	10,950
	18,149	214,578
<b>Shareholder's equity</b>		
Share capital	100	100
Retained Earnings	662,167	713,810
	662,267	713,910
	680,416	928,488



# Ts'amiks Ventures Corp - Limited Partnership



# Overview of TVC Business Partnerships/JVs

- Vision 1 Steel
  - Research housing projects for the partnership to submit bids.
  - Nisga'a Ts'amiks member training
  - Employment opportunities
- Indigenous Travel Services
  - Research clients
    - Receive % of revenue from the clients' bookings
  - Nisga'a Ts'amiks member training
- Procon Underground Mining
  - JV with Procon, Nisga'a Growth Corp., and Ts'amiks Ventures Corp.
  - 0.75% of contract value (approx. \$40M) amounts up to approx. \$300K next 2 years
  - Employment opportunities & training



# Negotiating JVs

- Brenntag
  - Global company in chemicals and ingredients distribution. With over 17,000 employees worldwide operating a network of more than 670 sites in 77 countries, they hold a central role in connecting customers and suppliers of the chemical industry.
- Falkirk
  - Falkirk is comprised of an accomplished team of senior professionals with decades of experience in all aspects of project permitting, Indigenous relations, environmental science, public policy, and water stewardship in the natural resource sector.
- IPaC (Integrated Proaction Corp.)
  - IPaC provides full-phase consulting services in these areas: Forestry, Geomatics, Survey & Engineering, Forest Tenure & Fibre Management, and our First Nations Partnerships.

# Community Benefits

- Nisga'a Ts'amiks Housing Development Project
  - Investment to address housing shortage in the Lower Mainland for Nisga'a Ts'amiks community members.
- Community Culture and Language Program Delivery and Services
  - 2024 Journey Home
  - Hosting Annual Hoobiye Cultural Celebration
- Health, Wellness and Education Program Delivery
  - Mental Health Program
  - After School Study Program



# Cultural Program Delivery and Services

- 2024 Journey Home
  - The vision for the Journey Home is to unify, heal and celebrate a strong, vibrant, and prosperous Nisga'a Ts'amiks community, an integral part of a unified Nisga'a Nation.
  - Currently seeking grant funding for the 2024 Journey Home initiative. Estimated budget is between \$150,000-180,000.
- Hosting Annual Hoobiye Cultural Celebration
  - Showcase of dance, arts, culture, traditional foods and teachings. Nisga'a culture, knowledge, and history of our people is displayed in a creative manner that attracts thousands to our event in Vancouver. Nisga'a artists and carvers are well known for creating totems and exceptional pieces of art including ceremonial masks, jewellery, and more. Drumming, music and traditional dances are important to Nisga'a culture.





# Conclusion

- Integration of Business Entities
  - Considering current successful business partnerships, joint ventures, and those we are in the phase of negotiation, these collaborations extend beyond traditional boundaries, creating a robust network that enhances our ability to thrive in diverse business environments.
- Community-Centric Approach
  - Both TDC's and TVC's business development initiatives actively contribute to the well-being of our community.
- Vision for the Future
  - As we navigate through partnerships, joint ventures, and community engagement, our vision for the future remains rooted in sustainable growth, innovation, and positive social impact. We are also excited to announce the development of a comprehensive strategic plan which we will be working on.