

# What was that you said?

"We believe that treaty negotiations are the best and most effective way to resolve the long-standing issue of aboriginal rights to land and resources, and to self-government."

**Premier Mike Harcourt, June 13, 1994**, signing of the Accord of Recognition and Respect with the Gitxsan

"In our view we have made substantive progress in negotiations in a very short time."

**Minister of Aboriginal Affairs John Cashore, April 10, 1995**, B.C.-Gitxsan government-to-government meeting

"We've said all along that the negotiating table is a far better place than law courts to find solutions to issues that meet everyone's needs. We look forward to building on the good progress we've made so far."

**Cashore, June 12, 1995**, news release on one-year anniversary of Accord with Gitxsan

"I think all parties can feel a real sense of accomplishment in what we've achieved together in just one short year."

**Cashore, July 13, 1995**, news release on Gitxsan framework agreement

"This is a formal notice of suspension of treaty negotiations."

**Cashore, Feb. 1, 1996**, letter to Gitxsan chief negotiator Mas Gak (Don Ryan)

*Province walks from  
Gitxsan table Feb. 1*



"Groundhog" Cashore sees his shadow a day early and runs