



# LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES

<b>Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting</b>		<b>Date of Meeting: June 17, 2022</b>	
<b>Participants:</b> Chief: Jason Louie		<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Recorder:</b>
Councillors: Josie Fullarton, Cherie Luke, Robert Louie Sr.		<b>DoO:</b> Heather Suttie	<b>Administrative Assistant:</b> Chantelle Morin
Guests: Ms. Sonntag, ARES, Ray Warden, Vicky Thomas, KNC, Curtis Wullum, Director of Development Services			

Location: Zoom

## APPOINTMENTS

<b>Time: 9:03am</b> <b>Name: Ms. Sonntag, ARES</b>	<b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Danielle Sonntag is a grade 7 teacher at ARES (Adam Roberts Elementary School) and her class did a project at the Creston Museum with Lower Kootenay Band Elders and Knowledge-Keepers for Reconciliation</li> <li>Students at ARES have been learning about residential schools since grade 4, Danielle explains how the school incorporate and integrate First Nations teachings into the BC Education Curriculum</li> <li>The Reconciliation Project allowed students to work with Ktunaxa Elders and Knowledge-Keepers on selected exhibits at the museum to identify ways in which those exhibits can better reflect the Ktunaxa perspective</li> <li>The students received permission from the Elders and Knowledge-Keepers to share the knowledge in their presentations, the presentations will be placed within the existing exhibits as a temporary way of publicly sharing the Elders' and students' perspectives. The goal is to work together to redevelop, redesign and decolonize the exhibits</li> <li>Ktunaxa Elders and Knowledge-Keepers that worked with the students included Chris Luke Sr., Cecilia Luke, Robert Louie Sr., Robin Louie, and Janine Basil</li> </ul>
<b>Time: 9:38am</b> <b>Name: Ray Warden, Vicky Thomas, KNC</b>	<b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ray presents a Ktunaxa Land Declaration power point presentation to Council and discusses issues</li> <li>The Ktunaxa Lands &amp; Resources Council Directives would like to revise the 1981 Kootenay Indian Land Claim and Declaration, they started working on drafting an updated version in Feb 2022</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ray shares and explains the Historical Timeline, the 1912 Petition to PM of Canada document and other examples</li> <li>• KNC LRC is seeking feedback and input from LKB Council and community members</li> <li>• Suggestions discussed on how to engage with community</li> </ul>
<p>Time: 10:25am Name: Curtis Wullum</p>	<p>Discussion: Leasehold Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Phypers's sawmill is currently active on IR</li> <li>• As per the initial agreement, Andrew was required to provide commercial liability insurance and WCB insurance for his employees which has not been provided and no lease has been signed</li> <li>• A letter from Chief and Council will be sent to Andrew stating the requirements in order for him to continue operating his business</li> </ul>
	<p>Discussion: Donation to Cultural Camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yaqaan Nukiy Peoples Heritage Society will be hosting a Cultural Connection Camp in August 2022</li> <li>• Curtis sent a letter to Chief and Council regarding a donation of \$10,000 to be made by the Lower Kootenay Development Corp. Curtis received confirmation of support from Councillor Josie Fullarton and Chief Jason Louie</li> <li>• TC Energy will be matching the donation and Curtis will be reaching out to other business requesting for additional donations to the upcoming camp</li> </ul>
	<p>Discussion: TC Energy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Pipeline work is currently on hold due to a conflicting situation, a meeting with TC Energy and Yaqaan Nukiy is proposed for June 30<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
	<p>Discussion: BC Government Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Cease &amp; Desist Letter was sent to the Government of BC on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Curtis is currently working with them towards a resolution</li> <li>• BC has requested a meeting with Chief and Council</li> </ul>
<b>DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS</b>	
<p>Appointment: Discussion:</p>	<p>No debrief</p>
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
<p>Time: 10:51am</p>	
<b>AGENDA</b>	
<p>Review of Agenda:</p>	<p>Additions: add 8c. SD8 Communications</p>
	<p>Deletions: 6a. – dealt with in appointments</p>



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<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Moved By: Jason Louie</b> <b>Seconded By: Josie Fullarton</b>	<b>THAT: Chief and Council approve the amended agenda</b>  Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
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## PREVIOUS MINUTES

<b>Review of Minutes:</b>	<b>Discussion: n/a</b>	
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<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Moved By: Josie Fullarton</b> <b>Seconded By: Jason Louie</b>	<b>THAT: Chief and Council approve the previous minutes</b>  Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
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## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

### 6a. Specific Claim

<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lawyer Nisha Sikka with First Peoples Law sent a revised settlement offer in respect to the 1930s and 1950s Improvements to the Porthill Highway on IR 1 Specific Claim to Chief Jason Louie and DoO Heather Suttie</li> <li>Next steps are discussed, options to be added to the ratification vote that will be held for band members</li> <li>Information sessions hosted by the lawyers for band members is discussed</li> <li>Additional clauses to be added into the agreement</li> </ul>	
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<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Moved By: Josie Fullarton</b> <b>Seconded By: Robert Louie Sr.</b>	<b>THAT: The Lower Kootenay Band Chief and Council hereby:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accept the global offer of settlement to the Lower Kootenay Band in the amount of \$550,000 as set out in Canada's letter dated March 4, 2022 for the purpose of proceeding with the steps in the settlement process; and</li> <li>2. Authorizes Nisha Sikka of First Peoples Kaw LLP to work with Canada's legal counsel to finalize a settlement agreement</li> </ol> Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
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### 6b. Upcoming Events

<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Kootenay River Secondary School will be unveiling their new sign on June 20<sup>th</sup>, Councillor Cherie Luke will be attending and will present a joint statement from Chief and Council</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>June 21<sup>st</sup> - Indigenous Peoples Day events include a community BBQ being held at the new Wilfred Jacobs building @ 12pm, door prizes included</b></li><li>• <b>June 30<sup>th</sup> – School District 8 principals and vice principals will be coming to the Wilfred Jacobs building with Jared Basil for a tour and informal meeting</b></li></ul>
<b>6c. SD8 Communications</b>	
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>A review of the communication channels between Chief &amp; Council and the School District 8 is discussed</b></li><li>• <b>The SD8 Aboriginal Education personnel attended an event in Nelson that honored the Snixt people</b></li><li>• <b>With the land acknowledgment and territory dispute between the Snixt &amp; Ktunaxa people, Chief and Council feel that the attendance of the SD8 AbEd personnel was not appropriate</b></li></ul>
<b>Action:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Heather Suttie will draft a letter on behalf of Chief and Council to be sent to the SD8 Superintendent, Trish Smillie, regarding the communication issues</b></li></ul>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>September ?, 2022</b>
<b>Adjournment:</b>	<b>12:14pm – Jason Louie</b>