

LITIGATION AGAINST THE GITXSAN TREATY SOCIEY

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

As ordered by Judge Kelleher, each of the Defendants delivered their Response to the Plaintiffs' claim to stop the GAGM. On October 27, 2010 a Case Management Conference took place in front of Judge Kelleher in Vancouver. The Plaintiffs asked Judge Kelleher to set a schedule for the next steps in the case to move it forward. Judge Kelleher set January 14, 2011 as the cut off date for the parties to deliver their second lists of relevant documents in their possession (each party delivered their first list of documents in August). This list will include relevant electronic documents, for example e-mails. The Plaintiffs also asked Judge Kelleher to set a start date for the trial. Judge Kelleher ordered that the trial will be held in Smithers and that the start date would be set at the next Case Management Conference which will be held on January 19, 2011 at 9 am. At this time the Plaintiffs will also ask for the dates to be set for the next step in moving forward, the Examination for Discoveries which involves questioning the defendants about their documents and the issues in the case.

We encourage all Gitxsan people to continue to be involved because of the serious impact it may have on you, including the loss of your Indian status. GTS refuses to be open, transparent and accountable and continues to negotiate their GAGM despite all opposition. We encourage you to stand up and let your voices be heard! Together we can stop the GTS from negotiating away our rights.