***Enhancement Agreement Timeline***

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*In the beginning of time Haida Gwaii is created.*

**1785** Chief Skidegate invites part of Rose Spit people to settle in his village

**1800** Haida begin to adopt European dress

**1820-30’s** Earliest documented Haida Argillite collections

**1825** Europeans were buying a variety of items from Haida such as fur seals, marten, bearskin, fish & potatoes

**1836** John Whiting patented baking powder. When the powder gets moist it releases carbon dioxide gas causing baked goods to rise.

**1853-1863** QCI called “Colony of the Queen Charlotte Islands”

**1857** Joseph Gayetty invented flat sheets of toilet paper

**1858** American inventor Henry Lipton patented a pencil with an eraser attached to one end.

**1860** Trading Post established in Masset by an American, later sold to Hudson’s Bay Co.

**1862** Small pox ravages coastal communities in BC

**1867** Aboriginal Education becomes federal responsibility with the BNA Act. Indian Day schools are established.

**1876** Indian Act passed.

**1878** George M. Dawson completes survey of Haida Gwaii, including photographs and sketches of Haida people and villages.

**1879** Nicholas Flood Davin report noted that “The industrial school is the principle feature of the policy known as that of ‘aggressive civilization’…Indian culture is a contradiction of terms…they are uncivilized…the aim of education is to destroy the Indian.

**1880** Indian Act amended: any Indian who finished a university degree lost his/her status.

1880 The first ballpoint pen was patented by Alonzo Cross. The pen had it’s own ink supply and a retractable tip. The first commercial ballpoint was not for sale until 1948.

**1884** Potlatch ban begins

1890 Small toilet paper rolls available by Scott Brothers

**1892** Residential Schools established in Canada; English only policy utilized

**1895-1924** CF Newcombe bought at least 50 poles and shipped them off as far away as Australia; he also sketched many village sites, and took photographs of various monuments

**1896** William F. Semple patented chewing gum. It was a mixture of rubber, sugar and flavoring.

**1900** Prospectors and loggers swarm Haida Gwaii; by 1914 8 townships were surveyed

**1903** Crayola Crayons invented

1908 Large Saw Mill opens which results in the town of Queen Charlotte

**1909** Queen Charlotte Hospital opens

**1909** School in Masset situated on a log float house style, pencils would roll off the desks at high tide

**1910** Canoe production virtually ceases after introduction of gasoline-powered boats

**1912** First Light Houses at Cape St. James & North Island (Langara)

**1913** November 1, First public telephone & telegraph line

**1914** Hospital opens in Masset

**c.1920** “It is readily acknowledged that Indian children lose their natural resistance to illness by habituation so closely in residential schools and that they die at a much higher rate than in villages. But this does not justify a change in the policy of this Department which is geared towards a final solution of our Indian problem,” Duncan Campbell Scott, Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs

**1920** Education is compulsory for children between 7 and 15. Parents who refuse to send their children to school are punished under a change made to the Indian Act.

**1915** School in Sandspit opens

**1920** School in Port Clements opens

**1920s** Old Massett Day School

**1922**Canadians Fredrick Banting & Charles Best discovered insulin used to treat diabetics

**1928** 12-mile plank road connects Island communities to Port Clements (no road to Masset, this road took 8 years to build)

**1931** George Brown of Skidegate was the first All Indian School Olympiad in BC

**1939** Aboriginal population of BC is 22,000 the lowest point recorded. Was approximately 1,000,000 a century earlier

**1945** School District 50, an amalgam of Queen Charlotte and Masset, is formed

**1946-48** Almost all aboriginal representatives reject the underlying goal of assimilation of both day and residential schools. Many call for greater aboriginal control of schools.

**1946** Airplane service to Islands begins

**1947** Canadian Pacific Airlines begins regular daily service to Sandspit

**1947** Rough wagon trail between Skidegate & Tlell gets improved

**1948** Earthquake hits Haida Gwaii at 8.1 on the Richter scale

**1949** The first Polaroid camera went on sale in New York City. Built to take & develop pictures all in one, it produced a ‘finished’ picture in 60 seconds.

