



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Lower Kootenay Council Meeting		Date of Meeting: October 6, 2023	
Participants: Chief: Jason Louie Councillors: Cherie Luke, Robin Louie Absent : Chad Luke, Josie Fullarton Guests: Arlene Basil, Michelle Basil		Chair: CAO: Heather Suttie	Recorder: Administrative Assistant: Samantha Phypers
Location: LKB Council Room			

CALL TO ORDER

Time: 9:05 am

AGENDA

Review of Agenda: 9:06 am	Additions: - Community Healing Initiative - 8e - Sinixt Issue - 8f	Deletions: N/A
Motion:	Moved By: Jason Louie Seconded By: Cherie Luke	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:	
Motion:	Moved By: Robin Louie Seconded By: Cherie Luke	THAT: Chief and Council approve the previous minutes as amended Carried <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/>

APPOINTMENTS

Name: Arlene Basil Michelle basil	Discussion Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LKB has a conditionally accepted offer on the <u>Argenta property</u>. Discussion about the future use of the property. There has been no development of the <u>Kinsman Park</u> property since it was purchased. There is discussion of turning the property into an urban reserve. Obtaining reserve status and negotiating a service agreement with the Town of Creston is a lengthy process. Sinixts are laying claims to yaqan nukiy territory and have many people believing their claims. Jason Louie states that we need a plan to deal with
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their involvement. We can't keep having meetings and being upset but not doing anything about it.

- There is an acknowledgement that communications between Council and the community need to evolve to meet the needs of the community. New ways to communicate need to be considered. There is an Open House scheduled for October 25, from 2-6pm at the Wilfred Jacobs Building. This will give community the opportunity to speak with staff and leadership.
- Concerns raised about staffing at Morris Flowers. Discussion around the hiring and retention of LKB staff.
- Community businesses need to be re-branded to reflect yaqan nukiy ownership.
- Discussion about the re-introduction of the Economic Development Grants for community member business ventures.

DEBRIEFING OF APPOINTMENTS

Appointment Discussion:

Nil

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

NEW BUSINESS

8a – Update on the Cows

- We have sold 31 yearlings and we have kept 12 to butcher for community.
- There remains approximately 50 bred cows; calves and 2 bulls.

8b – LKB Open House

- The LKB Open House will be Oct 25 at the Wilfred Jacobs Building
- Community members will be asked if they want to take a tour of Bluebird Point during the morning of October 25.
- There will also be tours available for the four new small homes.
- Visuals of the proposed gym, treatment centre and Argenta property should also be available for community to review.
- Suggestion box for new names for yaqan nukiy businesses

8c – Dinner at the GH – Nov. 4th 2023

- The Basin Food Expo Greenhouse Dinner is being held at Morris GH on November 4, 2023.
- Jason Louie will be making the opening remarks.



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8. D – Ktunaxa Nation Protocol

- The protocol agreement between the 4 Canadian Ktunaxa communities, the Kootenay Tribe of Idaho and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is in the process of being updated. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2023 at 8am via zoom. Robin Louie has volunteered to attend.

8. E – Community Healing Initiative

- Cherie Luke briefs Council on a community healing initiative. Josie Fullarton and Cherie Luke have met with Sat Dharam Kaur who is a colleague on Gabor Mate, who has developed a psychotherapeutic approach known as compassionate inquiry.
- It is suggested that Josie Fullarton and Cherie Luke approach the LKB Health Nurses to seek some administrative support. Funding sources also need to be considered.

8. F – Sinixt Issue

- Strategies are considered on how to approach territorial encroachment.
- The response needs to be a multipronged and include historical research, legal action, political lobbying and public relations work.
- Consideration should be given to access the yaqan nukiy share of the Legacy Fund to support the fight.

IN CAMERA

Motion:

To Go In Camera:

To Go Out Of Camera:

Moved By:

Moved By:

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:

October 20th 2023

Adjournment:

Jason Louie – 11:30 a.m.