

'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting
January 18, 2023 5pm Learning Centre

Council: Don Svanvik (Chair); Irene Speck; Jessica Barudin; Ernest Alfred; Kelly Speck

Zoom: Matthew Ambers; Gloria Hunt; Ivy Peers

Regrets: Brian Wadhams; Victor Isaac

Staff: Senior Administrator Jamie Hill; Assistant Administrator Megan Whonnock; Recording Secretary Gina Wadhams

Agenda	2023-Jan-18 (01): JESSICA BARUDIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the agenda with additions. CARRIED
Minutes Approval	2023-Jan-18 (02): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK That we approve the minutes of January 4, 2023. CARRIED
Business Arising	No action taken
Rec Centre	No action taken.
Big House	No action taken. Discussion. Kitchen use policy? There is a rental form in place. Caretaker? <i>Suggest the Culture portfolio holders discuss and bring back ideas.</i>
AFS	Darwin Webber is working on – discussing trade around licenses.
Finance	Finance Committee Recommendation – Lynn Anderson presents
House Increase Request	2023-Jan-18 (03): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we provide the Rapid Housing Project with an additional \$208,111.03 for the forecasted expenses until March 31, 2023. CARRIED
Down Payment	2023-Jan-18 (04): ERNEST ALFRED/JESSICA BARUDIN That we approve providing 'Namgis Business Development Corporation real estate \$200,000 for equity for the purchase of property at 142 Cedar Street with the plan to lease the property to VIHA from Business Resources (OSR). CARRIED
Aquilla Archaeology	2023-Jan-18 (05): KELLY SPECK/JESSICA BARUDIN That Council authorizes Jamie Hill to sign the contract agreement with Aquilla Archaeology up to a maximum amount of \$200,000 for a term of December 1, 2022 until March 31, 2024. CARRIED
North Island Training	2023-Jan-18 (06): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK That Council authorize Jamie Hill to sign the contract with North Island College to deliver the Office and Clerical training for \$35,562.24 for a term of February 6, 2023 to March 31, 2023. CARRIED
BATI/Incubators	2023-Jan-18 (07): IRENE SPECK/JESSICA BARUDIN That Council approves the request to purchase seven incubators for a total cost of \$20,552.40 from the BATI industry funding Department #180. CARRIED
Budget Adjustment	2023-Jan-18 (08): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve reallocating expenses from Mental Health salaries and benefits that will not be spent by March 31, 2023, to Community Workshops in the amount of \$45,000.00. CARRIED
6:10pm	Lynn Anderson leaves meeting
Amending Agreement #45	2023-Jan-18 (09): KELLY SPECK/JESSICA BARUDIN That we approve signing Amending Agreement #45 in the amount of \$492,438: \$163,431: Income Assistance Increase Adjustment;

	<p>\$100.00: Registration and Membership (CIDO Training) \$328,907: RIRSD Activities</p> <p>AND, include letter stating there were additional funds offered for RIRSD. CARRIED</p>
BCR/Specific Claims	<p>2023-Jan-18 (10): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK That Council sign the Band Council Resolution stating: WHEREAS: A. ‘N̓amgis First Nation (NFN) would like to research potential Specific Claims related to claims, disputes or grievances of the failure to McKenna McBride Commission to approve the additional land applications for Port McNeill and Beaver Cove for the NFN.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE, we the Chief and Council of NFN resolve as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To retain the Specific Claims Research Centre and Ashcroft & Company to conduct its Specific Claims work. For the purpose of Specific Claims research, the NFN authorizes the Specific Claims Research Centre c/o 6th Floor, 73 Water Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 1A1, and the firm of Ashcroft & Company, Barristers & Solicitors, of #205 – 1544 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC, or any researcher retained by the Specific Claims Research Centre or Ashcroft & Company, to have access to, review and photocopy all records pertaining to the NFN and its reserves, including trust account records. 2. The NFN hereby authorizes and directs that work be commenced in the 2022/2023 fiscal year on two new Specific Claims entitled Beaver Cove Additional Specific Claim and Port McNeill Additional Land Application Specific Claim. CARRIED
Mt. Cain Licence of Occupation	<p>2023-Jan-18 (11): ERNEST ALFRED/KELLY SPECK That Council sign the Band Council Resolution stating: Whereas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Licence of Occupation (LOO) held by ‘N̓amgis First Nation at Mt. Cain for Community Use purposes has expired as of September 19, 2021. The Mountain Resorts Branch of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport (MTACS) have inquired if ‘N̓amgis are interested in renewing this tenure. 2. ‘N̓amgis have has made significant investments in infrastructure on this tenure and continue to do so. <p>Therefore, be it resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council will agree to acquire the Licence of Occupation for the term of 10 years from the Province of BC over “all that Unsurveyed Crown land in the vicinity of District Lot 2272, Rupert District and containing 2.3 hectares, more or less”, for the purpose of First Nations Community Use. 2. The ‘N̓amgis First Nation agrees to remit \$210 (incl. GST) as payment for the replacement fee for this tenure in the following manner: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Payment by cheque: Made payable to the Minister of Finance and mailed to Mountain Resorts Branch at 510-175 2nd Ave, Kamloops, BC, V2C 5W1 b. Payment by credit card: Call the Mountain Resorts Branch front desk at 250-371-3952 3. The ‘N̓amgis First Nation confirms that it has authorized Chief Don Svanvik to sign this tenure license agreement on behalf of the ‘N̓amgis First Nation. CARRIED <p>Request for future discussion on our cabins. Find solution to better manage/take care of cabins.</p>
Comprehensive Fisheries Agreement	<p>2023-Jan-18 (12): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK That Council approve signing ‘under duress’, the Comprehensive Fisheries Agreement: AFS2022-MLT-222-0 commencing April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025 for the following funds:</p>