**1950** Masset offering Grade 12, Miss Emily Davidson 1st Native to graduate from Masset High School

**1950’s** (Early 50’s) Hydro in Skidegate, Sandspit, Queen Charlotte & Masset

**1951** Potlatch Ban dropped

**1951** Native and Non-Native students allowed attending school together

**1951** Gravel road completed from Tlell to Port Clements replacing the plank road. No road to Masset until 1958

**1952** Indian children were admitted to the Provincial school in New Masset from grade 6 & up. New arrangement also included assistance to build new school in Masset & opened in the fall for Grades 1-12. Today, this is GMD High school Grade 8-12

Skidegate Inlet United school enrolment increased from 38 to 65 students in Grade 1-9 with the influx of students from Skidegate.

Skidegate Indian School was a 2-room school, Grades 1-3 in one room & Grade 4-6 in the other room.

**1953** A new 2-room school opened in Queen Charlotte

**1953** CBC first broadcasting system in North America to show complete film of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth on TV, within 4 hours of the end of the ceremony in London, England

**1954** First colour TV’s were for sale

**1955** Queen Charlotte School District was returned to Prince Rupert District. Prince Rupert was responsible for the 6 Island schools 2 were Elem/Sec, 2 Elem. Schools 2 Indian Day schools

**1957** 1st celebrated Grade 12 Graduation ceremonies in Masset

**1957** Totem Poles removed from Skung Gwaii, Ninstints (Anthony Island)

1957 Totem Pole carved by Ed Calder placed outside QC Hospital in Queen Charlotte

**1958** Gravel Road to Masset now connecting all Island communities

**1960** Aboriginals were permitted to vote without giving up treaty rights and renouncing their status to vote in Canada

**1960** March Trustee reports Parents a problem with integration of Indian students

**1960** September, School opened @ Moresby Logging Camp

**1960** The first electric wristwatch was introduced. Before this watches had to be wound up to keep them running.

**1961** School opened @ Jedway Mining Camp

**1961** TV on Haida Gwaii

**1963** Skidegate Basketball team attends the All Native Basketball Tournament in Prince Rupert and continues to send teams to the tournament

**1963** Agnes L Mathers Elementary, Junior Secondary School opens in Sandspit

**1963** Indians across Canada were allowed in beer parlours & liquor stores, the beer parlours had specific entrance doors, “Men Only, & Ladies & Escorts

**1964** June, Indian Day School in Skidegate closed; students all attend Queen Charlotte School in Sept. 1965

**1965-1995** Military base in Masset is operational

**1965** Port Clements school enrolment 65 students

**1965** Sept. No Haida students would be enrolled in Masset School – construction of a new 4-room school in Old Massett for Sept. 1966

**1965**George Brown awarded belated “Tommy Longboat” trophy for BC for Outstanding Native Athlete in Canada.

**1966** Graham Island roads paved from Skidegate Mission to Port Clements

**1960’s** late Tasu (Mining Camp) 7 Sewell Inlet (Logging Camp) schools open, Jedway School closes

1967 Totem carved and raised @ M&B lot pole was carved by students of QCESS

**1968** Queen Charlotte Elem/Junior School opened in Queen Charlotte

**1969** July 20 Neil Armstrong takes mankind’s first step on the moon.

**1969** Federal “White paper” on Indian Policy rejects aboriginal claim

**1969** Robert Davidson raises a pole in Old Massett; the first pole since the potlatch ban approx.100 years prior

**1970** Tahayghen Elementary Opens; Masset Secondary re-named George m Dawson

**1973** Haida culture course offered at GMD

**1974** Council of the Haida Nation formed

**1975** Bill Reid & Bill Stevens assist in the removal of old Haida Totem poles @ Skung Gwaii for the Provincial Museum of Victoria

**1975** Grade 11 0ffered for the first time at Queen Charlotte Elem. Sec. School

**1976** Jan. Nursery School in Skidegate opens for 4 year olds

**1976** Grade 12 offered for the first time at Queen Charlotte Elem/Sec. School

**1976** Grade 1-11 Haida Studies kits created and stored at School District Resource Centre developed by Kathy Bedard & Cliff Armstrong

**1976** Queen Charlotte Elem/Sec begins to offer Haida classes with Diane Brown & Ada Yovanovich, other to later teach were: Duncan White & Russ Jones

**1976** Skidegate opens museum at First Beach

**1976** Oct. Northland Prince Freighter makes its last call to Masset

**1977** First Grade 12 Graduation class & ceremony @Queen Charlotte Elem. Sec.

**1978** Skidegate Band opens a new longhouse & raises a 50’ totem pole created by Bill Reid this was the first pole raised in Skidegate in over 100 years.

