



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting	Date of Meeting: June 25, 2021	
Participants: Chief: Jason Louie Councillors: Josie Fullarton, Robert Louie Sr., Cherie Luke, Sandra Luke Guests: Ann Deatherage, Healing Forest Initiative, Curtis Wullum, Director of Development Services, Brian Fehr, Brian Fehr Group Ltd., Lori Fehr; CEO Columbia Lake Technologies	Chair: DoO: Heather Suttie	Recorder: Administrative Assistant: Chantelle Morin

Location: Roundhouse

APPOINTMENTS

Time: 9:40am Name: Ann Deatherage, Healing Forest Initiative	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann Deatherage explains the Healing Forests Initiative and its purpose: as an act of truth and reconciliation; and to connect with people with the restorative impact of nature for reflection and healing. Ann Deatherage is asking Chief and Council for their support in launching the project The Healing Forest will be located in the Canyon community and will be managed by the Creston Community Forest. 	
Time: 10:10am Name: Curtis Wullum, Brian Fehr, Lori Fehr	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curtis Wullum introduces Brian Fehr and Lori Fehr of the Brian Fehr Group Ltd. Brian Fehr has been working with numerous Indigenous communities and has many working partnerships Brian Fehr would like to donate \$125,000 annually to each of the four Ktunaxa bands and looks forward to forming a close relationship with the Ktunaxa people An MOU between LKDLP and Brian Fehr Group Ltd. has been drafted 	
Time: 10:45 Name: Curtis Wullum	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goat River Restoration Project: LKB has applied for a Licence of Occupation and a Water Licence Application, for an intake structure and berm to support an ecosystem restoration project on the Goat River Fisheries and Oceans Canada requires an irrevocable letter of credit in order for the work to proceed. 	
Motion:	Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Jason Louie	THAT: Chief and Council approve to an Irrevocable Letter of Credit for the Receiver General of Canada on behalf of Fisheries and Oceans Canada in the



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		amount of \$10,000.00 for one year with an automatic renewal
		Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS

Appointment: Healing Forest Initiative Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns regarding the usage of the crown land discussed Further clarification is needed before an MOU is drafted Potential consequences discussed – additional information to be gathered LKB community to be involved in supporting the initiative
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CALL TO ORDER

Time: 10:58am

AGENDA

Review of Agenda:	Additions: 8c. Letter from Aqam 8d. In Lieu of Indigenous Day 8e. Tour of the Wetlands	Deletions: n/a
Motion:	Moved By: Cherie Luke Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	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: n/a	
Motion:	Moved By: Josie Fullarton 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. KNC Issues

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The KNC has not abided by the motion of the KNEC to put the treaty into abeyance and is now seeking approval of the treaty budget and workplan in order to continue to get funding dollars for the process There is a meeting on June 30, 2021 of the KKTFS to approve the budget and workplan. Jason Louie will be at the table and seeks direction from the LKB Council. LKB Council is not in favour of approving the budget and workplan
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8b. Election Code Review Update

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lower Kootenay Band is seeking to update the Election Code and has received grant money from New Relationship Trust to do the work. • Contact has been made with lawyer Evan Duffy who will take the lead on the process. • Evan Duffy will contract Rob Louie Jr. to assist him with community engagement
Action:	Heather Suttie will obtain a retainer agreement from Evan Duffy.

8c. Letter from Aqam

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2020, Aqam used ground penetrating radar and discovered 182 unmarked graves close to the St. Eugene Mission • This information has only now been disclosed to the other Ktunaxa communities • A letter to Aqam and a media release has been drafted for consideration by Council • While Council supports the media release, it is agreed that community members and survivors should be made aware of the findings prior to the actual release • The notice to community will be distributed with the resources and contact information included • Council members will contact the survivors 	
Motion:	Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Robert Louie Sr.	THAT: Chief and Council approve sending the draft letter to Aqam; distributing a notice to the community about the findings; and to the publish the media press release Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

8d. In Lieu of Indigenous Day

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Kootenay Band HR Policy states that permanent employees are entitled to leave with pay on Indigenous Day (June 21) if they participate in a recognized event or celebration. • This year, LKB hosted a Border Vaccine clinic on Indigenous Day where the maintenance and administration staff worked • Heather Suttie is requesting to allow the maintenance and administration staff to take Friday, July 2 , 2021 off in lieu of June 21, 2021 	
Motion:	Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Robert Louie Sr.	THAT: Chief and Council approve the request and allow the maintenance and administration staff to take off July 2, 2021 in lieu of June 21, 2021 with pay



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8e. Tour of Wetlands		
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Josie Fullarton and a teacher from ARES took a class of students for a tour of the Wetlands with Norm Allard• Introducing a school program for the students to get involved with the Wetland projects in future is discussed• Further discussion to continue in September	
IN CAMERA		
Motion:	To Go In Camera: Moved By:	To Go Out Of Camera: Moved By:
ADJOURNMENT		
Adjournment	2:20pm – Robert Louie Sr.	
Next Meeting	Sept 10, 2021	