



## TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

Since April of this year, the Kaska Dena Council (KDC) negotiation team has continued its work with the governments of British Columbia (BC) and Canada to negotiate a treaty in BC on behalf of its Kaska beneficiaries. Three types of meetings have been held – Side Tables, Chief Negotiator Meetings, and Main Tables.

At Side Tables, the Assistant KDC Negotiator, Bill Lux, leads his team in negotiating the details of the various chapters of a treaty. Since April, five Side Table sessions have taken place in which the following treaty chapters were on the agendas: Access; Approval and Ratification; Culture and Heritage; Dispute Resolution; Eligibility and Enrollment; Environmental Assessment; Environmental Protection; Implementation; Indian Act Transfer; Lands and Expropriation; Local Government Relations; Migratory Birds; Parks and Protected Areas; Roads and Rights-of-Ways; Subsurface Resources; and Wildlife and Fish.

Two Main Table negotiation sessions have been held with Canada and BC since April, one in Vancouver and one in Kwadacha. At these meetings our negotiating team, enhanced by the participation of Kaska leadership, was led by our Chief Negotiator, Dave Porter. Main Tables are generally used to report on progress at the Side Tables, to discuss some of the more contentious negotiating issues, and to make any necessary changes to the work plan. They are also used by Kaska leadership to report on any



difficult issues that their communities are facing and to solicit the assistance of BC and Canada in resolving these issues, as necessary. These issues may then be referred to a Social Working Group for follow-up. KDC's participation on the Social Working Group is led by Bill Lux.

At the same time as the treaty is being negotiated, an Incremental Treaty Agreement (ITA) is being negotiated. The purpose of the ITA is to advance some benefits of a treaty before the negotiation of the treaty is concluded. The negotiating teams have been defining a lands deal in which the ownership of some lands identified as being important to the Kaska progressively, at key milestones on the way to concluding a treaty. Other potential components of an ITA under discussion include cash and forestry tenures.

In addition, the Chief Negotiators for BC, Canada, and KDC have met twice since April to deal with difficult issues and to suggest changes to allow more efficient negotiations.



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# KASKA AND B.C. LAND USE PLANNING

## Dease Liard Sustainable Resource Management Plan

The Dease-Liard Sustainable Resource Management Plan (SRMP) was developed through partnership between Kaska and Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management. The first chapters came into effect November 2004, setting the legal objectives for timber, wildlife and biodiversity.

At the request of KDC, the Integrated Land Management Bureau, in partnership with Kaska Dena, have developed four draft new chapters for this SRMP: Tourism, Mining, Oil & Gas and Access which will encompass the entire Dease-Liard SRMP area. The chapters have been developed over the last three years with community review and direction.

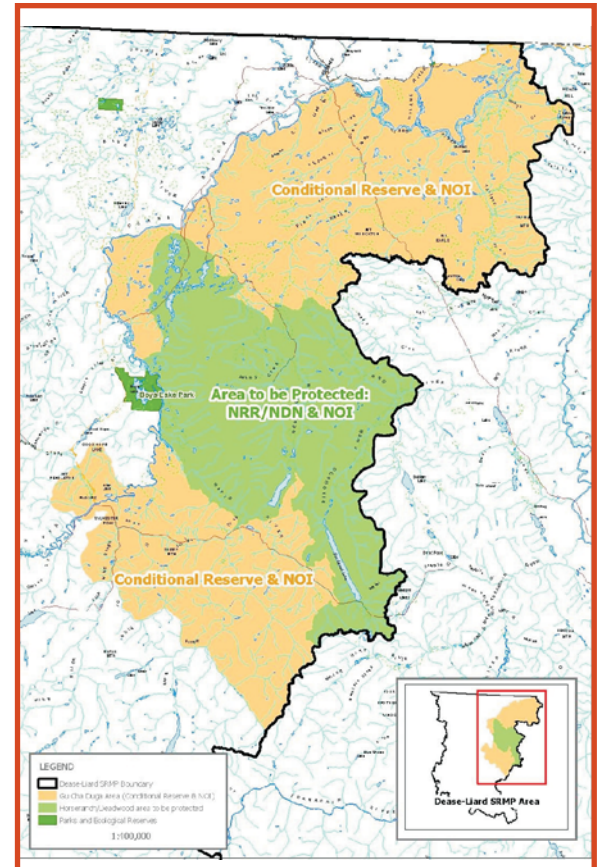
The plan was developed working towards a balance of social, economic and environmental values. In keeping with Governance Principals for Sustainable Resource Management, the plan will provide: Certainty, Flexibility, Transparency and Accountability.

