



Invitation to Bella Bella for Tribal Journey in 2014

Heiltsuk hosted the Qatuwas Festival in Bella Bella in 1993, and have been actively involved in the modern day canoe resurgence. The Heiltsuk leadership invite the canoe nations to once again journey to Bella Bella for Qatuwas II "people coming together" in 2014. Our intent is to host the gathering in our new Bighouse.

The Journey Ahead

In the year ahead we will research and develop a strategic plan for Qatuwas II and the Bighouse project. We are interested in trade and barter to secure financial resources for project implementation.

The Heiltsuk territory still contains stands of old growth cedar. We would like to explore the idea of Nation to Nation protocols to allow us to share access to old growth cedar from Heiltsuk territory for canoes and ceremonial house logs, in exchange for financial resources to cover the costs of building the Heiltsuk Bighouse to host 2014 Tribal Journeys. Another goal is to organize an intertribal exchange between the Heiltsuk and Washington State tribes to share information about governance, resource management, business and investment.

To discuss trade and barter possibilities, contact HIRMD by phone at (250) 957-2303, or send mail to: HIRMD via Heiltsuk Tribal Council, Box 880, Bella Bella, BC, V0T 1Z0.

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