

JUNE 19, 2025, COMMUNITY MEETING – SUMMARY

Attendees:

Jennifer Louie – Gladue	Shannon Maddess	Josie Fullarton
Carol Louie	Chris Brauer	Janine Basil
Robin Louie (Council)	Rena Basil	Inismi Cherie Luke (Council)
Denice Louie	Cecilia Luke	Jolene Basil
Isaac Dekker	Chris Luke Sr.	Summer Eneas Basil
Victoria Dekker	Doreen White	Heather Suttie
Daniel Cunningham	Joanne White	Curtis Wullum
Siobhan Davis	Carrie Luke	Leona Basil (Council)
Lindsay Ward	Lisa Three Feathers	
Nolan McRae	Anne Jimmie	
Ken White	Jenni Jacobs	
Brandon Hines	Shelley Jacobs	

Online.

Rob Louie Jr
Samantha Phypers
Lexi Fullarton
Bev Bull

1. Recommendation: Housing Meeting

Comment: A dedicated housing meeting is needed to discuss CPs, housing policy, and related matters.

Response:

A new Allotment Policy is currently being developed and is with the legal team for a second draft. Once completed, the draft will be shared with the membership for review and feedback.

2. Question: Deduction of Per Capita Payments (Louie v. Louie Case)

Question: Why did the Band deduct money from council members' per capita payments without notice, and why hasn't the membership been asked how to use the \$25,000?

Response:

A court order obtained by Wayne Louie required repayment of funds by a former Band Council. Wayne Louie also pursued enforcement proceedings. Based upon obligations imposed by the Court, the Band deducting funds from council members who had not fully repaid what they owed. Although no prior notice was given, the affected individuals were aware of their debts and

the enforcement action. The Band has not received the full \$25,000. While Wayne Louie may have expressed that the money should be returned to the community, this was not formally communicated to Council or administration. If there is membership support, the community may be consulted regarding the use of these funds.

3. Question: Ainsworth Property Purchase

Question: I was not consulted about the Ainsworth purchase. Am I still paying for it?

Response: Due to non-disclosure agreements, details of property purchases cannot always be shared during negotiations. Ainsworth is fully paid off.

4. Question: Frequency of Community Meetings

Question: How often are we going to have community meetings?

Response:

At the June 19, 2025, community meeting, Robin Louie and Inismi Cherie Luke suggested monthly meetings. The idea of combining meetings with birthday celebrations was also discussed.

5. Question: Information on Business Partnerships

Question: Will there be a discussion about LKB partnerships?

Response:

Business partnerships are listed on the **Ktunaxa Ready** website.

Recently Sold: Robert Logging (some equipment pending auction)

LKB Partnerships are broken down into Ktunaxa Certified Businesses which are businesses where LKDLP or LKB has at minimum 51% ownership. Ktunaxa Affiliated Businesses are business where LKDLP has an Agreement in place for revenue sharing, subcontracting and employment opportunities.

Lower Kootenay Band also has a partnership with Shukin Orchards for the Cherry Orchard on IR 5.

Ktunaxa Certified Businesses:

- YN Dent Limited Liability Partnership (ynDent LLP)
- yn Farms Limited Liability Partnership (Morris Flower Greenhouse and Flower Shop)
- Ainsworth Hotsprings Limited Partnership (AHLPP)
- Ktunaxa Enterprises Limited (Kettle River, Nupqu)

Ktunaxa Affiliated Businesses (LKDLP Partners)

- Viking Mat Company
 - Surespan
 - QTEST Inspection Ltd.
 - Masse Environmental
 - Centurion Canada Infrastructure
 - Hil-Tech Contracting Ltd
 - Marwest Industries Ltd
 - Martech Electrical Systems Ltd
 - Arrow Transportation Systems Inc
 - Interior Marine Services
 - Greyback Construction
 - Keabray Energy Holdings
 - Sullivan Stone
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6. Question: Access to Band Council Resolutions (BCRs)

Question: Will there be discussion about the BCRs that have been approved in the last few years?

Response:

BCRs from recent years are available for public viewing at the Wilfred Jacobs Building.

Depending on staff capacity, BCRs may be made accessible on the password-protected portion of the LKB website.

7. Question: Chief's Non-Monetary Benefits

Question: Will there be more clarification and transparency about the Chief Councilor position's non-monetary benefits?

Response:

The non-monetary benefits provided to the Chief are access to a Band-owned vehicle and a cell phone.

8. Question: Council Accountability

Question: What are the obligations of Council and how are they enforced?

