

## LITIGATION AGAINST GITXSAN TREATY SOCIETY UPDATE

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**May 25, 2010**

The court case to stop negotiations of the Gitxsan Alternative Governance Model (GAGM) moves forward!

The first court appearance before BC Supreme Court Justice Kelleher for a Case Management Conference occurred on May 25, 2010 in Vancouver, BC at 9:00 a.m. At this time the plaintiffs gave Judge Kelleher an outline of their case and asked him to order cut-off dates for the next steps which will move the case forward.

Judge Kelleher agreed that cut off dates should be set, ordering that the plaintiffs' and defendants' document lists be delivered by July 31, 2010 and that the defendants must deliver their Amended Statements of Defence by September 15, 2010.

The next Case Management Conference before Judge Kelleher has been scheduled for September 16, 2010, at which time a schedule for the next group of steps in the proceeding can be set. This will include Examinations for Discovery, involving questioning the defendants about their documents and the issues in the action, and setting a trial date.

We encourage all Gitxsan people to continue being involved because of the serious impact it may have on you, which impact includes the loss of your Indian status. A petition to refuse the GAGM and loss of Indian status, rights and benefits is being circulated. We encourage you to stand up and let your voices be heard! Together, we can stop the Gitxsan Treaty Society from negotiating the GAGM.