



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting		Date of Meeting: June 2, 2023	
Participants: Chief: Jason Louie Councillors: Robin Louie, Cherie Luke Via Zoom: Councilor Chad Luke, Nicole Kapell, Tim Howard Missing: Josie Fullarton Guests: Kelly Cardwell, RDCK – Sangita Sudan, Aimee Watson, Garry Jackman, Paris Marshall – Smith		Chair: CAO: Heather Suttie	Recorder - Administrative Assistant: Samantha Phypers
Location: Council Chambers / Zoom			
CALL TO ORDER			
Time: 9:04 a.m.			
AGENDA			
Review of Agenda:	Additions:	Deletions:	
Motion:	Moved by: Robin Louie Seconded by: Cherie Luke	THAT: Chief and Council approve the proposed agenda for June 2, 2023 Chief and Council Meeting Carried X Tabled Defeated	
PREVIOUS MINUTES			
Review of Minutes:	Discussion: May 5th 2023 Chief and Council Meeting Minutes		
Motion:	Moved by: Robin Louie Seconded by: Cherie Luke	THAT: Chief and Council approve the May 5, 2023 meeting minutes	



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		Carried X	Tabled	Defeated
APPOINTMENTS				
Time: 9:09 am Name: Kelly Cardwell	Discussion: Bullying and Harassment Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on workplace harassment 			
Time: 9:56 am Name: Tim Howard & Nicole Kapell	Discussion: OIB (Okanagan Band) Specific Claim Adjudication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 17, 2023 KNCS received notice from the Specific Claims Tribunal, that the OIB have made a claim relating to the historic Arrow Lakes Band (Sinixts). • The OIB allege that the federal government should have granted them the reserve lands of the Sinixt after they were declared extinct. The OIB are making claims for loss of timber etc. • KNEC agreed that both the Ktunaxa Nation and YN should seek to be added as a party to this specific claim • As we know, historically there was a considerable Ktunaxa presence in the Arrow Lakes area and many of the members of YN are descendants of those people. • Tim Howard, a lawyer working for KNC has recommended that either Yaqan Nukiy or KNCS should apply to be added to the claim not both. Given the tight time frames involved and the internal capacity at YN, it may be better for KNCS to take the lead on this matter. In addition, there are other Ktunaxa communities than YN that have ties to the Arrow Lakes. 			
Motion:	Moved by: Cherie Luke Seconded by: Jason Louie	THAT: Chief and Council agree to have KNCS apply to be added as a party to the OIB Specific Claim Adjudication in respect to the historic Arrow Lakes Band.		
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<p>Time: 10:30 am</p> <p>Name: RDCK</p> <p>Paris Marshall-Smith, Sangita Sudan, Aimee Watson & Garry jackman</p>	<p>Discussion: Presentation – Watershed Governance Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed Governance Initiatives purpose is to provide accessible and relevant information to support communities with tools for decision making and planning processes • Council is presented with a brief tour of the Duck Creek Watershed 3D Map via Zoom • Robin Louie states that logging in the Duck Creek area is not a good plan as the impacts on wildlife and hunting are too great. Improper practices impact the community by way of declining animal and fish numbers; less access to herbal medicines and decreased water quality. • RDCK Rep states they don't have the best process for watershed protection but they do have some tools that can help, one of those tools that has yet to be implemented allows the region to shut down any logging activities that can impact drinking water • Curtis Wullum states that LKB has their own processes in place to assess wildlife and habitat so as to not harm the land further, we have a very rigorous engagement process • RDCK Rep is wondering how can they support our community better? • Curtis Wullum states that we are in the process of getting our own watershed plan in place for logging within the Ktunaxa areas. He also states if the RDCK really wants to help they should put some bylaws into place around Kootenay Lake • Robin Louie asks the Reps to just keep this meeting in mind and the people they met today, as an Indigenous Community we have been the ones who have been impacted the most in the past and will be into the future
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DEBRIEFING FROM APPOINTMENTS

Appointment:	Nil
Discussion:	

NEW BUSINESS

9a.	<p>Discussion: Budget Adjustments and Purchase Approvals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karlene Emery reviewed the revisions to the 22/23 Budget with Council
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Motions:	Moved by: Jason Louie Seconded by: Cherie Luke Moved by: Jason Louie Seconded by: Robin Louie	THAT: Chief and Council approve the revise 22/23 Annual Budget Carried X Tabled Defeated THAT: Chief and Council approve and authorize the repayment of the Ainsworth loan in full. Carried X Tabled Defeated
9b.	Discussion: Emergency Plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curtis Wullum states the Emergency Preparedness Plan is something we update every year, basically it describes what would happen in the event of various emergencies such as: wildfires, flood, spills on highways etc. • There are different stages of the plan but it allows the CAO or the EOC Director to activate the plan in the case of an emergency • Curtis Wullum is asking Chief and Council for a \$50,000 budget to hold on reserve for Emergency Management so that there are funds to rely on that will specifically be used in the case of an emergency 		
Discussion:	Moved by: Cherie Luke Seconded by: Jason Louie	THAT: Chief and Council approve a BCR to hold \$50,000 of LKB money in reserve for use in event of an emergency Carried X Tabled Defeated
IN CAMERA		
Motion:	To Go In Camera: Moved By:	To Go Out Of Camera: Moved By:



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	Seconded by:	Seconded by:
ADJOURNMENT		
Next Meeting:	June 30, 2023	
Adjournment:	Moved by: Jason Louie – 12:57 p.m.	