

Preparing for The Day After Treaty

A Conference for First Nations November 14–16, 2007, Vancouver, British Columbia
Hosted by the Treaty Commission in partnership with the Nisga'a Lisims Government.

The Conference Hotel The Hyatt Regency Vancouver, renowned for its exemplary service and attentive staff, will be welcoming you with a fresh new look. Beautifully renovated guestrooms offer stylish surroundings and gracious amenities in the heart of the city's business, shopping and entertainment district.

Registrants must confirm their conference hotel reservations by October 31 by calling the Hyatt Regency Vancouver toll-free at 800-233-1234.

Registration The early bird registration fee extended to Wednesday, October 24 is \$300.

Confirm your registration by calling Nancy Olding at 604-482-9223 or 800-665-8330.
Cheques only payable to BC Treaty Commission.
Mailing address is 203-1155 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, BC V6E 2P4

The registration fee after October 24 is \$500.

For registrations of 10 or more, there is a discount of 20%: \$240 each for early birds and \$400 each at full price.



BC TREATY COMMISSION



Wednesday, November 14

Time 6:00 pm–9:00 pm

*Conference Kick-Off
Dinner & Reception* Hosted by the BC Treaty Commission

Keynote Speaker Nelson Leeson, President, Nisga'a Lisims Government
President Leeson will speak to the Nisga'a experience with treaty negotiations and implementation.

“For those of you who are still at the treaty table, negotiate hard to get the best settlement possible for your communities. However, work just as hard — or harder — to prepare for the day after.”

Entertainment Nisga'a Dancers

Thursday, November 15

Time 8:00 am–7:00 pm

8:00 am–9:00 am Hosted by the BC Treaty Commission
Breakfast Keynote Speaker: Joseph Arvay, Q.C., Arvay Finlay Barristers
Mr. Arvay will talk about the trouble with overlaps and recent court cases that have pitted First Nation against First Nation in territorial disputes.

9:00 am–10:30 am “If we knew then what we know now...”
Panel Discussion Nisga'a Lisims Government Chairperson Kevin McKay moderates this group of panelists representing First Nations across Canada who have concluded treaties as they discuss their negotiation and implementation experiences: what works, what doesn't and what can be done differently.

Thursday, November 15 *continued*

11:00 am–12:30 pm
Workshop Sessions
(Will Repeat Friday
9:00 am–10:30 am)

Participants will be able to attend two of the four workshops by choosing one workshop on Thursday and one on Friday.

1. ECONOMIC
SELF-SUFFICIENCY:
CREATING & CAPITALIZING
ON TREATY
OPPORTUNITIES

Hupacasath First Nation Chief and First Nations Summit Executive Member Judith Sayers will facilitate this workshop on how to identify and capitalize on economic development opportunities. Presenters include representatives from Nisga'a Lisims Government, 'Namgis Nation, Makivik Corporation.

2. CAPACITY BUILDING:
PREPARING FOR
SELF-GOVERNMENT

Ethel Blondin-Andrews, former Western Arctic MP, now of Mountain Dene Adventures, facilitates this workshop on the people, resources, programs and organizational structures that need to be in place for self government. Presenters include: Kathryn Teneese, Ktunaxa Nation; Bertha Rabesca-Zoe, Tlicho Nation; and Jamie Restoule, Union of Ontario Indians.

3. EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATING:
DEVELOPING
RELATIONSHIPS

Treaty Commission Manager Peter Colenbrander facilitates this workshop on the importance of building and developing relationships, having effective dispute resolution strategies and realistic timelines and expectations for negotiations. Presenters include: John Bainbridge, Nunavut; Daryn Leas, Council of Yukon First Nations; Gary Yabsley, Maa-nulth First Nations.

4. RATIFICATION:
BEST PRACTICES

Eva Clayton of the New Aiyansh Village Government facilitates this workshop on the best practices of First Nations that have experienced both successes and failures with ratification. Presentations from Huu-ay-aht First Nation; Westbank First Nation; and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

12:30 pm–2:00 pm
Lunch

Hosted by the BC Treaty Commission
Keynote Speaker: Matthew Coon Come, Grand Council of Crees.

2:00 pm–4:00 pm
Panel Debate

“Are Treaties the Answer?”

First Nations Summit Co-Chair and Tsleil-Waututh Chief Negotiator Leah George-Wilson will moderate this discussion exploring the pros and cons of the treaty process, what we need to conclude treaties that work, and alternatives to the treaty process. Confirmed participants include: Jim Aldridge (Nisga'a) and Robert Morales (Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group). More to follow...

4:00 pm–7:00 pm
Conference Reception

Cash bar, appetizers and entertainment hosted by the Nisga'a Lisims Government.

Friday, November 16

Time 8:00 am–2:00 pm

8:00 am–9:00 am Hosted by the Nisga'a Lisims Government
Breakfast Keynote Speaker: Thomas Berger, Q.C., O.C., O.C.B.

9:00 am–10:30 pm *Workshop Sessions*
(Repeated From Thursday
11:00 am–12:30 pm)

1. ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY: CREATING & CAPITALIZING ON TREATY OPPORTUNITY
2. CAPACITY BUILDING: PREPARING FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT
3. EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATING: DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS
4. RATIFICATION: BEST PRACTICES

11:00 am–2:00 pm Hosted by the BC Treaty Commission
Conference Wrap-Up & Lunch

Panel & Workshop Presentations

Workshop facilitators and panel moderators will spend a few minutes highlighting the presentations and conclusions discussed during their respective sessions.

Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Steven L. Point,
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia