

Member Feedback and Changes to Draft Constitution

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Main Themes:

After a very in-depth review of all the community feedback, the majority of member requests for changes fell into five themes (in order of priority):

1. Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, and Democracy
2. Laws, Rights, Responsibilities, and Administration of Justice
3. Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources
4. Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage
5. Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols

Main Theme	Member Feedback/Condensed Comment	Change	Relevant Article
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	Powers and authority are given over to the LKFNG (Lax Kw'alaams First Nation Government) with only consultation and advice mentioned in later sections.	Previous article 17 removed.	--
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, and Democracy	Who rightfully will sit at Representative List for Allied Tribes of Lax Kw'alaams - more than 2 for each as requested.	Two HC (Hereditary Council) seats from each Tribe on HC (Galmalgyax and Sigyidm Hana'a).	66
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, and Democracy	Need a referendum to see if this is what our membership wants.	Voting threshold.	111
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, and Democracy	Pause constitution and deal with encroachment on land and treaties (ATTA request).	Paused from August 2023 until June 2025 at the request of a tribal representative.	--

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Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, and Democracy	Each individual tribe has to get together - we all belong to a tribe and we should be pushing our tribe to make that happen - huge division amongst our tribes.	-Allied Tribes “coalition” changed to “alliance.” -Ayaawx and Adaawx life and meaning of constitution.	2 13
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	For ratification – how many people do we need to pass it? [Question from participant] Ratification is based on a community. Communities define the number required to pass. What does a band normally need for ratification of anything? [Question from participant] It depends on what the people want 50% of whoever’s voting. Or 50% of the voters list. It used to be 50% plus one, because we couldn’t get enough people to vote.	Voting threshold.	107
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	The Constitution is very important, and cannot be changed by anyone, except the majority of the membership.	Voting threshold.	106(5)
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	Between 3 years and 5 years elected terms – review constitution for consistency.	1,3 and 5 year review added to transitional period.	68 123
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	Want special Civic Council seats for non-elected reps, traditional elders/leaders.	-Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC (Galmalgyax and Hanna’ax). -Add “Galmalgyax” voting seat to Civic Council. -“advisor” and “observer” roles removed.	49 55 75
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	The difficult part is putting the oral into words that makes sense to both parties is going to be the most difficult.	HC and CC ensure to stand-up Ayaawx.	78
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	It is true our younger people don’t understand – we need to get the youth involved and interested in their traditional system, train them to take over, it has to be important enough to get the youth interested	Adding a youth role in government.	43

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Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty,	The Allied 9 Tribes there had to have a lot of trust from our Grandmothers and Grandfathers in order for us to even say The Allied 9 Tribes of LK exist today. Wants in the minutes/notes that she doesn't agree with the words radical and inherent distrust.	<p>-Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC (Galmalgyax and Hanna'ax)</p> <p>-Add "Galmalgyax" voting seat to Civic Council.</p> <p>-"observer" role removed</p> <p>-HC and CC ensure to stand-up ayaawx.</p>	<p>49</p> <p>55</p> <p>--</p> <p>Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94(3)</p>
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	<p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Respect from LK Band Council. ● In terms of funding - Genealogy study so we can identify our membership by tribe and house. ● Stop fighting - the tradition we had in the tribes that once a year we had a Dead Feast or Feast of the Dead. Feast to honour those who passed over the years. It took everybody working together so that we could keep and we built an amazing and strong tribe. 	<p>-Allied Tribes as alliance.</p> <p>-Add genealogy.</p> <p>-Traditional ways.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>59(3)</p> <p>Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)</p>
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	The last time they were trying to get two members from each tribe, was at a tribe meeting. They were trying to get a couple reps from each tribe.	Two seats from each Tribe on HC (representative and hanna'ax).	49
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	We are NOT giving up any land in this process. Reconciliation process is totally different from negotiating a treaty. We are claiming all our territory. Everyone on council belongs to a tribe. If the majority agrees we move forward don't get angry. We have to leave this room as one and that's the way it should be. Need to get youth involved.	Adding a youth role in government.	48 & 43
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	For collaborative decision making, what does it mean and feel like? We need different perspectives. We need to know what it means so everyone has understanding and can collaborate properly. Not just decision making but true collaboration.	<p>-Allied Tribes "alliance."</p> <p>-Add more powers to HC.</p> <p>-Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>56</p> <p>49</p>

