

**'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting VIA: Conference Call
May 20, 2020 1pm**

Council: Don Svanvik; Ernest Alfred; Stanley Hunt; Robert Mountain; Kelly Speck; Dixon Taylor; John Macko;
Victor Isaac; Jerry Alfred; Vickie Brotchie;

Staff: Senior Administrator Jamie Hill; Recording Secretary Gina Wadhams

Opening Prayer	Dixon Taylor
Agenda	2020-May-20 (01): VICKIE BROTCHE/VICTOR ISAAC That we approve the agenda with the additions. CARRIED
Minutes Approval <i>May 12th, 2020</i>	2020-May-20 (02): DON SVANVIK/DIXON TAYLOR That we approve the regular minutes of May 12, 2020. CARRIED
Business Arising Hiring Status	Briefing note? At this time, we are not hiring. Suggestion on phone interviews? Fish position is vacant and needed.
Planter Boxes	Public Works has been assisting with planter boxes – delivering soil.
Cormorant Island COVID-19 Outbreak Response	INFO: Tri-Authorities and Emergency Operations Centre Team Debriefs distributed to Council What worked, challenges and recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
BCR/Treatment Centre	2020-May-20 (03): KELLY SPECK/STANLEY HUNT That we approve signing the Band Council Resolution: Upon the recommendation of First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and 'Namgis Finance Committee, Council approves the 'Namgis Substance Abuse Treatment Centre Society (the Society) continue operating 'Namgis Treatment Centre until March 31, 2021. A plan for previous year surpluses will be developed and provided to FNHA for their approval on expenditures and required reporting. On April 1, 2021, the 'Namgis Treatment Centre will become a department of the 'Namgis First Nation, governed by the laws, policies and procedures of 'Namgis Administration as approved by the elected Councillors of the 'Namgis First Nation. 'Namgis First Nation will engage with FNHA in the development of a new funding agreement for the continued operations of the 'Namgis Treatment Centre. Negotiations for new treatment facility will be between 'Namgis First Nation and FNHA. CARRIED <i>Jamie Hill was be contacting Council to arrange for signing BCR.</i> Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment Centre update from Kelly Speck • Possibly changing from abstinence to harm reduction • Concern with opening the NTC too soon. Plans on being worked on. Possibly working at half capacity • Is there any thought to opening up the centre to the north island? • Plans for NTC should be made public knowledge
NEDC	

<p>Director Appointments</p> <p>Articles of Incorporation and Terms of Reference</p>	<p>2020-May-20 (04): DON SVANVIK/KELLY SPECK That we appoint Keena-Hicken Gaberria and Kyle Hilsendager to the Orca Sand & Gravel (OSG) Board of Directors. CARRIED</p> <p>2020-May20 (05): JERRY ALFRED/DIXON TAYLOR That we amend Section 14.1 (a) the NEDC's Articles of Incorporation and section III A. of the Terms of Reference-Board of Directors by removing the requirement for the NEDC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to also serve as a director of the Company, together with any consequential amendments that may be required as a result of the proposed amendments.</p> <p>Where the CEO is also a director of the Company, frequent in-camera meetings are required during the CEO's annual performance review. Moreover, if performance issues arise at any time throughout the year, in-camera meetings may be required to discuss performance issues. Excluding the CEO from in-camera meetings to discuss his or her performance is not conducive to team building or building trust among directors. CARRIED</p> <p>2020-May-20 (06): STANLEY HUNT/KELLY SPECK That we hold off on making any appointments to the NEDC to fill vacancies until the next annual general meeting.</p> <p>Moreover, following the next annual general meeting, we recommend the NEDC operate with a five-person Board of Directors rather than a seven-person Board. CARRIED</p>
<p>Spring Salmon Net</p>	<p>Don Svanvik informs Council that a spring salmon net will be purchased from Pacific Net & Twine in Parksville. A large net which will not endanger smaller fish. Cost approximately \$4,600. Net will be available next week. Food fish funds available to purchase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question on who will own? Operate? 'Namgis will own and use. Available for gillnetters to use. • Possibly hire someone. Ask for volunteers before hiring someone. • Sockeye fishery is not being anticipated this year • What are the implications when catching other species? Sockeye/Coho? Release them or food fish consequences. • Test fishery this year will be reduced. Our nation should go after the fish caught during the test fishery. Never mind their pay fish – DFO should worry about how to pay that – we should get the fish. <p>2020-May-20 (07): JERRY ALFRED/VICTOR ISAAC That we authorize travel for Don Svanvik to Parksville to pick up the spring salmon net. CARRIED</p>
<p>Fisheries Indigenous Knowledge Forum</p>	<p>TABLED</p>
<p>Community Antibody Testing</p>	<p>Message from Dr. Enns regarding antibody testing for residents of Cormorant Island with the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). There is a finger poke test, referred to as a point of care (POC) test, that will provide immediate results if someone has antibodies to COVID or not. The presence of antibodies would mean that that individual had been infected with COVID. The BCCDC is willing to provide enough tests for everyone on Cormorant Island to be tested if they want to.</p> <p>There are many possible advantages of the population being tested. These include:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We could see how many members in the household of a case were positive and did not know • The proportion of the island that was positive but not tested with the swab • The rate of infection in children. Especially important since many children do not exhibit symptoms • We could compare the negative swab results with the POC test to see if the swab were accurate • This will help in understanding if people have ongoing protection/immunity to COVID <p>Offer testing in the next 4 weeks or so. Health care team would be assembled using Cormorant Island health care providers, Island Health and BCCDC to be in community for 2-3 days to offer the testing for anyone who wants it. There would be a short survey.</p> <p>Chief Svanvik, Mayor Buchanan and Dr. Cutfeet fully support the testing.</p> <p>2020-May-20 (08): DON SVANVIK/JERRY ALFRED That we approve the voluntary antibody testing. CARRIED</p> <p><i>Suggestion that our community leaders send out video messaging, encouraging people to take part in the testing.</i></p>
Nimpkish River Cabins	Reports have been requested regarding this matter. There is a process in place that will be followed. Land Code Manager and Director of Human Resource are working on report.

Chief Don Svanvik

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