

The Skeena Totem Pole
Restoration Society,
Box 225, Hazelton, B.C.

Kitwancool, Via Box 6,
Kitwanga, B.C.
March 5th. 1966, A.D.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Collison and Mr. Ted Macdonald has informed me that you desire to obtain permission to enable you to restore or preserve or reinstall all totem poles that are within the Kitwancool settlement and for which I thank you on behalf of the Kitwancool.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the Kitwancool, the president and the Council did issue their authorization dated 23rd. day of March 1965, A.D. to your head man namely Mr. Wilson Duff; I am enclosing a copy of said Authority for your Authority also.

This Authorization was signed By the President Peter Williams, William Smith, Chief Councillor and Abel G. Campbell, Councilor; a copy was also sent to the Indian Office, Babine agency, Hazelton, B.C.

Yours most respectfully
c.c. Mr. Wilson Duff. Peter Williams, President of Kitwancool.
et
Indian Office, Hazelton, B.C.

Peter Williams

Mr. Wilson Duff,

Kitwancool, Via Box 134,

Associate Prof. Of Anthropology, Kitwanga, B.C. Dec. 19, 1968.

University Of B.C.

Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Duff:

We are very pleased to receive copies of letters in the old days regarding Jim who was shot by the Provincial officer.

My people are very pleased for the way you receive me at the university.

Merry Christmas to you and family.

Yours most respectfully

Peter Williams, Pres. Kitwancool.

Peter Williams

Mr. Wilson Duff,
Anthropologist,
University Of British
Columbia,
Vancouver, B.C.

Kitwancool, Via Box 134,
Kitwanga, B.C.

November 22nd, 1967, A.D.

Dear Mr. Duff:

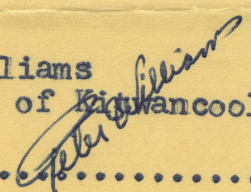
We, the Kitwancool People assembled hereby Authorize you with full Power to maintain the Kitwancool Histories, Territories and Laws of the Kitwancool ~~and~~ any Land Question meeting and before any Court dealing with any Indian Land Claim; ~~and~~ furthermore, you are hereby Authorized to maintain the Kitwancool Territories as shown on the Kitwancool map contained in the Kitwancool Histories Book Memior 4 of the year 1959, A.D. at any meeting dealing with any land Claims, to prevent any group or any organization from infringing or claiming any part of the Kitwancool Territories; furthermore, any Historian may work with you, if and when necessary, for the maintenance of the Kitwancool Histories, territories and Laws or Claims of the Kitwancool.

This Authorization shall be continous and remain valid and Lawful untill after the President of Kitwancool terminate this Authorization in writing.

Moreover, you are hereby Authorised to appear before any tribunal dealing with any Indian land Claims for the purposes above mentioned.

Signed, The Kitwancool,

Per
Peter Williams
President of Kitwancool,



Chief Councillor

Edgar Good

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Councillor-

Lawrence Williams

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Lawrence Williams.....

Councillor-

Vincent Gogag

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Dear Mr. Duff:

It has come to the Kitwancool knowledge that the most respected Nishga Tribal Council did enter ~~suit~~ against the Government of British Columbia for compensation of the lands which they claim taken away from them by the B.C. Government; we, the Kitwancool congratulate the Tribal Council of Nishga for their action.

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It has come to the Kitwancool knowledge, the ~~the~~ most respected Nishga Tribal Council did go beyond their boundary lines which was set and recognized by both the Nishga and the Kitwancool for centuries and hence the Nishga Tribal Council did claim the greater part of the Kitwancool territories before the Supreme Court of British Columbia; this is a very serious matter that makes a very sore spot in the Kitwancool hearts; it was the Kitwancool blood and bones that fertilizes this part of the Kitwancool territory.

The Kitwancool did hold a very stormy meeting regarding this matter but I have done my duty, as president of Kitwancool, so that the Kitwancool may not openly charge against the most respected Nishga Tribal Council.

~~Normally~~ Normally they are entitled to claim what they own but not that part of the Kitwancool territory and if they insist upon claiming part of the Kitwancool Territory before any tribunal they are going to find that their position is different than what they thought to be because they are required to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Dear Mr. Duff it is time that they revise their claim for their own good ; the Kitwancool respectfully request them not to claim part of the Kitwancool territory, without the Kitwancool consent.

The Kitwancool did not join the Allied Tribes of Indians or the North American Indians because the Kitwancool case is very different in that the Governments concerned did force the establishment of this reserve after throwing the late Kitwancool president and his colleagues into prison.

In the early times, all the other Chiefs did consent to the establishment of their reserves, but not the Kitwancool.

Yours most respectfully
The Kitwancool,

Per
Peter Williams,
President of Kitwancool

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