



OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting		Date of Meeting: September 16, 2022	
Participants: Chief: Jason Louie Councilors: Josie Fullarton, Cherie Luke Guests: Denice Louie, Yaqan Nuki Peoples Heritage Society Cpl. Jamie Budgell, RCMP		Chair: DoO: Heather Suttie	Recorder: Executive Assistant: Doreen Cardwell

Location: Zoom

APPOINTMENTS

Time: 9:05 Name: Denice Louie, YNPHS	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yaqan nuki Peoples Heritage Society is interested in working in partnership with LKB to apply for funding to National Indian Brotherhood Trust to build a Heritage Centre.- The ideal location would be central to the LKB community.- Heather Suttie will work to create wording with Council for the BCR.
Time: 9:30am Name: Cpl. Jamie Budgell, RCMP	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The RCMP wish to update the Letter of Expectation between themselves and LKB.• Discussion around the possibility of providing office space for Cpl. Budgell once a week when she is in community• Discussion around recent accident on Hwy 21 involving a band member and the lack of information provided to the Band.

DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS

Appointments Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council is supportive of the concept of the Heritage Centre• Issues around the location and the future ownership of the building would need to be agreed upon prior to any project moving forward
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CALL TO ORDER

Time: 10:06 am Chief, Council and attending staff observe a moment of silence to remember Councilor Robert Louie Sr. and his many contributions to the Flatbow Kootenay.
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AGENDA

Review of Agenda:	Additions: 8 d) SD8 update	Deletions: N/A
Motion:	Moved By: Josie Fullarton Seconded By: Cherie Luke	THAT: Chief and Council approve the amended agenda Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of Minutes:	Discussion: nil	
Motion:	Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council approve the minutes of the June 17, 2022 Chief and Council meeting. Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

NEW BUSINESS

8a. 2022 Election

Discussion:	Marion Eunson, Electoral Officer	
Motion:	Moved By: Cherie Luke Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council of the Lower Kootenay Band appoint Marion Eunson as the Electoral Officer for the 2022 LKB Election. Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:	Telephone Voting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the last Chief and Council election, telephone voting was introduced due to COVID safety precautions even though the process is not provided for under the current Custom Election Bylaw. Since then, it has been used a number of times for voting and has been well received by the membership. • Have received a legal opinion in respect to potential legal challenges if the decision is made to use phone in voting at the next election. The opinion also included a number of steps to take to minimize the risk of a successful challenge. • The initial step is request feedback from the membership as to whether they support phone in voting. • 	



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Action:	In the event that the membership shows support for phone- in voting, Heather Suttie will draft a BCR where Council approves phone in voting for the upcoming election.
8b. KNC Finance Meeting on Sept. 26, 2022	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KNC Finance Meeting requires a quorum of each Council for approval of finances for the AGA • Council is reminded of the importance of their attendance • On Zoom at 8 am Creston time
8c. Holiday for Queen’s Funeral	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday is not an obligatory statutory holiday • LKB will not celebrate colonialism and LKB staff will be working
8d. SD#8 Reply to letter from Council dated July 20, 2022 etc.	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A response to has not been received from SD#8 Board regarding Council’s letter concerning SD#8 staff attending a Sinixt political celebration and the treatment of YN staff. • According to SD#8 2022/23 Calendar – November is Metis Awareness Month, January is Sinixt Awareness Month, February is Sylix Awareness Month and May is Ktunaxa Awareness Month. • Was this calendar approved by SD#8 Board of Trustees? • SD#8 staff told that If the Chief or Elders are invited to a classroom the Aboriginal District Principal needs to be informed and invited. • Discussion about potential petition process to put pressure on SD#8
ADJOURNMENT	
Next Meeting:	Oct 7, 2022 9:00 am via Zoom
Adjournment:	10:49 am