### Key Outcomes:

The plan sets the guidelines in which Industry and others will have to follow to develop and use natural resources and areas within the plan boundaries. The rules have been developed to ensure industry is aware of Kaska policies, expectations, both environmentally and economically. The plan will assist Kaska as shared management of the resources occurs in the Traditional Territory. It also addresses consultation and accommodation of Kaska interests in the Traditional Territory, and provides Kaska communities with opportunities to participate in management decisions and economic opportunities. The formal designation of the Ne'ah Horseranch Range Conservation Area will also occur.

Chapters for Mining, Oil & Gas, Tourism and Access are 99 percent complete. This past spring the plan was

reviewed and approved through community meetings in Good Hope Lake, Kwadacha and Lower Post. Over the summer and early fall the draft plan and maps will be put up for public review by the Provincial Government. We will then move forward with legalizing it and formally designating the Ne'ah Conservation Area.



## Strategic Land Use Planning Agreement (SLUPA) - Future Planning

On behalf of the Daylu Dena Council, Dease River First Nation and Kwadacha First Nation, the Kaska Dena Council has been negotiating a Strategic Land Use Planning Agreement (SLUPA) with the Integrated Land Management Bureau. The agreement covers the North Liard and Kwadacha areas (See Map). Currently, these are the only areas within the Kaska Traditional Territory in BC that doesn't have a Land Use Plan to guide the different land uses including resource development.

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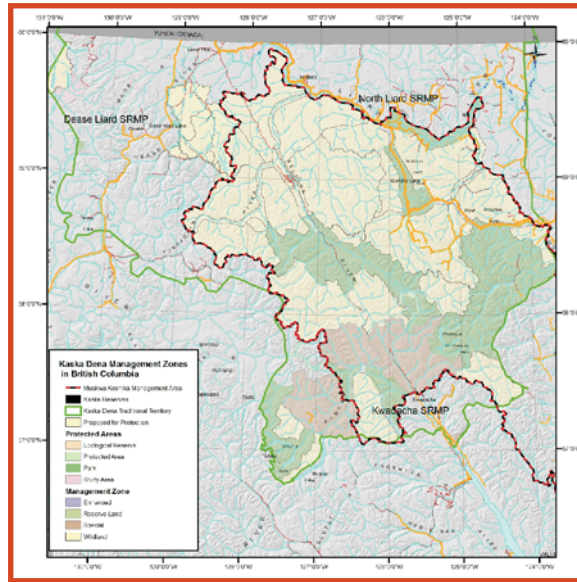
The SLUPA states that the Kaska and Province will:

- Jointly recommend the implementation of the Dease Liard Sustainable Resource Management Plan;
- Collaboratively implement any land use plans in the Kaska Traditional Territory in BC;
- Work collaboratively to address any land use management concerns, and;
- Enjoy greater land use certainty for all Parties.

The Agreement also speaks to the duty to consult and accommodate in order for resource development to occur; and that the Kaska's Land and Resource Policies are to be considered by Government and Industry for management and consultation purposes.

For Further information on the SRMP

or SLUPA please contact Bill Lux or Corrine Porter.