1978 School District #50 Board Office opens in Queen Charlotte City

**1979** Rediscovery Camps begin

**1980** Nov 20, BC Ferries offered its first passenger and car voyage from Prince Rupert to Skidegate Landing

**1981** August 21, IBM released its first home computer

1981 Kathleen Hans (Golie) started teaching @QCSS

1982 Ida Smith, Dorothy Bell & John Enrico working with Haida Language @TAH

**1983** QCI Readers series; Developed 12 readers & teacher resource manual

**1983-1984** 1st Personal Apple computers available with graphical user interface.

**1984** Tree fallen for canoe, “Loo Taas” by Herb & Jim Jones, 850 rings were counted in the stump there were more but the rings were too fine to count

**1983** July 21, the coldest temperature on Earth was recorded at Vostock, Antarctica when the mercury dropped to -89.2 degrees Celsius, close to the temperature of dry ice.

**1985** November Lyell Island Standoff

1985 Bill C-31 of the Indain Act restores Indian status to some

**1985-86** Bill Reid & others create “Loo Taas” Canoe, 1st Haida canoe built for many years since 1910

**1987** Sullivan Commission on Education

**1987** Skidegate 1st Haida Button Blanket Graduation Ceremony

**1987** As a result of the Lyell Island standoff Haida Nation designated it a Haida Heritage Site

**1987** Morris White & sons of Old Massett launch a 35’ Haida canoe

**1988** Government of Canada designated Gwaii Haanas a National Park Reserve

**1989** Haida Language Curriculum developed by David Stevenson, Golie Hans, Eleanor Russ, and Joanne Yovanovich

**1990** Claude & Sarah Davidson’s Shark House 2 (Long House) opens in Old Massett

**1991** Oct. Totem Pole raised in front of Shark House 2 in Old Massett

**1991** World Wide Web began www.

**1991-92** Vision Quest Kits developed by Jenny White & Haida Community members

**1992** 1st Canadian female astronaut Roberta Bondar flew into space aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery to conduct experiments

**1992** Totem Pole raised in front of GMD carved by Leon Ridley

**1992** Feb.13 Haida Naming Feast for Skidegate children held in Skidegate many children received names, blankets/vests. This feast was to ensure all Haida children have a Haida name.

**1993** Haida Government Resource Book developed by Gladys Gladstone & Kevin Borserio

**1994** The funds negotiated from the Lyell Island standoff formed the Gwaii Trust Society to monitor and distribute funds to local community projects.

**1994-95** Chief Matthew’s School opens in Old Massett, Grades K-4

**1995-99** John Kelly & Wendy Campbell develop Haida Language curriculum with Haida Elders & Community members. This curriculum does not contain the actual language, as the Elders at that time did not want the language to be owned by the government.

1996 SD 50 First Full Day Kindergarten Program began

1997 Grant Hadwin cuts down the Golden Spruce Tree located between Port Clements & Juskatla

**1998** SHIP (Skidegate Haida Immersion Program formed in Skidegate created a Haida Language glossary containing 500 words. Language Authority formed?

**1999** Jim Hart pole raised (Morris White Memorial) in Old Massett

**1999** Sk’aadgaa Naay Elementary (House of Learning) opens; one of very few on Reserve public schools

2000-2001 Haida Education Council formed

**2001** 6 New Totem Poles raised at the site of the proposed Heritage Centre in Skidegate.2005 Vocabulary Picture Flashcard set created by Jenny White, SHIP, and Parks Canada

**2002** New Queen Charlotte Senior Secondary School opens in Queen Charlotte

2002 Skil ‘laay Memorial pole raised OM

**2003** Sk’aadgaa Naay Elementary wins Lieutenant Governor of BC Architect Award, for Excellence of Architecture (Architect was Acton Johnson Ostry Architects Inc.) Greg Johnson was the partner in charge.