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Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	Page 10 constitution – plenary power would be absolute power with no limitations. Here you’re giving it to the Council. You’re giving it to the hybrid council and not giving it to the hereditary council. Change to Draft Constitution: Make sure this is changed – Plenary Power – Page 10. Para 41	-Add more powers to HC. -Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC.	56 & 65 49
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to outline/define what the hereditary system looks like and how it differs from band council. • Defining - including chiefs, houses and tribes, a visual diagram of our governance systems. • How do we know our houses? Should be an apprenticeship program where the youth learn from elders knowledge holders. 	-Traditional ways. -Adding a youth role in government.	Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3) 43
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	We were trying to think of a way to learn how to teach feasts, we need more feasts. Feast once a month by a tribe to also talk about the history and name and language. A feast in the community once a month to learn the truths of the territory	No direct changes.	23(1), 45, 48, 52(1)
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	pt 74, does hereditary council have veto power over our laws?	-Add more powers to HC. -Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC.	56 & 65 49
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	That would fall under that Tribes customs and traditions to decide who goes next. Or Tribes could appoint a speaker. Doesn’t have to specifically be a person with a title or name. Could be the Galmalgyax. A protocol or Terms of Reference aside from the Constitution would be helpful. That would be the responsibility of the Tribes to come together and create something.	-Allied Tribes “alliance.” -Add “Galmalgyax” voting seat to CC.	2 55
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	The Constitution has never been done this way before. Thank you for doing it like this. We are going to have one of the best constitutions out there.	--	--
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	The desire we have to participate is the traditional way things would be done. Elders would meet around a table, around a fire and the community surrounded them. The leadership and matriarchs learned how to make decisions. Teach the youth properly.	-“Hanaa’nax” matriarchs added. -Adding a youth role in government	56 & 42 43

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Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	The Tribes of Lax Kw'alaams. We have to get back on the chair again. We have to get these meetings going really good again. We're still together but we're not meeting as much as we should have. I Looked at [constitution], we all did. Lots of good things in there. When we start feasting our laws get much stronger, your voice gets more powerful. We need to start feasting. Need to stand up our big names. I know some that use their names but never feast.	-Allied Tribes "alliance." -Traditional ways.	2 Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities	If laws were to be made, chiefs would get together and make a plan – heads of houses would come together. Everything was done by consensus.	Will include HC and CC joint law-making powers.	41
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities	Looks like the hereditary and administration staff have equality. However, in reading the constitution, it looks like the administration overpowers the hereditary.	-"observer" role removed. -Shared HC and CC decision-making.	75 41, 72, 76, 83, 92
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities	We don't like that the primary body is just the Civic Council. The Civic Council should encourage the Hereditary Council to have a voice.	-Add more powers to HC. -Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC (Galmalgyax and Haana'nax). -"observer" role removed.	56 & 65 49 --
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	More feasting in our community. If we want to carry on our culture, we have to live by example. A lot of our culture is taught by example.	Addressed throughout.	23(1), 45, 48, 52(1)
Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	I think the most difficult part is that our traditional laws are history and oral. So, it's how we can add that.	HC will promote and practice adaawx and ayaawx.	Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, & 94(3)

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Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	Under the transition provisions (118) – so sometime after, if the Community ratifies this, it wouldn't take effect right away, maybe six months to a year. There would be a period of time where we would transition away from the current system and this constitutional framework would take effect. It is important to have Allied Tribes Secretariat in place so that the Tribes have the support they need. Provisions 69-71.	Make Secretariat appointed and overseen by HC.	58
Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities	When we think of a constitution. We want to make it called an Ayaawx, we want to make it available to all. Protect the land, sea, air. Through story and truth. Self-sustaining.	-Traditional house system and terraced house model. -Ayaawx and adaawx give life and meaning to the constitution. -Add "ayaawx" to HC decision-making.	Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)
Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities	Translating our stories into law – translate our stories into the "cognizable".	HC and CC ensure to stand-up ayaawx.	Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)
Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	Elders may be able to reinterpret these, to move these into a modern context to bridge gaps between the old language and new. They are very wise.	HC to provide judicial institutions with guidance.	55(7)
Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	We belong to tribe with tribal connections, crests, how we got here, where we come from, knowing who house leaders are, know Smoyget and tribal laws, family connections, school connections here at the school teaching children traditional way of life, build house at Dundas, learning traditional laws, values, beliefs and customs, sharing information, support knowledge keeps, funding raising for people in need.	HC and CC ensure to stand-up ayaawx.	Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)
Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	This would have the effect of stripping away rights enshrined both in the Canadian Constitution and UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 23 – "Indigenous People have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development. • Article 25 – Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinctive 	Throughout.	Title, 1, 6, 13-22, 44

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	<p>spiritual relationship with their traditionally owned or otherwise occupied and used lands, territories, waters and coastal seas and other resources and to uphold their responsibilities to future generations in this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article 26, which says: (1) Indigenous peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources with they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired; (2) Indigenous peoples have the right to own, use, develop and control the lands, territories and resources they possess by reason of traditional ownership. 		
<p>Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice</p>	<p>Communications between band council and tribal leaders with public attendance – coming together like this is really important – we must learn to speak Sm'algyax have to use simple words – law that we don't steal from your people – we belong to the land, they Laxyuup – these are our laws, we have to control lands, our people – we used to be a population of 20,000 other nations are after our lands/resources – we need our laws in place.</p>	<p>-Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC (gal and hanna'ax).</p> <p>-Add "Galmalgyax" voting seat to Civic Council.</p> <p>-"observer" role removed.</p> <p>-HC and CC ensure to stand-up ayaawx.</p>	<p>49</p> <p>55, 62(3) & (4)</p> <p>75</p> <p>Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)</p>
<p>Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources</p>	<p>To educate youth and pass on what we know. - To get the tribes to develop an education package to work with the school to educate youth and adults. Develop a history workshop for all tribes and houses to educate everyone on what house they come from and who their chiefs are. Work with elders to strengthen Lax Kw'alaams history – in 5 years, when work is done on ATL territories, it goes to the house on whose territory the work is being done. This speaks to the relationship that Band Council and ATL needs to build. Currently, it stops at the BC Land Council and never gets to the ATL. Allied Tribes Representative – Involvement of all the tribes on works being done on territory.</p>	<p>-Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC (gal and hanna'ax).</p> <p>-Add "Galmalgyax" voting seat to Civic Council.</p> <p>-"observer" role removed.</p> <p>-HC and CC ensure to stand-up ayaawx.</p> <p>-Adding a youth role in government</p>	<p>49</p> <p>55, 62(3) & (4)</p> <p>75</p> <p>Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)</p> <p>43</p>

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Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	Our grandfathers/grandmothers told me that if you're at a meeting, you finish this meeting and then you can go and have a meeting over there. We need our dancers, our youngest, our Galmalgyax to be there. We invite them and show them this is our post. Whoever owns this land can speak – so I asked my grandfather this question. After all these years, all the years that they had – that we invite all Chiefs as witnesses. They're witnesses, now "I know who he is - we have to protect them for future use for our children/great grandchildren. Stand up and say, "this is our territory."	-Add "Galmalgyax" voting seat to Civic Council	55, 23(1), 45, 48, 52(1)
Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	On this map, where are all our lands?	Enhanced map added.	22
Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	BC hydro poles rent and revenue, gas coming into the area should be part of our territory, Galloway rapids bridge, grassy bay, logging – all these resource revenues should be in the constitution – should we be milling on our territory.	CC to address economic affairs.	65(6)
Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	Protection of our own traditional territories. Stand up and protect our territories. Sees a lot of people coming into their territory harvesting their seafood and no one is out there to tell them sorry this is Gitsiis territory, you don't have permission to fish here.	Multiple articles deal with this throughout.	Preamble, 13-22, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32. 51(1), 78, 94 (3)
Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	"Choose to" is a more empowering language than "will". Empower our children to be able to choose and also be grounded in our culture.	HC to stand up and carry out ayaawx.	Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)
Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	This isn't new, we should put those markings back on the bluffs - it's ours. We're modern people and we can't put any markers up. In my time fishing the territory, we moved people from our territory that were illegally there. Like Stan Sr. said, we need to do this in a "big way". In our history, we were the most revered people on the West Coast, nobody fought with us. We took land by war, we took rivers – let's continue on this legacy of who we are.	Added that territory place names are HC authority.	51(4)
Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	Finance and resources – We are fighting for something that already belongs to us, the Government doesn't have a legal right to land. We need to fight to get back what has been taken from us. No documents were signed, the Government came in and started taking land. Remind the Government this is unceded land. The 9 Allied Tribes never surrendered land!	Section on transparency and accountability.	94(5) & 99