## KASKA NEWS!

### New Health Centre for Lower Post

The sky line of Lower Post is due to change very shortly! Daylu Dena Council is pleased to report that the construction of their new Health Centre is nearing completion. The Health Centre is located overlooking the banks of the Liard River, providing a tranquil and healing atmosphere. The building which was designed by Urban Arts Architecture of Vancouver and is being built by Gus Poirier Construction Ltd. of Smithers, B.C. is expected to be completed the second week of September, 2010.

This long awaited project means enhanced health care for the community, including visiting dental and medical professionals, medical laser treatment for various conditions such as skin problems, diabetic, rheumatoid or osteoarthritis. The New Health Centre will also be equipped with modern Tele-Health communication whereby community members can access medical consultation and diagnosis without leaving the community. Added features will include outdoor sitting area with beautiful landscaped grounds, meeting facilities,



offices, and elder's showers as well as a hair dressing facility. Health Canada is to be applauded for investing in our community to the tune of \$2,500,000.

Daylu Dena Council is determined that this new Health Centre will be the first phase of what will eventually be the Lower Post Cultural Centre, expanded to encompass a new administration building, council chambers, a community hall/gym, a kitchen, a teen room, an elder's room and an exercise room.

The current Daylu Dena Council administration offices are located in the former residential school, which is approximately 50 years old, deteriorating and holds bad memories for many community members.

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Daylu Dena Council is continuing its talks with Government with the hope that Government will fund the new addition, demonstrating the sincerity of Government's apology to residential school survivors.

### Dease River First Nation Hosts Cultural Camp

Dease River First Nation held a Culture Camp recently at Hot Lakes from August 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. The youth who attended the Culture Camp learned about Kaska culture and language, from Kaska language teacher, Jocelyn Wolftail. Hunters brought in porcupine, ground hog and ptarmigan, and as the youth sat around the fire they were taught how to clean, prepare and cook the meat, while Jocelyn taught them the corresponding

Kaska words. Kaska elders including Madge Carlick and Alfred Chief visited the Culture Camp and spent time with the youth. With the help of many, including Minnie Dennis, Fran Carlick, Crystal Carlick, and Jocelyn Wolftail the Culture Camp was a huge success! Look for photos of the Culture Camp on the KDC website [www.kaskadenacouncil.com](http://www.kaskadenacouncil.com)



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## TRIBUTE TO KASKA PEOPLE

### In Memory of Jean Gleason

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> the Kaska Nation sadly lost Jean Gleason, and with her passing lost a tireless and dedicated Kaska leader. Jean was a proud member of the Kaska Nation and fought to make it strong. She believed in the Elders' wisdom and in their direction that there was strength in unity among the Kaska people and their First Nations. She served the Kaska Dena Council as a former Chairperson and in many other capacities with much energy and commitment throughout the years. Jean was also appreciated and held in high regard by many Leaders and First



Nations people across the Yukon for her contributions and friendship to the Council of Yukon First Nations over the years. Jean's influence also extended far beyond the Yukon in her dedication, work and support with Leaders such as the late Bertha Allen and Marlin Kane in the Native Women's

Association of Canada.

Jean was driven by a belief in the right of everyone to try and be the best they can and she worked tirelessly to make that possible for family members and members of the community. Jean loved her family with all her heart and being. That love and loyalty sustained Jean and was at the centre of each and every day and of everything she worked to accomplish. Jean's influence also extended far beyond the Yukon in her dedication, work and support with Leaders such as the late Bertha Allen and Marlin Kane in the Native Women's Association of Canada.

Jean's spirit will always be there as other Kaska Leaders continue to deal with the challenges of making the world a better place for Kaska. Jean's leadership and contributions to KDC, as well as to the community as mother, grandmother, friend, negotiator, teacher, strategist, advocate, business advisor and facilitator will continue to inspire many who follow in her footsteps.

Jean's presence among us was a wonderful gift from the Creator and we will keep her in our hearts forever.

