



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting		Date of Meeting: December 13, 2019	
Participants: Chief: Jason Louie Councillors: Jared Basil, Josie Fullarton, Sandra Luke, Robert Louie Sr. Guests: Ki Louie, Silas Abraham, Janice Alpine, on behalf of Sophie Pierre		Chair: DoO: Heather Suttie	Recorder: Administrative Assistant: Chantelle Morin
Location: LKB Boardroom			

APPOINTMENTS

Time: 9:35am Name: Ki Louie	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ki Louie is requesting the empty lot (lot # 41) next to his father's house, so that he can build and move onto the reserve • Both lots are currently owned by the Band but Council has previously said that they would CP Wayne Louie's lot, if all of his children can agree. • Ki Louie states that it has been difficult getting all 7 of his siblings to sign an agreement, 2 have not signed (Chase & Jordan) • Lot # 41 is not surveyed • Jason Louie states that in order to allot a CP, Council must be fair to other members that are requesting land • Ki Louie believes that Wayne Louie's house on lot # 40 is not salvageable and would ideally like to have a house built on lot # 41 • Heather Suttie suggests to have LKB maintenance/operations staff assist with inspecting Wayne Louie's house to see if it is salvageable • If salvageable, Jason Louie suggests trying to get the siblings to agree to renting it in order to upkeep the home and property • Options discussed if house is salvageable or non-salvageable • Ki Louie is willing to go through the mortgage process to have a house built on lot # 41, INAC may have a program for first time mortgage holders • Jason Louie states that the mortgage process is the most feasible, no decision will be made today • Heather Suttie will look into whether the lot is surveyed and have staff go and look at the condition of the house
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<p>Time: 10:05am</p> <p>Name: Silas Abraham</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A BCR was passed that banned Silas Abraham from the Lower Kootenay Band approximately 5 years ago and Silas Abraham wishes to have that BCR reversed so that he may return to the community• Silas Abraham has recently stopped drinking and using drugs• His family is encouraging him to come back to the community and be close to his children• Silas Abraham wants to go to treatment in the near future.• Council expresses to Silas Abraham that they appreciate the fact that he came in and they acknowledge his efforts and achievements. Silas Abraham is encouraged to link up with Larry Binks, the drug and alcohol counselor and Council offers their help as well• Jared Basil speaks of his own recovery and advises Silas Abraham to be mindful his past violent history and suggests that he be consistent with his recovery. Jared Basil advises him of the supports he has in the community• Jason Louie states to Silas Abraham that he must accept the help and strongly encourages him to strive to be a role model to his children
<p>Time: 10:25am</p> <p>Name: Janice Alpine, on behalf of Sophie Pierre</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50th year anniversary of the closing of the St. Eugene Residential School – it will be a 4-day celebration• Janice Alpine speaks of the four organizations that are coordinating the event• Budget overview is discussed as well as the list of guests and potential guests; they are expecting approximately 500 people to attend• Applications to funders have been made• An advisory announcement to the Elders and other communities has been sent out, encouraging them to come forward and support the event• Janice Alpine states that they are asking each community for \$10,000 which will be for the deposit for the tents; they are wanting to rent 4 tents and place them in the parking lot• Committees include: golf tournament, ceremony, pow wow, closing ceremony, MMIW, communications & security• Heather Suttie discusses the concerns raised previously by Council: Have the survivors been consulted in the planning of the event? What benefit will the survivors see from the event? Is the event survivor driven? Has CBT been approached to donate to the event?• Janice Alpine states that they have been talking with the survivors and that the event is driven by the people who will be attending. They also plan to have an appreciation gift for the indigenous communities who had children sent to the school.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Alpine states that they have approached and asked for contributions from CBT, Interior Health, BC Hydro • Interior Health has given \$50,000, BC Hydro has given \$30,000 and as for CBT, no amount has been announced yet 	
DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS		
<p>Appointment: Janice Alpine</p> <p>Discussion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Luke feels that the \$10,000 being asked from LKB is not enough • Jason Louie discusses his discomfort about this event. He feels that the survivors are not being heard and questions the cost of paying the potential celebrity attendees • Robert Louie Sr. states that there is nothing in the plans that include the direction of the survivors and comments on the amount of costs going toward the golf tournament. Robert Louie Sr. is against inviting the celebrity guests • Sandra Luke states that there needs to be more survivors in on the planning committee • Jason Louie states that the LKB survivors need to be consulted & heard, the committee needs direction from the survivors • Josie Fullarton asks how much of the event is honoring the survivors and the victims that are no longer alive? LKB Elders need to be advised on the proceedings of this event and if they agree, she will be willing to support the event • Jared Basil agrees with Josie Fullarton and states that they need to consult the Elders before a decision is made • Robert Louie Sr. volunteers to assist with coordinating a meeting with the LKB Elders. Robert Louie Sr. will advise the survivors & lunch to be arranged (to be potentially held @ Silver Spoon in Creston). Jared Basil will also be present @ the lunch • Sandra Luke says that there is enough in the budget to support the Elders luncheon and provide an honorarium • Heather Suttie will send an email to Janice Alpine advising her of the decision of Council 	
<p>Appointment: Silas Abraham</p> <p>Discussion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council agrees to lift the BCR banning Silas Abraham from the reserve and provide him with a letter of permission to return with conditions to remain sober and refrain from aggressive/violent behavior. 	
<p>Motion:</p>	<p>Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Robert Louie Sr.</p>	<p>THAT: Silas Abraham is allowed to be on Lower Kootenay Reserve on the conditions that he remain sober and refrain from aggressive and violent behavior.</p>



