



OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting		Date of Meeting: May 5th 2023	
Participants: Chief: Jason Louie Councilors: Josie Fullarton, Cherie Luke Via Zoom: Councilor Chad Luke Absent: Councilor Robin Louie Guests: Ki Louie, Kat Coleman, Shelley Jacobs, Denice Dumas		Chair: CAO: Heather Suttie	Recorder: Administrative Assistant: Samantha Phypers

Location: Council Chambers + Zoom

APPOINTMENTS

Time: 8:59 a.m. Name: Kat Coleman (Principal YN School)	Discussion: YN Salary Grid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5% increases to teacher salary grid (6 classroom teachers and 1 special education teacher) • Heather Suttie states in reviewing the budget with Karlene Emary, these increases are within the parameters of the school's budget • 95 students in the k-6 program, 8-10 students in the preschool program **Estimation for the 23/24 year** 	
Motion:	Moved by: Jason Louie Seconded by: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council approve increases to the Yaqan Nukiy School teacher salary grid. Carried X Tabled Defeated
Time: 9:06 Name: Kat Coleman, Ki Louie	Discussion: Education Committee; and update on FNSA Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherie Luke, Jenni Jacobs, Ki Louie, and Kat Coleman attended FNSA conference and gained a lot of valuable information • The Education Committee wants to present a gift to the yaqan nukiy students that complete their school year; Kat Coleman states that school staff is working on getting small gifts and certificates for these students • Jared Basil has volunteered to be the LKB Representative for the SD#8 ACE meetings • Josie Fullarton would like to see some SD#8 ACE meetings take place in Creston/Yaqan Nukiy, as recently all of the meetings have been held in Nelson 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Louie says the Sinixt are not a federally recognized band, if they had a reserve or a child in the education system it would make sense for them to meet with the Trustees. If they're allowed to meet with the trustees, LKB should attend the same meeting • Heather Suttie suggests that she write a letter in advance of the May 17 meeting, saying that Ki Louie and Josie Fullarton are speaking as community members not as SD#8 employees at the meeting. She is worried about Ki Louie and Josie Fullarton's jobs and possible disciplinary action against them. Jason Louie agrees with this and suggests having this put out to the media so that more people can hear the truth and the things that are taking place within SD#8. • Jason Louie says that the district aboriginal education curriculum used to be Ktunaxa focused and then we started losing our voice. we've been backed into a corner by the school district and silenced; they've picked this fight. • Cherie Luke suggests letting them know not to bring food. Jason Louie agrees and says he doesn't want to accept an offering as it won't be coming from a genuine place. • Heather Suttie suggests getting a list together of elders and people they want at this meeting, past education workers, members who had a hand in helping create the curriculum, Heather says she will get an invite out by next week. • Josie Fullarton suggests bringing the SD8 meeting down to the land and having a song or prayer before discussion takes place. 	
Motion:	Moved by: Josie Fullarton Seconded by: Cherie Luke	THAT: Chief and Council appoint Jared Basil as a representative on the ACE Committee Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabled Defeated
DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS		
Appointment: Discussion:	None	
Motion:	Moved By: Seconded By:	THAT: Carried ___ Defeated ___ Tabled ___
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	



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CALL TO ORDER

Time: 8:57 a.m.

AGENDA

Review of Agenda:	Additions:	Deletions: RDCK appointment cancelled (6. 10:00-11:00)
Motion:	Moved by: Josie Fullarton Seconded by: Jason Louie	THAT: Chief and Council approve the amended agenda Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/>

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Review of Minutes:	Discussion:	
Motion:	Moved by: Cherie Luke Seconded by: Josie Fullarton	THAT: Chief and Council approve the Chief and Council meeting minutes of April 21/23 Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/>

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1.

Discussion:	•
Action:	

NEW BUSINESS

1.	Discussion: 9. A – Being added as party to specific claim adjudication
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (OIB) Okanagan Indian Band is making a specific claim in respect to the Arrow Lakes Band reserve lands. • OIB is claiming that the Federal Government should have given them the reserve lands when the Arrow Lakes Band was made extinct. • OIB is claiming for loss of timber and for the losses that occurred as a result of the flooding causes by the Columbia River Project. • Codie Morigeau (KNC) brought this adjudication to Heather Suttie’s attention • The question is whether we want to proceed with KNC being the named party or whether YN should hire its own lawyer. • Josie Fullarton believes that Yaqan Nukiy should be added to this specific claim, but worries that we may be fighting KNC rather than the OIB



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Motion:	Moved by: Josie Fullarton Seconded by: Cherie Luke	THAT: Chief and Council approves Heather Suttie approaching legal counsel working in conjunction with KNC for the OIB Specific Claim regarding Arrow Lakes
		Carried X Tabled Defeated
2.	Discussion: 9.B – Planning for SD8 Meeting / May 17th 2023	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Suttie will draft a letter to SD#8 giving them the protocols for the May 17 meeting • Heather Suttie will draft and distribute a letter to the elders inviting them to the May 17 meeting 	
3.	Discussion: 9.C – New rep for the lands advisory working group	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb Basil is wanting to leave her position on the LAWG so they are needing to find someone else to take her place • Josie Fullarton suggests Norm Allard as a replacement as he does wonderful work on the wetlands 	
4.	Discussion: 9.D – CRT Leadership Committee Rep	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be placed on the next agenda 	
5.	Discussion: 9.E – Council Retreat	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josie Fullarton says it's important for us to have a retreat and with the few missing councilors we should wait until we have all members, Josie Fullarton wants to make sure Council strengthens after this retreat • Jason Louie agrees that a retreat is needed for Council to feel like a team again although we do have a busy couple of weeks coming up with all the big meetings and Powwow 	
IN CAMERA		
Motion:	To Go In Camera: 10:59am Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Josie Fullarton	To Go Out Of Camera: 11:20 Moved By: Cherie Luke Seconded By: Josie Fullarton
ADJOURNMENT		
Next Meeting:	June 2nd 2023	
Adjournment:	11:27 a.m. – Josie Fullarton	