

'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting
May 18, 2022 5pm Learning Centre

Council: Don Svanvik; Vickie Brotchie; Kelly Speck; Ernest Alfred
Zoom: Matthew Ambers; Joseph Isaac; Jessica Barudin
Regrets: Gloria Hunt; Stanley Hunt; Ivy Peers
Staff: Senior Administrator Jamie Hill; Recording Secretary: Gina Wadhams

5:05pm	
Agenda Approval	2022-May-18 (01): KELLY SPECK/VICKIE BROTCHE That we approve the agenda with additions. CARRIED
Minutes Approval March 15, 2022	2022-May-18 (02): JOSEPH ISAAC/MATTHEW AMBERS That we approve the Regular Council minutes of March 15, 2022. CARRIED
April 22, 2022	2022-May-18 (03): MATTHEW AMBERS/KELLY SPECK That we approve the Regular Council minutes of April 22, 2022. CARRIED
<i>Business Arising</i> Business Site Visits	Council interested. Vickie Brotchie went to OSG – great tour. <i>Administration to setup tour for Council.</i>
In-Camera	2022-May-18 (04): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we go In-Camera. CARRIED 2022-May-18 (05): JOSEPH ISAAC/MATTHEW AMBERS That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED
Finance <i>Deficit Recoveries</i> ICSF/Funeral Funds	Finance Committee Recommendations 2022-May-18 (06): JOSEPH ISAAC/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve \$62,000 from the Indigenous Community Support Funds (ICSF) provided from ISC BC region be put to Funeral Funds (Department #35) to help cover the existing deficit 'Namgis buildings were closed over the number of years due to COVID protocols, allowing 'Namgis to use the funds for members for funerals. CARRIED
Public Works	2022-May-18 (07): KELLY SPECK/VICKIE BROTCHE That we approve \$21,187.78 be transferred from the Public Works Department #75 to cover the deficit in Department #34 the Excavator, and Equipment User Fees. Rentals did not bring in enough monies to cover the cost of the excavator repairs and capital contribution costs. CARRIED
TSchool	2022-May-18 (08): ERNEST ALFRED/JOSEPH ISAAC That we approve \$76,298 for COVID 19 ISC monies to be transferred from the T-School Department #11 to the school O&M Department #10 to cover the cost of preparing the school for return to classes. The extra sanitizing and janitorial is paid for from Department #10. The March 31 deficit is \$24,302.48 CARRIED
'Namgis Investments <i>FNFA Investment</i>	2022-May-18 (09): KELLY SPECK/VICKIE BROTCHE That we move the FNFA funds with a market value of \$159,382.65 to the "FNFA Investment Fund." CARRIED
<i>GIC/Vancity</i>	2022-May-18 (10): KELLY SPECK/JOSEPH ISAAC That a new GIC be taken out at a higher interest rate with Vancity. The amount be the Legacy Fund approximately \$702,853.00 at a rate of 3% for 24 months. CARRIED

Expenditure Approval Lift Station	2022-May-18 (11): VICKIE BROTCHE/KELLY SPECK That we approve the expenditure of \$38,610 for the lift station control panel and installation, from the Public Works budget Department #75. CARRIED
Contract Approval Castlemain	2022-May-18 (12): JOSEPH ISAAC/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the contract amendment with the Castlemain Group Inc. to complete the community engagement and communications strategy and do the Forestry Planning Process Engagement project for \$119,815 ending March 31, 2023. CARRIED
Coast Interior Archaeology	2022-May-18 (13): KELLY SPECK/VICKIE BROTCHE That we approve the contract with Coast Interior Archaeology ending March 31, 2024. The work is on "as needed basis". Suggested \$300,000 maximum. CARRIED
Castlemain/RIRSD	2022-May-18 (14): KELLY SPECK/VICKIE BROTCHE That we approve the contract with the Castlemain Group Inc. to continue the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD) for a retainer of \$9,450 a month plus expenses, ending March 31, 2023. CARRIED
Tsuga Heritage	2022-May-18 (15): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the contract with Tsuga Heritage Partnerships ending March 31, 2024 for Archaeology work. The work is on an as needed basis and has no maximum dollar amount. Suggested \$300,000. CARRIED
New Relationship Trust	2022-May-18 (16): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the \$200,000 grant from New Relationship Trust for heat pumps for 2022-2023. CARRIED
Honoraria	TABLED
Housing	Discussion on housing program. We were assured that no nations would suffer for the new additions to membership and we are – in housing, education, health. <i>Administration to setup meeting with Housing Manager, Land Code Manager, Senior Administrator.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strategy • Political pressure • Communicating more • RIRSD discussions with government
BCR/FNHIC-BC	2022-May-18 (17): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we support the BC First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Council in the creation of a new First Nations Housing and Infrastructure organization to improve housing and infrastructure services to First Nations. 'Namgis First Nation will consider committing to join the organization at a later date. CARRIED
Gottfriedson	2022-May-18 (18): KELLY SPECK/JOSEPH ISAAC That we approve Jamie Hill signing the Class Action Op-In notice. CARRIED
Donation/Laxwe'gila	2022-May-18 (19): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve a donation of \$4,800 to the Laxwe'gila Gathering taking place August 9-11, 2022. CARRIED
Donation/Nawalakw	2022-May-18 (20): JOSEPH ISAAC/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the donation of two kiosks to the Community Garden Project. CARRIED

