



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting		Date of Meeting: Dec 3, 2021	
Participants: Chief: Jason Louie Councillors: Josie Fullarton, Robert Louie Sr., Cherie Luke, Sandra Luke Guests: Phil Phipers, Curtis Wullum & KNC Lands Department, Blair Weston, Aimee Montpellier, Fortis BC		Chair: DoO: Heather Suttie	Recorder: Administrative Assistant: Chantelle Morin

Location: Zoom

APPOINTMENTS

Time: 9:00am Name: Phil Phipers	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band member Phil Phipers is currently living in Alberta and would like to relocate to the Lower Kootenay Band to be closer to family • Phil Phipers is interested in leasing or purchasing property to build a tiny home or to park his RV • A possibility of a lease or CP is discussed once an allotment policy and process is developed • Chief and Council will have further discussion in the near future
Time: 9:30am Name: Curtis Wullum & Greg Johnson	Discussion: Westbank First Nation Additions to Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application was sent to INAC regarding an addition to reserve for the Westbank First Nations • Westbank First Nations and BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure have been negotiating the voluntary surrender of the Westbank reserve lands near Kelowna for Provincial highway purposes • As compensation, BC has agreed to transfer a mix of Crown and private lands to the Westbank First Nations • Background of the proposed transfer of the Starlight Property to the WFN is explained • KNC has objected to the proposed addition to reserve of the Starlight Property as the land is in an area of high traditional occupation and use of the Ktunaxa people • Legal advice has been provided to KNC – options are discussed • Council wishes to oppose the transfer of lands



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Motion:	Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council opposes the proposed addition to reserve of Starlight Property to the Westbank First Nations Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
Name: Curtis Wullum & James Smithson	Discussion: Goat River Moratorium and BC Exploration Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Council is already aware, the BC gov't approved mineral exploration up the Goat River without the support the KNC LRC and YN. • LRC is seeking a decision on the next steps • Background and options with advantages and disadvantages are discussed: • 1) File a judicial review to the BC Supreme Court • 2) Apply pressure to the proponent (e.g., meetings, blockage, etc.) to do the right thing • 3) KNC to write and send two letters to BC • Chief and Council approve options 2 & 3 	
Motion:	Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	THAT: The Lower Kootenay Band Chief and Council support options 2 and 3 Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
Name: Curtis Wullum	Discussion: Administration Building Backup Generator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LKB is planning to submit an application to Columbia Basin Trust "Community Readiness Program" to install a 175kva Backup Generator at the old LKB administration building • The installation of a generator will support the plan to utilize the building as a hub for community in an emergency situation • Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$150,000. The CBT grant will provide up to \$100,000, the remaining \$50,000 will have to be covered by LKB • The project will be implemented in the next fiscal year 	
Motion:	Moved By: Robert Louie Sr. Seconded By: Jason Louie	THAT: The Lower Kootenay Band Chief and Council support the application to the CBT Community Readiness Program and commit cash funding up to \$50,000 towards the project Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
Name: Blair Weston, Aimee	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortis BC has been providing electricity within the Ktunaxa territory and has worked on many projects with Yaqaan Nukiy 	



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Montpellier, Fortis BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Regional Gas Supply Diversity project is presented and explained, Fortis is seeking Yaqan Nukiy to be a key partner in this project Fortis BC discusses potential milestones with Council and seeks feedback
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DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS

Appointment: Phil Phypers Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief and Council would like to explore other First Nation band's allotment policies and discuss Phil Phypers' request further
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CALL TO ORDER

Time: 11:20am

AGENDA

Review of Agenda:	Additions:	Deletions:
Motion:	Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Cherie Luke	THAT: Chief and Council approve the agenda 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"> Remove Councillor Josie Fullarton from the list of attendees and place under Absent 	
Motion:	Moved By: Robert Louie Sr. Seconded By: Cherie Luke	THAT: Chief and Council approve the amended previous minutes Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8a. Post Referendum Planning

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referendum results discussed and suggestions shared on the next steps A notice to community to be constructed and a distributed
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Operations, Heather Suttie, will create a community notice; send a letter to BCTC; reach out to Stan Chung about assisting Council with the next steps; and send out a reminder of the Council email protocol

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:	Jan 7, 2022 @ 9am
Adjournment:	12:15pm – Jason Louie