Response:

The guiding authority for Council accountability is the Custom Election Bylaw (2012) and the Oath of Office as outlined in the Bylaw.

Council can discipline individual members but cannot remove them from office.

Members can vote Council out in elections or use the **petition process** outlined in the Election Code to remove a member mid-term.

9. Recommendation: Update Election Bylaw & Create Constitution

Comment: The 2012 Custom Election Bylaw needs updating, and the community should begin consultation now—including how to remove council members. We should also begin work on a constitution.

10. Recommendation: Suspended Council Member

Comment: Only four of five council members are active. It is recognized that everyone makes mistakes but there still needs to be accountability for the actions and words of council members. The community should be consulted about expectations.

11. Recommendation: Role of Housing Committee

Comment: The Housing Policy should be updated, and the Housing Committee should meet regularly.

12. Question: Notification About Property Purchases

Question: I never received any notice about the purchase of the Rykerts property or the Blue Bird Point property. I am wondering about the openness of the approval of these purchases.

Response:

There is no standardized process for informing members about property acquisitions. This issue could be addressed at a future community meeting to develop a communication protocol.

13. Question: Timing and Access to Audit Review

Question: Can the community be invited to the audit review?

Response:

The audit process is underway and is expected to be presented in September.

Council meetings are open to members, and notice can be provided when the audit presentation is scheduled.

14. Question: General Account Audit

Question: Do we have an audit done on our general account?

Response: Yes, the general account is audited annually.

15. Question: Transportation for Elders

Question: Could transportation be provided for elders and community members for different events that happen in the nation?

Response: LKB has a bus and a driver, so transportation for elders can be arranged for community events.

16. Question: Ownership of Fee Simple Land

Question: Does LKB have fee simple lands?

Response:

Yes, LKDLP owns the following simple properties:

- Kinsman Park
 - Rykerts Property
 - Bluebird Point
 - Ainsworth Hot Springs
 - Morris Greenhouse & Florist
 - Goat River Guide/Outfitter Property
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17. Question: Addition to Reserve (ATR) Process

Question: Is there a process yet to get the fee simple lands added to reserve?

Response:

ATR is a lengthy and complex process. For example, it took 24 years to add the 70 acres east of the community site to reserve. Easements, covenants, and ALR designations can be obstacles. While tax advantages exist, additional regulatory layers are a downside. No final decisions have been made.

18. Question: Total Acres of Fee Simple Land

Question: How many acres of fee simple land does LKB own?

Response: Approximately 200 acres of fee simple land are owned.

19. Recommendation: Elders' Benefit

Comment: Elders deserve to live with dignity. A one-time payment should be made to elders before summer.

Response:

Council has considered establishing an elders' financial benefit and a community trust fund, which could include regular elder payments. Legal and financial advice will be required before creating an elders benefit that is sustainable over the long term.

20. Recommendation: Chief and Council Honorarium Increase

Comment: Current compensation is too low. Suggested: \$150,000 for Chief, \$100,000 for Councilors.

Response:

Ideally, an **Honorarium Bylaw** approved by the membership would establish a transparent compensation process.

21. Recommendation: Appreciation and Pension for Past/Present Council

Comment: Recognition and pensions should be considered for former and current leadership.

22. Question: Residential School Settlement Funding

Question: Is there any residential school money that is coming to the Band?

Response:

Funding from the Gottfriedson class action is available. A community plan and consultation process are required to access it.

23. Recommendation: Rent Exemption for Non-CP Holding Elders

Comment: Members aged 65+ who do not hold CPs should be exempt from rent.

24. Recommendation: Cease Accepting ISC Funding

Comment: ISC funds (\$1.6 million annually) should be declined to maintain autonomy and transparency with only the community.

Response:

If the membership is interested, a legal opinion can be obtained to fully understand the consequences of declining ISC funding.

25. Statement: LKB is Debt-Free

Comment: LKB currently has no debt and owns all its properties and assets outright.

26. Question: History of Burtons Cut / Gambling Otter Land

Question: How did we get the land at Burtons Cut? Did we pay for it? Or did we trade with something?

Response:

The property was originally identified in the Incremental Treaty Agreement. Negotiations with the RDCK led to a \$1.25M compensation payment which contributed to the purchase of Bluebird Point.

Burtons Cut is protected under Section 16 reserve, meaning it cannot be logged or built on without Band consent.

27. Question: Schedule Another Community Meeting?

Question: Can we schedule the next community meeting?

Response:

Yes, the next community meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025, and will include discussion about the Annual General Meeting (AGM).