**2005** Christian White’s Longhouse opens in Old Massett

**2006** Geoff White & siblings Memorial pole raised in Old Massett

**2007** Islands of the people Resource curriculum by, Dr. Mark Fettes of SFU

**2007** Aboriginal Children’s Library opened in Skidegate

**2007** Local Picture & Vocabulary Project illustrations by Judy Hilgemann, Jenny White compiled the vocabulary lists in English, Haida & French Language.

**2007** Chief Matthews School Haida Language Curriculum developed for Nursery & Kindergarten grades, developed by Marianne Ignace, Rhonda Bell & Haida Elders, Nina Williams, Stephen Brown Claude Jones, and Gertie White

**2008** Local Education Agreements signed with Skidegate Band Council & Old Massett Band

**2008** New school in Port Clements opens in a community multiplex building.

**2008** Queen Charlotte Secondary School receives Haida name “Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay” (House of Precious Children) from SHIP Elders

**2008** K’aay Centre opens at First Beach in Skidegate merging the museum & cultural centre and launched 3 new canoes.

**2008** New Hospital opens in Old Massett

**2009** “Four Decades, An Innocent Gesture” book by Robert Davidson is published

**2010** “Haida Gwaii Our Home” booklet published by SD 50, Judy Hilgemann illustrations used with the stories created by SD 50 students

**2010** Red Cedar Gala hosted Haida Author Amanda Reid Stevens sharing her book “The Canoe He called Loo Taas”

**2010** SHIP glossary contains approximately 16,000 words

**2010** During the spring GMD’s greenhouse 20' by 48' and has 10 raised beds for a combined planting space of 1000 square ft.  This complements another 1000 sq feet of raised beds outside the greenhouse opened

**2010** 6 Haida Totem poles were raised in the communities of Old Massett & Masset

**2011** (May) Chief Waagaanud (Sidney Crosby) raised a Totem pole in Skidegate

**2011** “B is for Basketball, an Alphabet Book,” published A collaboration with the students and Teachers of SD50, created by: Tawni Davidson, Alison Gear, Beng Favreau & Joanne Yovanovich

**2012** Enhancement Agreements signed with Skidegate Band & Old Massett Band

**2012** Tluuwaay ‘Waadluxan Mathematical Adventures for Gina ‘Waadluxan Tluu: The Everything Canoe book published, edited by Cynthia Nicol & Joanne Yovanovich

2012 Oct.27 A 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit Haida Gwaii power went out and tsunami warning issued.

2011 Sept. Spirit Square in Queen Charlotte opened

2012 Jan Kindergarten Haida Immersion class begins @ TAH

2012 March, Kindergarten Haida Immersion class begins @ SNES

**2013**, Aug 15 Legacy Totem Pole raised at Windy Bay the first pole to be raised in 130 years in Gwaii Haanas

2014 “Taan’s Moons, A Haida Moon Story” by Alison Gear & Felt Illustrations by Kiki van der Heiden with children of Haida Gwaii, was published and ready to sell.

2014 Heilsik/Haida Nations sign & host a Peace Treaty Potlatch

2014 SNES Greenhouse is 20 by 24 feet and we had it’s official grand opening on October 3rd, 2014.  Planting in the spring of 2014 though, but with the teacher strike, it didn’t officially open it until the fall.

2015 Feb-April Old Massett Xaad Kil Boot camp

2015 May, TAH, “Laa Gaa Naang” Feast

2015 12 June Totem Poles raised @QCSS outside Main Entrance

2015 19 June Painted Outside Mural @SNES

2016 Skidegate Haida Immersion Program (SHIP) publishes Edition #1 of Skidegate Haida Language Glossary (contains 1038 pages)

2016 Sept 30, Royal Visit, Prince William & Kate, Duchess of Cambridge

2016 Heat Pumps were installed in homes in Skidegate as an alternate heat source.

2017 March, Xaayda Kil/Xaad Kil (Haida Language) Grade 5-12 IRP received Ministry Approval

2017 April 1, “Reconciliation Pole” carved by Jim Hart

2017 April “Skedan’s Pole raised by George Brown Rec Hall

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