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Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	Concern with the Allied Tribes and individual lands for each tribe. There should be a clause and protection for selling off land after this is all done or we will end up with nothing. Education should be a priority, the young people need to know how to develop the land. The school system has to improve for the young people.	Enhanced map added.	22
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols	We also discussed that there should be members attending council meetings.	CC will establish processes for transparency.	72, 94(5), & 99
Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols	There should be verbatim minutes.	CC will establish processes for transparency.	72, 94(5), & 99
Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	Need willingness. Sense of consistency. Commitment to build capacity into communications and consistency. Remain fair and mindful. Honor in collaboration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -CC will establish processes for transparency -Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC (Galmalgyax and hanna'ax). -Add "Galmalgyax" voting seat to Civic Council -"observer" role removed -HC and CC ensure to stand-up ayaawx. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 72, 94(5), & 99 67 49 55, 62(3) & (4) 75 Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)
Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage	Regarding helping members get ancestral names – hold feasts – bring back children from the foster care system. A long house is a high priority for us all. Question - Clarifying the secretariat position.	-HC to stand up and carry out ayaawx.	Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)

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Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy		-Secretariat provisions.	55 & 58-61
Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage	We need to straighten out how our names are used. Some in K&K use our name but on K&K Council.	HC to stand up and carry out ayaawx.	Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)
Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage	A constitution in our language or referred to as our Adaawx.	Added "Raven blanket."	Title & Preamble
Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage	Duncan for example changed all street names to their language. So, for us, street signs should be named in Lax Kw'alaams. Need something to identify we belong here.	Added that territory place names are HC - authority	51(4)
Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage	The discrimination will always be there because we are connected to the land. BC is unceded, the indigenous did not sign any treaties, it is still ours not the governments. Our ancestors rose above and knew who they were and where they came from. The ancestors were powerful and kept walking. We need to rise above this, easier said than done.	-"Connectednes" in "fundamental values."	12(4) & 33 11(4)?
Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage	There was a program in Terrace called "language nest" which included parental involvement and homework and parents, leaders and children – the evaluation then became singing and dancing and drumming. It is a structure of teaching within our system. We need commitment to working with that.	Added rights, responsibilities, and protections for Sm'algyax language,	27, 27(6), 39,97, & 98 25, 23(1,2)
Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing mentioned about Tsimshian laws. - Hunting needs to be reclaimed. Fish camps, arts, - Every member to know their identity and heritage - Keep knowledge database - Find a way to start so that houses can work within the plan - Quarterly meeting - Cultural competency for external accountability Question 2 - Remedied that everything done is in the intent of the MOU - Implement MOU with succession planning in mind - Guardians to protect the territory. One for marine, one for land and one for food sovereignty 	<p>Preserve all natural resources</p> <p>Preserve and protect culture, identity, and language,</p>	23 Preamble, (6), 27(1) & 39, 58, & 92(3).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Honoring the tribes. Move resources management to work as a society so the work can be done collaboratively as per the MOU 		
<p>Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols</p> <p>Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy</p> <p>Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - True transparency. - All council and staff uphold MOU. - Uphold sovereign right of tribe holders. - Band governance band members and IRL. - Celebrate success, youths. - Move land, fisheries and cultural education through ATTA - Succession planning. - Meaning inclusion of ATL in the RFA. - Tribal and house structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -CC will establish processes for transparency -Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC (gal and hanna'ax) -Add "Galmalgyax" voting seat to Civic Council -HC "advisor" and "observer" role removed. -HC and CC ensure to stand-up ayaawx. 	<p>72, 94(5), & 99</p> <p>49</p> <p>55, 62(3) & (4)</p> <p>Former article 17 removed.</p> <p>Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3)</p>
<p>Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy</p> <p>Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols</p> <p>Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infrastructure: People want to come home. Make accommodations available in the territory. - Food security (fishing, harvesting). - Communication. - Elders Lodge support to participate in meetings. - Elders health and wellness - long-term elders care home. - section 35. Regular discussion with DFO for more licenses. - Timelines – time is of the essence for us. - Succession planning. Members can do jobs but aren't shown how. Instead of taking people in, have them mentor so ultimately our own people take that role. 	N/A	Preamble &, 28 26
<p>Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foster connection within the community. - Sm'algyax is important - Expertise from others is important and on certain key initiatives we shouldn't reinvent the wheel. 	<p>Prioritize member and citizenship.</p> <p>Stand up Smalgyax language.</p>	<p>Preamble, 11, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 33</p> <p>35 & 88</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should look into international models, tribal in states for example. - Build on infrastructure. - Build capacity within the community. Employ own members to do jobs that are required. - Bring history forward but also make history and look towards the future. - It can be challenging to look into the future when the present challenges are so pressing. - All ages support education and lifelong learning. - Elders offering healing, the important role that elders play in that process - Indian Act is an apartheid system. - 100 years, what about today? It can be tough to think about the 100 years from now when there are pressing issues today. - Succession planning – make sure members are aware and can step into roles of leadership. - Departmental planning. Accountability from departments in terms of setting short, medium, and long-term goals. 	<p>Civic responsibilities.</p> <p>Self-determination.</p>	<p>65</p> <p>Preamble, 1, 6, 10, 20, 28, 32, 24, 40, 41, 46, 90, 105</p>
<p>Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols</p>	<p>Announce to public when meetings are happening so people can learn and grow together.</p>	<p>Transparency and accountability articles.</p>	<p>94(5) & 99</p>
<p>Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols</p>	<p>More members off reserve than on reserve we need a liaison for the community. Who can provide more personal communication for people rather than PowerPoints.</p>	<p>On-off reserve rights and freedoms.</p> <p>Transparency and accountability articles.</p>	<p>Preamble</p> <p>94(5) & 99</p>
<p>Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols</p>	<p>Council meetings should be privy to the members, have an opportunity to sit as a member, not necessarily interact but hear, and also receive minutes of that meeting to all Band members. They should have access.</p>	<p>Transparency and accountability articles.</p>	<p>94(5) & 99</p>
<p>Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols</p> <p>Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources</p>	<p>Communication is key, when it comes to our neighbours whoever they are encroaching on our territories. Regarding our adaawx and ayaawx, we need to ask why is it that you are claiming our territory? In saying that, part of the discussion will be on a positive note is that we will continue to raise these signs in our territory. We’ve always had our boundaries set and our stories go behind where these boundaries are. Positively this is our laxyuup—we will fight until our death for the</p>	<p>-Added “Raven blanket.”</p> <p>-Add more powers to HC.</p>	<p>Preamble</p> <p>41, 56, 72, 76, 83, 92</p>