	<p>\$258,709 – Fiscal Year 2022-2023 plus an addition of \$15,333 \$201,557 – Fiscal Year 2023-2024 plus an addition of \$15,333 \$201,557 – Fiscal Year 2024-2025 plus an addition of \$15,333</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Covey message that we object to the way they manage the program.</p>
RIRSD	<p>Draft Forum agenda and Funding letters. The agenda has to come through Council first. Topic of unwelcoming and unsafe feeling at Forum meetings. Not properly facilitated. Will not always agree but must be respectful. Suggestion to develop meeting rule/s to be read out prior to the start of every meeting. Discussion around update/summary for new Councillors and refresher for current Council. Need to get to a place – leadership place. Collectively governing. Engagement with membership is part of plan – reporting to members regularly.</p> <p>2023-Jan-18 (13): JESSICA BARUDIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the message for the Forum, approve agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Health Update	<p>Kelly Speck Nation stated that our office could not provide service to them – misunderstanding. They found a couple Doctors in Comox to provide the service twice a month – walk in clinic. They needed the electronic records. Shared data agreement is required for this. It was never stated that our office would not provide service. Health Administrator sent the information that there must be shared data agreement to the two Doctors.</p> <p>Opportunity here – group of nine Doctors who may be able to support going into Kingcome, Gilford and come here (locums) to work in our clinic in the spring ~ very preliminary.</p> <p>Health care system is fragmented.</p> <p>Request for summary/update from Health Director for future meeting. <i>Senior Administrator has documents from December – will forward to Councillor.</i></p>
MSAPRO-NMG Island Health MOU	<p>2023-Jan-18 (14): JESSICA BARUDIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve signing the MSAPRO-NMG Island Health MOU Negotiations Support.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Physician’s Assistant	<p>Letter of support. 2023-Jan-18 (15): IRENE SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Don Svanvik signing the Physician’s Assistant support letter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Harm Reduction	<p>Drugs in community: What are we doing to move forward – need to keep momentum going. Good idea to have a Harm Reduction Team. Suggestion to request Finance Committee to put away funds for next fiscal year. Currently, there is nothing in health care system for this. Culture saves lives. Cody Hunt works in this area.</p> <p>Senior Administrator talked with Health Centre Administrator – this is on the radar. Will look at documentation from Health Centre Administrator and forward to Councillor Barudin.</p>
Health Centre	<p>Update from Senior Administrator Insurance Adjustor has info required. Looking for specialists to get quotes to determine when that specialist can fit health centre into their schedule. Contractor in place. May be months for repairs are complete. Doctor staff enjoy working in this setting – may continue. Convenient being at the hospital. Occupancy Agreement being looked at. How did this happen? Something similar happened at the rec centre in the past. How do we put in safety nets? Come up strategies to protect our buildings. Dedicated maintenance we do not have. All our buildings need this.</p>

	Buildings are depreciating every year. Administration building needs major repairs. Need to shift and plan – what needs to be done? There are buildings that were not built with Indian Affairs funds so, there’s no O&M. Where will funds come from for repairs?
TFL 37	2023-Jan-18 (16): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK Council approves signing the letter of agreement for TFL 37 Forest Landscape Plan Pilot. CARRIED
ABE Big House Rental	2023-Jan-18 (17): JESSICA BARUDIN/IVY PEERS That we agree to the following in regard to Big House rental to ABE and T’lialagi’lakw School for their cultural celebrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-year rental agreement/standing rental (first Friday of every June for ABE) • Agreement mirrored with T’lialagi’lakw School • Community Benefit Fund or other funding source CARRIED
8:26PM	Ivy Peers departs meeting
SAP Nomination	Deadline for nominations: Friday ~ January 20, 2023. 2023-Jan-18 (18): JESSICA BARUDIN/IRENE SPECK That we nominate Brian Wadhams to: Pacific Salmon Allocation Policy Review’s First Nations – DFO Committee/Multi-Party Working Group. CARRIED
Meeting/FNEC	2023-Jan-18 (19): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK That we approve Jessica Barudin’s participation on January 12, 2023 at FNEC. CARRIED
Meeting/Virtual Town Hall	2023-Jan-18 (20): JESSICA BARUDIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Kelly Speck’s Zoom participation on January 16, 2023 for the SDPH Town Hall Meeting. CARRIED
Meeting/Island Health	2023-Jan-18 (21): JESSICA BARUDIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Kelly Speck’s participation on January 17, 2023 Island Health meeting. CARRIED
Meeting/FSMC	2023-Jan-18 (22): KELLY SPECK/JESSICA BARUDIN That we approve Brian Wadhams’ participation at the FSMC meeting January 31 to February 2 in Richmond. CARRIED
Meeting/BC Professional Foresters	2023-Jan-18 (23): JESSICA BARUDIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Kelly Speck’s participation in the BC Professional Foresters Conference: February 8-10, 2023. CARRIED
Meeting/Finalization of Service Plan	2023-Jan-18 (24): IRENE SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Kelly Speck’s participation in the Finalization of Service Plan in Port Hardy on February 22, 2023. CARRIED
Meeting/Gathering Wisdom	2023-Jan-18 (25): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK That we approve Kelly Speck’s participation in Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey in Vancouver: February 28 to March 2, 2023. CARRIED
Meeting/IMAWG	2023-Jan-18 (26): KELLY SPECK/JESSICA BARUDIN That we approve Ernest Alfred’s participation with IMAWG on January 18 & 19, 2023. CARRIED
Indigenous Leads’ Summit	<i>Ernest Alfred will register for attending and bring back agenda for Council to review.</i>
Indian Act	INFO from Councillor Barudin for future conversation. Implications down the road. Lawyer handling case is willing to come and make presentation to Council.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Signature

Date