



NStQ Treaty Group Youth Governance Forum 2014
“Young voices of the Land”-March 12, 2014

Summary:

A total of 51 youth from the four communities attended the “Young Voices of the Land” NStQ Youth Forum, March 12, 2014.

Youth registered for the event received “passports”, a modified geo-cache type exercise. Upon completion of the tasks in the passport, youth were then eligible for a final prize draw. (iPad II, X-Box)

The NStQ website was introduced and included an awareness of what happens when information is posted and shared on public sites such as Facebook.

The “Coyote Rock Tribal Law-Making exercise involved breakout groups of youth who were asked to determine which tasks they feel should become village laws or tribal laws such as: Health standards, Housing, elections, Post-Secondary funding ect.

Early on in planning it was determined that technology is key in keeping the youth interested in the events scheduled for the day. An interactive survey using a Power-point presentation and electronic “clickers” where results were immediately projected on the screen was an effective way to engage youth and obtain much needed information of their knowledge of Treaty.

Spi7uy Squqluts Language introduced the First Voices portal and First Voice Tutor.

“Our Stories of Our Lands”-personal stories of our places. Where youth were asked to identify on poster-sized maps, places and incidences of occupation and use they have had on the land.

K.A.S.P (Keeping Alive Stories of the People) Entertainment provided a break-out session. With a goal to build self-esteem through music creation. Youth were asked to develop and perform a Hip-Hop Song of their experiences. An engaging exercise on writing poetry and expression and performance.

Display booths were set up: Aboriginal Tourism BC, Aboriginal Mentoring & Training Association, All Nations Trust Company, Cariboo Chilcotin Aboriginal Education and Training Centre, Children and Youth Services Society and Royal Canadian Mounted Police support helped make the day long event a success.

Attendance by community	Total youth in attendance: 51
Canim Lake Band: 13	Stswecem’c-Xgat’tem: 17
Soda Creek Band: 9	Williams Lake Band: 12

