



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting		Date of Meeting: February 26, 2021	
Participants: Chief: Jason Louie Councillors: Robert Louie Sr., Cherie Luke Josie Fullarton and Sandra Luke via Zoom Guests: Rod Bateman, General Manager for the Ainsworth Hot Springs - via Zoom Zina Kwan, Director of Finance, Lower Kootenay Band		Chair: DoO: Heather Suttie	Recorder: Administrative Assistant: Chantelle Morin
Location: LKB Roundhouse			

APPOINTMENTS

Time: 9:40am Name: Rod Bateman, General Manager for the Ainsworth Hot Springs - via Zoom	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rod Bateman, General Manager for Ainsworth Hot Springs, provides the 2020 third quarter financial results ending in Dec 31, 2020 with comparisons to the 2019 results • Revenues are down due to the COVID closure • Restored operations from September to December 2020 summarized with comparisons to 2019 • 2020 results include the on-going CEWS (Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy) grants but exclude the one-time grants from ITBC (Indigenous Tourism of BC) and ISC (Indigenous Services Canada) • The restaurant patio is almost ready to open for the season. • Wage relief from the government likely to continue into the new term • Jason Louie invites the Ainsworth staff to be put on our list to receive the COVID vaccine. Rod Bateman will speak with staff
Time: 10:10am Name: Zina Kwan, Director of Finance, Lower Kootenay Band	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zina Kwan, Director of Finance, presents Chief and Council with the quarter 2 (Q2) budget report • Social Development – IA clients received COVID supplement. Expenses increased due to COVID supplement. No community events have been held due to COVID. Grants can be carried over to next year if not spent this year • Health – On target for budget - there were no workshops, less patient expenses • Social Housing – On budget



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Dept. – Yaqaan Nukiy School got additional COVID funding and additional grants. • Administration – Received COVID funding from INAC, CBT, United Way & KNC. The audit is behind schedule due to BDO delays, small surplus but there is still COVID funding left • Admin Ops & Maintenance – less expenses due to employees who did not return • Market Garden – on budget • Lands – delay in receipt of property taxes due to COVID • Economic Development – No expenses for the quarter • FNGST – Expenses will come in Q3 • IMBA – Received more than anticipated • Roundhouse – Higher expenses than anticipated due to construction of roof cover over kitchen door • Ainsworth – Higher expenses due to the mortgage interest being carried by LKB • Capital Assets – Extra funding secured in lands; grants received for farming equipment
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DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS

Appointment: Discussion:	No debrief
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CALL TO ORDER

Time: 10:54am

AGENDA

Review of Agenda:	Additions: 8d. Debbie Edge-Partington	Deletions: N/A
Motion:	Moved By: Cherie Luke Seconded By: Jason Louie	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:	
Motion:	Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Cherie Luke	THAT: Chief and Council approve the previous minutes Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>



BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8a. Leadership Priorities

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direction is needed from council regarding the list of priorities: Election Code, Constitutional Process• The need for legal funding to move forward with the Constitutional process is discussed• It is suggested that Stan Chung facilitate a 2-day workshop with Chief and Council
Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief and Council to bring the Constitutional Process & plan to the next meeting

8b. Communication Process

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief and Council have requested a communication policy to be developed to deal with challenges in communication between community members and Chief and Council/administration staff• A draft guideline has been constructed and will be sent out to community members rather than a developing a policy• Communication guideline to include a staff contact list and proper communication protocol – boundaries to be enforced (ex: Bullying & Harassment policy)
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8c. Vaccine Update

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once FNHA has the vaccines delivered, Creston Valley Hospital will be storing and administering to the LKB community members• Delivery date is estimated to be by the end of March
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8d. Debbie Edge-Partington

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debbie Edge-Partington, Housing Coordinator for Lower Kootenay Band, has been working together with contractors and the maintenance staff in the construction of the tiny homes on Highway 21• Debbie's efforts in the obtaining grants and assisting with the construction of the tiny homes are recognized• Chief and Council discuss presenting Debbie with a gift to acknowledge her hard work
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ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:	March 12, 2021 – may be subject to change if no quorum
Adjournment:	12:40pm – Cherie Luke