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Appointment: Ki Louie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Suttie will find out about the costs of getting Lot # 41 surveyed Discussion of the connection that Chase Louie & Jordan Louie have with Wayne Louie's house and property. 	
CALL TO ORDER		
Time: 11:40am		
AGENDA		
Review of Agenda:	Additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8h. Health Initiative 	Deletions:
Motion:	Moved by: Josie Fullarton Seconded by: Sandra Luke	THAT: The Amended Agenda of December 13, 2019 be approved. 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"> Amend 10th bullet under Discussion with Robin Louie from "Basilabout" to "Basil about" 8i) amend "PEAWOG" to "PEWOG" 	
Motion:	Moved by: Jared Basil Seconded by: Sandra Luke	THAT: The Amended Minutes of the November 22, 2019 be approved. Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES		
1. Distribution to Members		
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council is provided with a list of members to review for the purposes of the distribution It is agreed that Frank Schurmer White will also be entitled to the distribution amount Jared Basil disagrees with children under 18 not being entitled to receive the distribution; Jason Louie states that it is standard practice for distributions Sandra Luke states that there will be other money coming in for the children Jason Louie points out that the FNGST will be given out as well as the Christmas hampers and the gift cards Jared Basil abstains from the vote 	



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Motion:	Moved by: Josie Fullarton Seconded by: Jason Louie	THAT: The Council approves the results of the community referendum to distribution the \$300,000 RDCK monies to the membership over the age of 18. AND THAT: For the purposes of the distribution, that Frank Shurmer White be considered a member of the LKB. Carried <u> X </u> Defeated <u> </u> Tabled <u> </u>
Not on Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chantelle Morin has been added to the judges for the Christmas office decorating contest 	
NEW BUSINESS		
8a. Staff Bonuses/Ainsworth Certificates		
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Suttie requests that full time staff again receive a \$300 Christmas bonus. Half time staff to receive \$150. This year it is recommended that long term seasonal staff should also receive the Christmas bonus. • Heather Suttie also requests that Curtis Wullum receive the Christmas bonus regardless of the fact that he is a contractor rather than an employee. 	
Motion:	Moved By: Josie Fullarton Seconded By: Jason Louie	THAT: Full time and long term seasonal staff (including Curtis Wullum), receive a Christmas Bonus of \$300; while half time staff receive \$150. Carried <u> X </u> Defeated <u> </u> Tabled <u> </u>
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are encouraged to use the certificates in non-peak times, certificates will have expiry dates as well • Issue discussed regarding the Ainsworth staff not recognizing the LKB Council Members • Heather Suttie will provide the names of the Councillors to the Ainsworth staff to prevent further issues from occurring. Councillors will just need to provide their status cards 	
Motion:	Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Jared Basil	THAT: Permanent full-time staff are eligible to receive 3 Ainsworth certificates per year Carried <u> X </u> Defeated <u> </u> Tabled <u> </u>
8b. Kitchen Renovations		
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Suttie requests an increase in the amount budgeted for the kitchen renovations due to the revised plan illustrated in Ken White's email to Heather Suttie 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new plan is to install 2 separate islands which will require new flooring (not budgeted) • Staff will attempt to get extra grant money to cover the extra costs • Jason Louie suggests to have all contributors come for a celebration when renovations are completed • Jared Basil suggests to add locks to the cupboards • All users must have an orientation prior to rental & use and all particulars in the rental agreement be illustrated 	
