



# LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES

<b>Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting</b>		<b>Date of Meeting: March 31, 2023</b>	
<b>Participants:</b> Chief: Jason Louie Councilors: Chad Luke, Josie Fullarton, Cherie Luke Robin Louie – Present on Zoom Guests: Curtis Wullum Karlene Emary – Present on Zoom		<b>Chair:</b> CAO: Heather Suttie	<b>Recorder - Administrative Assistant:</b> Samantha Phypers
<b>Location: Council Chambers / Zoom</b>			
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>			
<b>Time: 9:03 a.m.</b>			
<b>AGENDA</b>			
<b>Review of Agenda:</b>	<b>Additions:</b> 8.c – LKB Road Paving	<b>Deletions:</b> 4. - 9:00 am appointment	
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Moved by: Josie Fullarton</b> <b>Seconded by: Jason Louie</b>	<b>THAT: Chief and Council approve the amended agenda</b>	
		<b>Carried X    Tabled    Defeated</b>	
<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
<b>Review of Minutes:</b>	<b>Discussion: March 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting Minutes</b>		
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Moved by: Josie Fullarton</b> <b>Seconded by: Cherie Luke</b>	<b>THAT: Chief and Council approve the March 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting minutes</b>	
		<b>Carried X    Tabled    Defeated</b>	
<b>APPOINTMENTS</b>			
<b>Time: 9:10am</b>	<b>Rob Louie Jr did not attend scheduled Appointment</b>		
<b>Time: 9:40am</b> <b>Name: Curtis Wullum</b>	<b>Discussion: Strategic Engagement Agreement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curtis Wullum outlines the history of the SEA (Strategic Engagement Agreement) and how it directs the Province of BC to engage with the Nation rather than the individual communities about potential impacts to Indigenous rights from land activity. The Agreement was set to expire March 2022 but has been since extended to expire March 2024.</li> <li>• Staff from the SEA Working Group is asking each of the Ktunaxa First Nations and KNC to approve the presented draft Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curtis Wullum states that the SEA is just a framework about how the Province is to engage, communicate and hopefully work together with the KFNs on vital projects.</li> <li>• Josie Fullarton states that anytime Curtis Wullum has brought anything to leadership he has always had community in mind first and foremost and appreciates the work Curtis Wullum has done for this community. Josie Fullarton also states we will have to figure out how to work together with the other bands and the SEA may be a way to do this.</li> <li>• Curtis Wullum is requesting a decision from Chief and Council regarding the Terms of Reference and to appoint himself as the working group representative for Yaqan Nukiy</li> </ul>	
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Moved by: Jason Louie</b> <b>Seconded by: Josie Fullarton</b>	<b>THAT: Chief and Council agree to the SEA Terms of Reference and agree to appoint Curtis Wullum as the representative of Yaqan Nukiy to the SEA Working Group</b>  <b>Carried X Tabled Defeated</b>
<b>Time: 10:18am</b> <b>Name: Curtis Wullum</b>	<b>Discussion: Castlegar Office</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Castlegar Chamber of Commerce has approached YN about leasing office space in their new proposed building</li> <li>• In addition to office space, there would be access to a boardroom, area in the lobby for cultural exhibits and the ability to have signage visible from the highway. The Chamber of Commerce would agree not to rent out office space to other first nations although the boardroom would be able to be booked by all groups. The current territorial acknowledgement that is being used by the Chamber of Commerce is quite vague as to the identity of territorial rights holders.</li> <li>• Josie Fullarton says that she does like this idea but she thinks their territorial acknowledgement could be more specific to Yaqan Nukiy. This could give us an opportunity to increase of presence across the territory.</li> <li>• Jason Louie says he would like to get as much media exposure as possible because this could be very beneficial to assert or sovereignty in that part of the Kootenays.</li> <li>• Chad Luke suggests having Yaqan Nukiy flags present and flying.</li> <li>• Curtis Wullum suggests that Castlegar is wanting to break ground soon so we could bring a couple buckets of Yaqan Nukiy dirt and bring it over for the groundbreaking.</li> </ul>	
<b>DEBRIEFING FROM APPOINTMENTS</b>		
<b>Appointment:</b>	<b>Nil</b>	