Rock	<i>Get information from Derek Perrault regarding rock.</i>
FN Water Caucus	Chief appoints Ernest Alfred – Administration to fill out application
Lands Advisory Board (LAB)	2022-May-18 (21): JOSEPH ISAAC/KELLY SPECK That we support the Resolution #1 and Resolution #2 going to the LAB Special Meeting on May 26, 2022 and that Megan Whonnock will take part in the meeting. Chief Don Svanvik will provide a proxy for Megan. CARRIED
Meeting/Membership UBCIC	2022-May-18 (21): JOSEPH ISAAC/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the \$500 membership fee to UBCIC for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. CARRIED
Coextinction Film	Film screening on May 23, 2022. Request for free rental space at Lawrence Ambers Memorial Recreation Centre and support from 'Namgis IT Department. <i>Suggestion for Ernest Alfred to reach out for Juanita Johnson at the U'mista/Awil'gola for the Community Hall space for the screening. Administration will reach out to the IT Department to see if anyone is available on the weekend/date.</i>
Communication	Concern raised regarding correspondence/letters falling through the cracks. Unacceptable when there is no response. Have to improve communications. Maybe a status of communications briefing note to come to Council? <i>Administration will ensure that all communication/letters are acknowledged. All Departments must respond. Administration will start a correspondence log (who from; date; how received [mail, email, hand-delivered] topic; forwarded to what department).</i>
Island Health	Island Health – alternating diversion emergency issue. Ideal for Island Health to be more present to respond to concerns/questions. Invite Max to Standing Meeting – open VIA Zoom to residents of Alert Bay, Port McNeill and Port Hardy. More information will be posted once details are sorted out.
Food Fish	Update from Matthew Ambers Funds identified to hire people to assist with installing the counting fence. In place by first week in June. Families taking turns drag seining at the river. Whe-la-la-u also identified to fish for their community. Equitable distribution emphasized. Each family permitted 10 fish – remainder to pool for distribution. Pool would be for elders, schools, community services etc. Discussion will take place with Hank Nelson on best days for river fishery. Discussion on possibly hiring a logistics person for distribution. Traditional ways – have a feast with first catch in the big house for everyone. Community meeting will take place. Information will be posted once confirmed.
Meeting/UBCIC	2022-May-18 (22): ERNEST ALFRED/JOSEPH ISAAC Don Svanvik will attend the UBCIC on June 2 & 3, 2022. CARRIED
Meeting/VICC CLP	<i>Administration to respond – we're interested. Would like meeting details.</i>
Meeting/Forward Summit	2022-May-18 (23): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That Joseph Isaac will take part on May 25 & 26, 2022. CARRIED
UFAWU	2022-May-18 (24): KELLY SPECK/JOSEPH ISAAC That Ernest Alfred will attend the UFAWU meeting on May 19, 2022. CARRIED
UVIC/Ben Neal Visit	Ben Neal will be coming to Alert Bay with students. Don has talked with Ben.
Council Away	<i>Administration to do a call out on availability of Council.</i> <i>Jessica away July 1-15 : Don away for a month starting on July 9: Kelly is away month of August</i>
Portfolios	Jessica Barudin appointed to Education. Ivy Peers appointed to Health & Social Services.
Council Meetings	<i>Add to June 1st, 2022 agenda. Council considering day meetings for all Council meetings.</i>

Chief Don Svanvik

Date