Motion:	Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Jared Basil	THAT: Council agrees to amend the Band contribution to the kitchen renovations from \$17,000 to \$50,000; AND THAT Ken White has full authority over all decisions in respect to the kitchen renovation. Carried <u> X </u> Defeated <u> </u> Tabled <u> </u>
8c. Assistance with Housing Issue		
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Ignatius, who resides @ 925A Simon Rd. is currently behind in rent and refuses to contact Debbie Edge-Partington. • Roy Ignatius has been using Jolene Basil to drop off rent money but it is always short of the amount stated in the rental agreement • Robert Louie Sr. states that Roy Ignatius is struggling with money and cannot pay his medication costs. This may be contributing to him not being able to pay his rent. • Roy Ignatius has also failed to sign the rental agreement • It is suggested that Jolene Basil act as a mediator to resolve the issues 	
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Suttie will see if Roy Ignatius needs support with his medical costs 	
8d. Galloway Opportunity		
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Fehr, owner of BID Group, has purchased Galloway Lumber in Jaffrey, BC and is looking to sell up to 50% of the shares in the Galloway Lumber Property • Although KEL was initially interested, they have stepped back. • Tobacco Plains is interested in partnering with LKB • LKB has the potential to borrow from CBT with a low interest and have a monthly pay back plan in place • Council feels that there are good possibilities but it needs further investigation 	
8e. KEL 2.1		



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<p>Discussion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of the capital contribution to KEL remains unresolved. There needs to be a decision made one way or another. • There are a majority of Council that are prepared in principle to move forward with the contribution but a review of LKB's current financial position is required. What is the impact on other opportunities? • Sandra Luke asks what are the effects if LKB invests with Galloway? • Council asks that Zina Kwan show all numbers coming in and going out with the options illustrated • More information to be produced at the next meeting 	
<p>8f. Morris Flowers – Update & Request</p>		
<p>Discussion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes made: The retail @ the greenhouse has been temporarily shut down until mid-February and there are only 2 staff • \$50,000 is owed Morris Flowers in GST and the request is to have an LKB advance this amount to Morris Flowers in order to cover payroll • Jason Louie would like to rename Morris Flowers, create a new logo and give LKB identity, it is lacking an Indigenous theme • Ideas and suggestions made regarding the renaming of the business, and overall indigenization. 	
<p>Motion:</p>	<p>Moved By: Josie Fullarton Seconded By: Jason Louie</p>	<p>THAT: Council agrees to provide a \$50000 advance to Morris Flower to be repaid using the expected GST rebate.</p> <p>Carried <u> X </u> Defeated <u> </u> Tabled <u> </u></p>
<p>8g. Treaty/KNC Constitution</p>		
<p>Discussion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The letter sent to KNC, has not yet received a response, LKB feels as though they are being ignored by KNC • Discussion of the need for a legal injunction 	
<p>8h. Health Initiative</p>		
<p>Discussion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Luke sent an email to Josie Fullarton asking about the \$500 health benefit. Cecilia has suggested that LKB bring in an expert to talk about cannabis medicinal alternative products 	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>		
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>January 17, 2020</p>	
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>2:10pm - Heather Suttie</p>	