



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting		Date of Meeting: November 22, 2019	
Participants:		Chair:	Recorder:
Councillors: Robert Louie Sr., Jared Basil, Josie Fullarton, Sandra Luke Absent: Chief Jason Louie Guests: Rod Bateman, General Manager, Ainsworth Hot Springs, Robin Louie		DoO: Heather Suttie	Administrative Assistant: Chantelle Morin

Location: LKB Boardroom

APPOINTMENTS

Time: 9:35am	Discussion:
Name: Rod Bateman, General Manager, Ainsworth Hot Springs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Ainsworth Financials • Pool prices increased by \$1.00 & lockers have been added for guests • Positive feedback on the restaurant (food & service) & are on budget • Waste water & mechanical trash system will be upgraded in Spring • Rod Bateman inquires if it is culturally appropriate to have a massage chair in the Tee Pee, Robert Louie Sr. states that it is appropriate • Talk of forming an Elders Group, in future who could be consulted about such issues • Discussion about incorporating the design of the sturgeon nose canoe into the fence behind the pool • Rod Bateman would like to have a cultural informative centre added to the resort and possibly putting a Tee Pee camp on the bench land • Talk of the resort becoming more environmentally conscious • Robert Louie Sr. asks if there are plans to install night lights in the suites (blue sensor lights), Rod Bateman will look into it • Robert Louie Sr. suggests the addition of a self-interpretive educational library concerning the ancestors



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rod Batemen likes the idea and states that a lot of guests ask about the Yaqan Nukiy people, he feels that they are missing a “Story Teller”. He suggests to have a member/Elder go up to Ainsworth once a month to offer teachings
<p>Time: 10:15am</p> <p>Name: Robin Louie</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Louie is requesting to exchange his current CP lot for the lot on the Kootenay River across from Lionel Gardner’s house. • This lot is not currently surveyed and there would be considerable expense to get one. • If granted the land in question, Robin Louie would like to start teaching traditional ways to community members such as tanning of hides, building bows and hunting skills. He wishes to teach his children as well • Robin Louie states that he has \$10,000 saved up for a mobile home and would like to eventually build a home on the land. He talks of turning the mobile home into a learning centre • Robin Louie also offers to keep track of people accessing reserve land without permission. • Heather Suttie states that LKB doesn’t have an allotment policy and there are other community members that would like land. The process should be thoughtful so there is consistency in the way members are treated. • Robin Louie states that he would like to maintain some horses on the proposed land and have them available for community members to ride • Jared Basil states that he understands the importance of knowledge of the land being taught to the next generation. • Heather Suttie asks Robin Louie if there is any compromise possible? (ie. Find another lot to swap?; have the cultural centre by the river with no CP and to have his house built on his current lot?) • Robert Louie Sr. agrees with Jared Basil about the importance of teaching culture and states that Council will work it out & meet half way with Robin • Robin Louie states that he will put together a proposal for Council and the community
<h2>DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS</h2>	
<p>Appointment:</p> <p>Robin Louie</p> <p>Discussion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council prepared to consider the idea of having a cultural centre on the river lot. • Consideration will be given to leasing the lot to Robin Louie and allowing a mobile home to be brought in. The lease agreement would have to put restrictions on use; clearly state the expectations. • Would Robin Louie consider an exchange for a lot on Riverview Road?



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- Concerns discussed regarding the perception of value of the property and the fact that Council has recently refused other community members their requests for a CP
- Sandra Luke states that it is important to encourage cultural ways being taught to members
- Before further consideration, Council will wait for Robin Louie to come back with his proposal

CALL TO ORDER

Time: 11:25pm

AGENDA

Review of Agenda:	Additions: 8f. Christmas Distributions 8g. RCMP Letter 8h. Robert Louie Sr. 8i. Sector Update	Deletions:
Motion #1:	Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Jared Basil	THAT: Chief and Council approves the agenda for November 22, 2019 Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of Minutes:	Discussion: 6(g) amend second bullet from "Jason" to "Jason Louie" 8(e) amend "Robert Sr." to "Robert Louie Sr"	
Motion 32:	Moved By: Robert Louie Sr. Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council approves the previous meetings minutes for November 9, 2019 Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>



BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6a. Tim Dickson Update

Discussion:

Presenter:

Heather Suttie,
Director of
Operations

- The overall tone of the letter needs to be stronger
- The name of the community/territory needs to be accurate and consistent
- The letter must reference the fact Council has retained a lawyer and all future discussion/correspondence needs to include him

Check In: 11:45

NEW BUSINESS

8.a Budget Update

Discussion:

Presenter: Zina
Kwan, Director
of Finance

And

Ken White
Facilities and
Operations
Manager

- Quarter 2 discussed, proposed budget changes
- Social Development: most funds came from INAC, \$30,000 grant from Prevention Grant,
- Sandra Luke concerned about honorarium going to community members for cultural events and the value of the events for community
- Sandra Luke concerned about the distribution of meat to community members and that it should be distributed to everyone not just social assistance recipients
- Jared Basil asks about the Head Start program? Current configuration of the program is explained.
- Sandra Luke concerned about the foot care program. She states that the diabetics & elders need to be priorities
- Housing: no changes in projected revenue from rent; CBT funding and other grant funding paying for repairs to houses; insurance money coming in to rebuild the Jacobs' house.
- Education: based on September's numbers, INAC funding has increased; there is additional grant money coming in; expenses have decreased due to less enrollment; operations & maintenance expenses have increased
- Admin: INAC has decreased band supports & band employee benefits have increased; Council expenses & travel have increased; Gaming Revenue will cover the new community initiatives