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Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	rights of our territories and I know this stands for all of the nine tribes.	-Add “ayaawx” to HC decision-making. -Two HC seats from each Tribe on HC .	Preamble, 5, 12, 14, 25, 30, 51(1), 78, 94 (3) 49
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Transparency, Accountability, and Communication Protocols	Community members need to know who the Hereditary Chiefs are (ancestral names and English). Don't want to criticize the people, want to criticize the system, so how can we practice our ancestral knowledge. Opening a lot of responsibility to the young people, if they don't know what's going on, nothing will change, more youth engagement. Like everything that's proposed so far.	HC leaders will be made public.	54
Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	Speaking in Sm’algyax. We discuss Laxuup, but we don’t even name the Laxuup we’re talking about. When I was a youngster, I used to listen to my grandparents and the elders that lived close by, they’d speak to us in Sm’algyax. Look at his books, and look at the names of hereditary chiefs. We talk about Ayaawx, our rights. What are our rights? What is our Laxuu?. Nobody can tell me my rights on my Laxuup. But we do come together as the 9 Allied tribes. We have to come together, otherwise we will only go by majority. That’s what we're coming to. 9 tribes, the four tribes might back away but as long as we still have five we can still move. We need to talk and understand one another. That’s the rights we have. And our title is Tsimshian. We are all in the same nation. Tsimshian Nation.	-Allied Tribes “alliance.” -Smalgyax terms throughout. -Ayaawx and Adaawx life and meaning of Constitution. - Funding of use of Smalgyax.	2 -- 10 13 & 100
Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy	NOTE: Civic council, my understanding is we have a mayor but it isn't written like that. It says chief councillor.	Smalgyax terms throughout.	Throughout
Governance, Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Democracy Lands, Waters, Harvesting, and Natural Resources	Off reserve members' voices have not been as valued and have been ostracized. Territory map in draft, there’s no citation, so it would be important to cite it Next time they do a survey they should survey more people to have more accurate statistics. More maritime authority over waters, and water should be protected for harvesting purposes. Tribal territories specifically for the tribes, that should be included in the territorial map.	-Enhanced map added.	22

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Culture, Traditional Knowledge, Language, and Heritage Laws, Rights, and Responsibilities, Administration of Justice	One of the Adaawx that's worth talking about is the famous name of Hamsen, the trickster.	Added "Raven blanket."	Preamble