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Discussion:		<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
Discussion:		<b>8.b – Gran Fondo Request</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The people from the Gran Fondo have requested to use the Wilfred Jacob’s Building parking lot for the 2023 Gran Fondo. The date of the event is September 23, 2023.</li> <li>They will need to handle their own garbage and have some porta potties present</li> <li>The parking lot at the old administrative office could be used for overflow parking.</li> </ul>			
Motion:	<p>Moved by: Jason Louie Seconded by: Josie Fullarton</p>	<p>THAT: Chief and Council support the use of the Wilfred Jacobs Building parking lot for the 2023 Gran Fondo scheduled on September 23, 2023.</p>	<p>Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Discussion:		<b>8.c – LKB Road Paving</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre Road is in very bad shape and could use some repair and paving. It is particularly poor at the intersection at the school.</li> <li>Jason Louie suggests getting a few quotes for repairs to the worst sections of road in the community.</li> <li>Chad Luke suggests getting some proper signage on Simon Road near the school’s intersection</li> <li>Curtis Wullum states that there is a full design regarding the road paving. He says there is two choices, capping the potholes (*getting just the potholes covered and possibly having to redo that in 10-15 years*) or stripping the road entirely and repaving. Curtis was given a quote when this was brought up in 2018 and the full repaving of Simon Road was close to \$ 1 million.</li> <li>Curtis Wullum also states that Anne Jimmie’s driveway was planned to get rebuilt while logging was being done behind her house.</li> <li>Jason Louie states that in the spring a part of Simon Road dips in front of the school and that should be included in the quotes. Jason Louie also says regardless of what the quotes look like we need to prioritize elder’s driveways</li> <li>Cherie Luke states the Mallory Place road is also quite degraded.</li> <li>Heather Suttie states there is a few things we could get done quickly such as capping the potholes around Centre Road and Simon Road and getting better signage at the Simon Road/Centre Road intersection.</li> <li>Jason Louie strongly recommends using an actual paving company to do paving/patchwork by so that it doesn’t get washed away during the upcoming seasons. Jason Louie also states that once decisions are made by Chief and Council, LKB Staff need to prioritize the work.</li> </ul>			
Discussion:		<b>8.a – 2023/24 Budget</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karlene Emary, Director of Finance reviews the draft budget with Chief and Council.</li> </ul>			



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- While this budget does require approval from Chief and Council, a fully finalized budget is not needed until June.
- Jason Louie states that anything regarding lawyers (such as appeals or judicial reviews) should be clearly articulated so the community members can actually see the amount this costs LKB.
- Cherie Luke suggests putting aside some money to maintain Yaminqan Beach; Curtis Wullum states we already have \$50,000 set aside. Cherie Luke suggests having a cleanup crew go up to Yaminqan Point; Samantha Phypers suggests making it a community engagement activity to get more members involved in helping.
- Jason Louie states that given the current events in California this could give LKB an opportunity to have the appropriate produce growing in our garden so that we can sell it via Morris Flowers. Jason Louie says someone needs to find out the produce that California supplied Canada and grow that produce and have it available for community/Creston as the supply shortens.
- Karlene Emary states it really would be beneficial to get one of the loans paid off (Ainsworth or Wilfred Jacobs Building) because we are paying a lot in interest and not getting enough back. Jason Louie suggests paying off Ainsworth first. Chad Luke states that the staff housing is in rough shape and we should be putting some more attention into that.
- Josie Fullarton suggests getting Ainsworth loan paid off in full because we are past the worst part of COVID, Ainsworth may be able to make a good profit and be able to afford to make further improvements to the resort. Karlene Emary says that she needs at least a BCR from Chief and Council to allow her to move forward with paying off the loan for Ainsworth.
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Motion:	Moved by: Cherie Luke Seconded by: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council approve the draft 2023-24 Budget Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabled Defeated
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## IN CAMERA

Motion:	To Go In Camera: 12:08 p.m. Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded by: Chad Luke	To Go Out Of Camera: 1:23 p.m. Moved By: Chad Luke Seconded by: Cherie Luke
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## ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:	April 14 <sup>th</sup> 2023
Adjournment:	Moved by: Josie Fullarton – 1:25 p.m.