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands: AFSAR Wetlands restoration funding hasn't been budgeted yet; increase in the land revenue (lease & grazing), KNC-PEOWG funding has been secured; expenses for salaries & benefits is higher than expected, vehicle expenses increased; LKB Farms expenses are higher than anticipated but was mostly wages; FNHA is funding a portion of the new Health Building • Budget: on the revenue side, there have been no big changes; but expenses, salaries & benefits have increased due to more work being done • Heather Suttie states that work crews have been very busy due to unplanned projects including the gym and the cenotaph relocation • Jared Basil suggests to secure the seasonal positions with the casual workers, there is a lot of work to be done around the community • Sandra Luke wants more effort to be put in to getting people off of social assistance and into the work force • Kitchen renos will not start until after Christmas • Zina Kwan is working on a plan for the IMBA dollars; she has been in touch with CIBC & BMO • Discussion regarding repairing the driveways: Mary Basil, Sesame Phypers & Anne Jimmie 's driveways are a priority • Ken White states that the work crew has repaired some driveways in order to get through until spring • Sandra Luke asks Ken if the crews will be salting & gravel on the plowed driveways? • Ken White says that they will be doing so, they just need the equipment. A sander will be ordered. • Morris Flowers discussion: Sandra Luke asks Zina Kwan who is responsible for the signing & issuing of the cheques? Zina Kwan states that it is done by herself & Jen Comer • Heather Suttie talks of the restructuring Morris Flowers and states that an intervention needs to take place • Motion requested to allow Heather Suttie and Zina Kwan to have authority to restructure Morris Flowers. Heather Suttie will develop a service contract to cover the extra hours that will be required to do the restructuring. Heather Suttie's position to be amended to include an overseeing role in respect to Morris Flowers.
<p>Action:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Suttie to be given authority to oversee the staff and operations at Morris Flowers. She will come back with a service agreement to compensate for extra hours spent on the restructuring of the business.



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Motion: #3	Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Jared Basil	THAT: Chief & Council approves the budget Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
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8b. Elder's Council

Discussion: Presenter: Jared Basil, Councillor for Lower Kootenay Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea of forming an Elder's Council is to meet the community needs and to allow the Elder's voices to be heard • Jared Basil wants feedback to assist with the development of the council; he wants perspectives from the Elders as well as Councillors • Sandra Luke agrees and states that Elders are for guidance and to explain protocols of roles • Jared Basil speaks of the importance of bringing cultural awareness to Child & Family Services, that is his main focus • Putting together the structure will take Jared Basil a few weeks and he will come back in the New Year. • Josie Fullarton speaks of healing the community and suggests paying the Elders • Robert Louie Sr. suggests speaking with the family matriarchs
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8c. BCR for opening of South Channel of the Goat

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose is to restore water back into the second channel (the overflow) and to promote the spawning of the fish • Water levels have been low over the years
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Motion: #4	Moved By: Sandra Luke Seconded By: Robert Louie Sr.	THAT: Chief and Council supports the ecosystem restoration project for reopening the South Channel of the Goat River Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>
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8d. Isabel Louie's Estate

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land is to be transferred into 3 names; it needs to be formalized through INAC. A number of relatives need to sign a release of their interest • Sandra Luke suggests that Robert Louie Sr. act as the executor • Josie Fullarton suggests responding to Laz Louie's letter
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Action:	Heather Suttie to take direction from Robert Louie Sr. & draft a letter to Laz Louie
8e. Issues with Lot 12	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Suttie contacted Chris Luke Sr. to explain why Amy & Cecille Ignatius inherited the CP from Sam Francis • They were Sam Francis' step children • Question to INAC: Once a CP is given to someone, can the Band give it to someone else? • Heather Suttie will continue investigating the matter
8f. Christmas Distribution	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNGST Distribution is for on reserve members only • Community Christmas dinner will be at LKB on Dec 18th • Josie Fullarton suggests to put the distribution cheques in envelopes • Chantelle Morin will put out a letter requesting volunteers to help cook for the community dinner • Talk of having the councilors to deliver the hampers to members on the morning of December 20.
8g. RCMP Letter	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A response to our letter has been received from the RCMP and meeting dates in the New Year have been suggested. Council will be kept updated.
8h. Robert Louie Sr.	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Louie Sr. provided a briefing note concerning the history of the Flatbow and some legal issues • Heather will pass on the information to Tim Dickson
8i. Sector Update	
Discussion: Presenter: Josie Fullarton, Councillor	KNC Economic Sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing of money discussed, possible investment in real estate • Talk of purchasing or leasing real estate in the Castlegar area to make our presence known (the Ktunaxa people) • Business Portal Presentation: Take all Ktunaxa people with businesses & do a web portal to help promotion • Talk of PEAWOG dollars being used well at LKB



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unclear how much money is being spent on economic development - 1.5 million?
Action:	Josie Fullarton will speak with Bob Luke about the amount being spent on economic development; Sandra Luke will send out the CRT update
ADJOURNMENT	
Next Meeting:	Dec 6, 2019 – delayed to Dec 13, 2019
Adjournment:	3:25pm – Jared Basil