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**NATIVE YOUTH MOVEMENT BRINGS CONCERNS TO TREATY COMMISSION**

VANCOUVER -- Native Youth Movement members met with treaty Commissioners Tuesday, April 22 to discuss concerns that led to their occupation of the B.C. Treaty Commission offices. Native youth say they have been ignored and shut out of the current treaty process and wanted to bring attention to this fact by way of an occupation.

Following a two-hour meeting, both parties said a good start was made to planned ongoing discussions between Native youth and the Treaty Commission.

Native Youth Movement member Skeena Reece said, "I was surprised and pleased to discover there are adults that are willing to begin a dialogue on involving Native youth in this process."

Treaty Commissioner Peter Lusztig said, "We had a constructive exchange of views and ideas. They have concerns about the treaty process of which the Treaty Commission is the keeper. They feel uninformed about treaty negotiations which are underway in some of their communities."

The two parties have tentatively agreed to meet again in late May to discuss the issues and concerns of Native youth and avenues the Treaty Commission may take to involve Native youth.

The meeting was attended by Native Youth Movement members Skeena Reece, Traci Humchitt and Chrisse Oleman and treaty Commissioners Peter Lusztig, Wilf Adam and Miles Richardson.

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