

TO MR. BILL HORSWILL
ASPECT CONSULTANTS INC. WINLAW
B . C .

Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter before you return to Winlaw, B.C. your letter was not dated.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that I have laid your letter before my High Chiefs of Kitwancool and that they were very pleased.

In the fourth paragraph, on the eight line reads- " please correct me, if I am wrong in this regards" please now therefore, Sir, I beg to inform you that there are nothing wrong in the whole body of your letter and that my High Chiefs did whole heartedly adopt it.

Your "off the record expression of your own personal and professional views on the proposed Northwest development schemes and how they will likely affect my Kitwancool people at Kitwancool in particular was also adopted.

You were right in the 8th. paragraph of your "off the record" views; if the Kitwancool allow the Highway to go across our the Kitwancool territory before a land settlement, our case will be very much weakened.

The nishgas are insisting, rightly, that their claim be settled first, if they let the rail road or the Highways across their lands, their claim will be almost worthless! So too will ours if we don't oppose the Highway. therefore, Sir, we the Kitwancool took the same position and we oppose construction of rail road or a Highway across the Kitwancool territory until after a satisfactory settlement is reached.

While the C.N.R. Company have no authority to settle the land claims, it is not unusual for the C.N.R. Company to establish its right of way and clear it at all reasonable cost, therefore, we respectfully desire that the C.N.R. Company might persuade the Government of B.C. to negotiate with the Kitwancool who are the rightful owner of the Kitwancool territory; the Kitwancool are not begging for recognition because the Government of B.C. and the Government of Canada have full knowledge as to the nature of the Kitwancool absolute title in the Kitwancool territory.

The Kitwancool never accept Indian reserve, but it was established under duress after the late Kitwancool President (my Father) Albert Williams and all of his colleagues and myself were thrown into Okalla Prison in 1927, A.D. this is why we call this reserve an "Okalla Prison reserve"

Other Indian reserves were established with the consent of the Chiefs concerned, but the Kitwancool Chiefs never consent ~~to the~~ nor accept the establishment of this reserve.

The Kitwancool always retain its honourable relationship with both the federal Government and the B.C. Government.

There were a number of leases granted to white people by the Government of B.C. but the Kitwancool request the B.C. Government to hold the leases in abeyance until settlement is reached which the B.C. Government did respect and held the said leases as aforesaid; this greater matter should be dealt with honourably and respect as we do not desire ^{that} any Northern development be delayed too long for the benefit of all and our future generations.

You have every right to publish this statement openly on any news paper and this is your authority to do so, in this way, the public might join us and hasten to bring about settlement and also hasten the northern development for the benefit of the public and this will also add additional strength of the ^{justifiable} ~~justifiable~~ foundation of CANADA.

Most most respectfully,

The Kitwancool, Per Peter Williams, President
of Kitwancool.

Cassiar Cannery, Caspaco, Skeena River, B.C.

June 11, 1974, A.D.