

**'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting**  
**February 1, 2023 5pm Learning Centre**

**Council:** Don Svanvik (Chair); Ivy Peers; Ernest Alfred  
**Zoom:** Brian Wadhams; Victor Isaac; Jessica Barudin  
**Regrets:** Gloria Hunt; Matthew Ambers; Kelly Speck; Irene Speck  
**Staff:** Senior Administrator Jamie Hill; Assistant Administrator Megan Whonnock  
Recording Secretary Gina Wadhams

<b>5:25PM</b>	<b>Prayer – Don Svanvik</b>
<b>Agenda</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (01): VICTOR ISAAC/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve the agenda with additions. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Minutes Approval</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (02): ERNEST ALFRED/VICTOR ISAAC</b> That we approve the minutes of January 18, 2023. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
Business Arising Harm Reduction	Suggestion to add to February 15, 2023 agenda
ABE	Thank you for letter received regarding Multi-Year agreement for Big House, at no charge.
<b>Housing #52 Broughton</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (03): ERNEST ALFRED/VICTOR ISAAC</b> That we approve signing the Band Council Resolution: DOES HEREBY RESOLVE THAT: A. The 'Namgis First Nation (NFN) entered into an Agreement with Marion Bruce dated March 5, 1986. B. Bruce is deceased. As a result, the Housing Committee has recommended to Chief and Council of the NFN that Lisa Marie Bruce take over occupation of the House and enter into a House Purchase Agreement. C. The Chief and Council are agreeable to what the Housing Committee has recommended.  NOW THEREFORE we the Chief and Council of the NFN agree to the terms of the House Purchase Agreement. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>MRP/Uhl</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (04): VICTOR ISAAC/IVY PEERS</b> That we approve the MRP Request by Jamie Uhl in the amount of \$9,500 for Dave Leslie, General Contractor to replace her flooring for health-related reasons. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Update (Ernest)</b>	Empty/abandoned homes: Housing Special Meeting will be set up soon to discuss this issue  Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a member has funds to build a home, can they pick lot and build? People have been refused this. Needs to be looked into.</li> <li>• Land Code Orientation: All Council should have this. Maybe at the Forum level?</li> <li>• Include Housing Manager in discussions.</li> <li>• Inventory on all houses</li> </ul> <b>TABLE</b> – Request information from Housing Manager.
<b>5:55pm</b>	<b>Jessica Barudin leaves meeting. Jamie Hill takes on Chair</b>

<b>Nation Building Initiative CA 2023-2024</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (05): DON SVANVIK/ERNEST ALFRED</b> That we approve signing the New Relationship Trust Contribution Agreement in the amount of \$34,425 for Nation Building – Guardians Program Development. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Master Funding Agreement IELCC</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (06): DON SVANVIK/ERNEST ALFRED</b> That we approve signing the Agreement: Extension to Master Funding Agreement dated 5/15/2020 in the amount of \$15,00 for emerging IELCC/COVID 19. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>OSG H.R.</b>	Victor Isaac appointed. Ernest Alfred is also on OSG H.R.
<b>Year 2 Language Revitalization</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (07): DON SVANVIK/ERNEST ALFRED</b> That we provide letter of support to the U'mista Cultural Centre for application sent to First Peoples' Cultural Council for the Language Revitalization Planning Program. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>6:07pm</b>	<b>Megan Whonnock joins meeting</b>
<b>Rules of Engagement Meeting Protocol</b>	<b>Discussion</b> When attending meetings, everyone wants to feel safe. Examples of meeting rules – take and make our own. To be read out at the beginning of all our meetings – all departments. Speakers are to be respected. <i>Councillor Alfred and anyone who wants to work on this, will put a list together and bring back to Council.</i>
<b>6:17pm</b>	<b>Jessica Barudin rejoins meeting</b>
<b>Primary Care Initiative</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (08): VICTOR ISAAC/DON SVANVIK</b> That the First Nation Primary Care Initiative is approved with the additions of Mental Health and Harm Reduction. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Meeting/FN Health Governance</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (09): DON SVANVIK/ERNEST ALFRED</b> That we approve Kelly Speck's participation to the First Nations Health Governance meeting on January 26, 2023. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Meeting/OPP</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (10): IVY PEERS/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve Victor Isaac's participation to the Oceans Protection Plan meeting on February 22 and 23, 2023. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Meeting/Fisheries for Communities</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (11) ERNEST ALFRED/VICTOR ISAAC</b> That we approve Brian Wadhams' participation to the Fisheries for Communities meeting on February 22 and 23, 2023. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Meeting/Salmon Lobby</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (12): VICTOR ISAAC/IVY PEERS</b> That we approve Don Svanvik's participation to the Salmon Lobby in March in Ottawa with honorarium. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Meeting/National Gathering</b>	<b>2023-Feb-01 (13): DON SVANVIK/ERNEST ALFRED</b> That we approve Ivy Peers' participation in the National Gathering on Unmarked Burials. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>  Assistant Administrator is attending the meeting.
<b>IMAWG Elder</b>	Discussion on our responsibilities? Strategy needs to be put together. What is our position? Need to cover our bases. Councillor Wadhams will talk with Councillor Alfred.  <b>2023-Feb-01 (14): DON SVANVIK/VICTOR ISAAC</b> That Brian Wadhams is nominated as IMAWG Elder. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>2023-2024 Salmon IFMP Timeline</b>	<b>INFO</b> <i>Councillor Wadhams requests copy in mail slot in the office.</i>
<b>Gottfriedson</b>	<b>INFO</b>
<b>7:35pm</b>	<b>Jessica Barudin departs meeting</b>
<b>National Gathering</b>	<b>Update from Councillor Peers</b> Recommendation to 'occupy the field' and not wait for a Project Coordinator to be hired to fill the field (gaps) that need to be occupied for a successful team to investigate the former grounds of St. Michael's Indian Residential School for the location of unmarked burials. The 'Namgis First Nation (NFN) can still work on the 'project' and create job postings for a (1) Project Coordinator (2)

	<p>Community Engagement Worker (3) Researcher/Archivist (4) GPR/LiDar/Geo-Magnetometrist (when ready) (5) Roster of Cultural Support Team: Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Cultural Safety Workers and contract the work outside of community for the team to be built.</p> <p>We build the trust of St. Michael’s IRSS by creating a culturally safe space for them to gather, share their stories, and demonstrate trauma-informed care by nourishing and nurturing them every step of the investigation.</p> <p>Reach out to other communities further along in their investigation to learn best practices, the Technical Working Group for research methodologies and networking, plus continuous support for all community members impacted by the trauma of the IRS era.</p>
<b>Anglican Diocese</b>	<p><b>Discussion on letter received from Anglican Diocese</b></p> <p><i>Council requests:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Letters to all parties: Whe-la-la-u Area Council (WAC); Church; WAC nations involved</i></li> <li>• <i>Meeting setup with parties listed above</i></li> </ul>
<b>T’lialagi’lakw School</b>	<p>Update on meeting held at school – how do we support them? Teachers need support. Short staffed. Reintroduce School Board? No interest in Parent Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Community strategy needs to be in place.</p> <p>Meeting with school staff and parents scheduled on February 23, 2023. Education Portfolio/Community Meeting scheduled on February 23, 2023.</p> <p>Keep the meetings separate. <i>Administration will talk to school staff on rescheduling their meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Notification for community meeting notice should be posted now.</i></p>

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

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