

PROCLAMATION AND NOTICE ISSUED BY THE  
CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION ON THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF MARCH, 2022



Whereas:

Our Clan Elders have provided us with spiritual guidance and cultural instruction and have clearly stated the following principles and directions:

We who are Tagish and we who are Tlingit  
Our heritage has grown roots into the earth since the olden times  
Therefore we are part of the earth and the water  
We know our Creator entrusted us with the responsibility  
Of looking after the land into perpetuity, and the water  
And whatever is on our land, and what is beneath our land  
So those coming after us, will give them that responsibility into perpetuity  
Our Elders have assigned us the task of showing respect to things  
Therefore, we will look after our land as they have told us to do,  
As did our Elders  
Because we were the first to come to this land  
That is now called Canada  
We will be the bosses of our land  
We will watch over our land  
As we have agreed upon  
And as we ourselves manage things according to our traditions  
We will bequeath it to those coming after us into perpetuity  
We will work with people to strengthen our heritage  
To give a firm foundation to our people's lives  
And to manage our land well  
We will work with all peoples to take good care of our land  
And all the resources of this land

As we have agreed on, and we will be our own masters  
We who are Tagish and we who are Tlingit  
We will protect our land  
So that things will be according to what has been agreed to  
So that they will live by it  
According to what we have agreed on  
We will reform the way we work with the government  
We will work together with mutual respect  
And act truthfully toward each other  
We will all work together  
Those who own the land those who use the land  
We will manage together  
The land and the water and what is on the land  
Then everything will be prepared for those coming after us  
As we have on, so we will act  
We will work as our elders instruct us  
And improve the lot those coming after us  
We will use our land with other nations  
Moreover, we will look after our land well  
So that our descendants can see how good it is  
And in this way we will respect our land from which we were born;

And Whereas:

As Tagish and Tlingit based upon these ancient teachings and covenants we now act to fulfill these time honored obligations by adopting this Proclamation and Notice to all users of lands, waters and other resources within our Traditional Territory in Northern British Columbia and Yukon.

THEREFORE, we who are Tagish and we who are Tlingit, as represented by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation make this Proclamation and issue this Notice as follows:

1. any uses of our lands, waters, and all other resources within our Traditional Territories must be legitimized and validly sanctioned by our Councils;
2. any future uses of our lands, waters and resources must be with our appropriate free, prior and informed consent;
3. a map of our traditional territory is attached;
4. any uses of our lands, waters and other resources, not in compliance of this Proclamation and Notice, will be challenged and disputed in our peacemakers courts and/or in the mainstream courts, as deemed appropriate by C/TFN, and such uses are at the sole risk of the trespasser and such purported user of our lands and waters; and
5. this Notice and Proclamation is duly issued by our General and Executive Councils and take effect on March 30th, 2022.

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