



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting		Date of Meeting: March 13, 2020	
Participants: Chief: Jason Louie Councillors: Josie Fullarton, Sandra Luke Absent: Councillors Robert Louie Sr. & Jared Basil Guests: Ben Yarschenko, Owner of Treasure Life Flour Mills, Curtis Wullum, Director of Development Services, Avnish Nanda, lawyer at Nanda Law – via telephone conference call		Chair: DoO: Heather Suttie	Recorder: Administrative Assistant: Chantelle Morin

Location: LKB Boardroom

APPOINTMENTS

Time: 9:35 Name: Ben Yarschenko, Owner of Treasure Life Flour Mills	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasure Life Flour Mills has been in business for 12 years and the owner, Ben Yarschenko, is interested in selling the business and/or the farm land After the sale of the business, Ben Yarschenko would be prepared to remain employed for 2 years to assist with the transition The mill grinds a variety of grains and maintains 13 different products The sale of the business and the farm land would be separate; the business would include existing clients, the mill building and various pieces of farm equipment Ben s Yarschenko states that the mill operations are not labour intensive and can be operated by a staff of 20 people 	
Time: 10:15am Name: Curtis Wullum, Director of Development Services	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curtis Wullum informs council that there may be an opportunity for LKB to have a seat on the Duck Lake Diking District, as there is an election coming up for a vacant seat. Given all the for the diking projects and marshland restoration LKB is involved with, it may be useful to have a trustee on the diking district board. Curtis Wullum would consider letting his name stand for election, as LKBs representative. April 19, 2020 will be their next meeting 	
Motion:	Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council delegates Curtis Wullum as the Lower Kootenay Band



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		<p>representative to run for the position of trustee of the Duck Lake Diking District</p> <p>Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Time: 10:30am Name: Avnish Nanda, Nanda Law</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avnish Nanda, a lawyer from Edmonton, AB, calls in to discuss the Treaty Process/Constitutional issues • Due to the lack of communication and correspondence from KNC, a new approach is needed • Avnish Nanda offers Chief and Council suggestions on how to proceed and the next steps are discussed 	
<p>Action:</p>	<p>Heather Suttie will circulate a BCR to Chief and Council to sign to retain Avnish Nanda</p>	
<p>Time: 10:50am Name: Curtis Wullum, Director of Development Services</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Dent Construction has been in business for 40 years and specializes in hydro projects as well as roads & bridge construction • They have an excellent track record working with the Indigenous communities and have completed a variety of projects within First Nations territory • Curtis Wullum met with Matthew McGee of Jim Dent Construction to discuss a possible joint venture with Jim Dent Construction and the Lower Kootenay Band • Employment and training opportunities for community members as well as other incentives were discussed 	
<p>Motion:</p>	<p>Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Josie Fullarton</p>	<p>THAT: Chief and Council support the development of a joint venture with Jim Dent Construction</p> <p>Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Time: 11:00am Name: Curtis Wullum, Director of Development Services</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The seriousness of the Coronavirus pandemic and the importance of appropriate precautions/planning is discussed • Formalized safety protocols are to be created and distributed to staff and community • In the event of serious illness or death, the political chain of command will be as follows: Chief Jason Louie – Sandra Luke – Jared Basil – Josie Fullarton – Robert Louie Sr. • In the event of death of the Director or Operations Heather Suttie, next in command will be Director of Finance Zina Kwan with Facilities and Operations Manager, Ken White to assist 	



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Motion:	Moved By: Josie Fullarton Seconded By: Sandra Luke	THAT: Chief and Council approves the above captioned chain of command Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
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DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS

Appointment: Curtis Wullum, Director of Development Services Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Dent Construction has a good reputation and is a stable company • Job opportunities and potential apprentice opportunities for community members discussed as well as hosting a job fair
Appointment: Avnish Nanda, lawyer at Nanda Law Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avnish Nanda's prompt correspondence is discussed and his services have been highly recommended by Laura Phipers & Andrew Phipers

CALL TO ORDER

Time: 12:50pm

AGENDA

Review of Agenda:	Additions: 8d. Shawna Janvier Letter	Deletions: 8a. Remove Zina Kwan – Budget (absent due to illness)
Motion:	Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council approves the amended minutes. Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of Minutes:	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8d. Add the last name, Poznikoff (missing) 	
Motion:	Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council approves the previous minutes. Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES



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8b. SEM

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEM is financially struggling as a result of COVID- 19• It is suggested that LKB withdraw their partnership from SEM• SEM's up to date financials to be requested• A formal decision to be made after further discussion
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heather Suttie will connect with Jared Basil to further discuss

8c. SD8

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuing issues with SD#8 discussed• The creation of a Lower Kootenay Band Education Advisory Committee discussed
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8d. Shawna Janvier Letter: Re; Qat'muk

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KNC takes no responsibility for the ignoring of emails, bcrs in respect to LKBs withdrawal from the Qat'muk legal action.• Considers the issue to be a bad debt to be written off.• A letter of response with be written by the Director of Operations, Heather Suttie
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ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:	March 27, 2020
Adjournment:	2:35pm – Josie Fullarton