

**'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting**  
**May 3, 2023 9:30am Learning Centre**

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

<b>9:43 AM</b>	Meeting called to order	
<b>Agenda</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (01): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK</b> That we approve the agenda with addition.	CARRIED
<b>Minutes:</b> April 19, 2023	<b>2023-May-03 (02): KELLY SPECK/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve the minutes of April 19, 2023 as presented.	CARRIED
<i>Business Arising</i> Indigenous History	<b>2023-May-03 (03): IRENE SPECK/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve the registration fee of \$785.35 for the Indigenous History Heritage Gathering in Ottawa for Ivy Peers.	CARRIED
<b>In-Camera</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (04): IVY PEERS/IRENE SPECK</b> That we go In-Camera.	CARRIED
	<b>2023-May-03 (05): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK</b> That we go out of In-Camera.	CARRIED
<b>Amendment #49</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (06): IVY PEERS/KELLY SPECK</b> That we approve signing the Amendment #49: \$383,161 \$267,718: FN Representative Service \$17,403: Prevention Projects \$88,040: Water (Smitty's Hill Watermain Project) \$10,000: St. Michael's Residential School Project	CARRIED
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	Brian Wadhams and Ivy Peers leave meeting	
<b>Karen &amp; Willie Cook</b>	Requesting BCR to sell tobacco products. <i>Future agenda ~ more information required</i>	
	Brian Wadhams and Ivy Peers return to meeting	
<b>Laura Cranmer</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (07): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK</b> That we approve a letter of support to Laura Cranmer to apply for multi-year grant funding for 'Scenes from the Nanaimo Indian Hospital' play.	CARRIED
<b>Forest Amendment Act: Bill C-28</b>	Need to engage with negotiating team – formal process: (1) Negotiating team (2) Council for Referral to Forum.	
<b>Dzawada'enuxw FN</b>	<i>Administration to send response with Council's message</i>	
<b>10:30am</b>	Councillor Alfred signs out of Zoom	
<b>Heritage Infrastructure Grant</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (08): KELLY SPECK/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we provide a letter of support for the U'mista's application to the Heritage Infrastructure Grant.	CARRIED
<b>In-Camera</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (09): BRIAN WADHAMS/KELLY SPECK</b> That we go In-Camera.	CARRIED
	<b>2023-May-03 (10): IVY PEERS/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we go out of In-Camera.	CARRIED
<b>11:10am</b>	Councillor Alfred rejoins Zoom	

<b>Glyphosate in Forests</b>	Discussion around spraying. Likely there will be no spraying in our area. Social media campaign in the works. 'Namgis has an agreement with WFP – no spraying. Knotweed's treatment is plant by plant. Suggestion that more than a letter sent that we do not approve. Getting the correct information is critical. Suggestion to share letter with neighboring nations.
<b>In-Camera</b>	<p><b>2023-May-03 (11): KELLY SPECK/IVY PEERS</b> That we go In-Camera. CARRIED</p> <p><b>2023-May-03 (12): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK</b> That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED</p>
<b>12pm</b>	Councillor Peers signs out of Zoom
<b>NBDC</b>	<p><b>1pm: Kevin Ainsworth and Gaby Wickstrom ~ Power Point Presentation</b> 'Namgis Business Development Corporation: CEO &amp; GM Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atli Resources/Atli Chipping</li> <li>• Real Estate: Cabins and 142 Cedar Street</li> <li>• Western Brave</li> <li>• North Island Driving School</li> </ul> <p>Budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabins</li> <li>• North Island Driving School</li> <li>• Operational Budget</li> </ul> <p>Mark your calendars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Council dinner meeting with NBDC</li> <li>• May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Business General Meeting</li> </ul> <p>Recommendation: NBDC General Manger to talk with Nawalakw staff around garden.</p>
<b>BATI Celebration</b>	Discussion around planning issues – May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 event. <i>INFO: Councillor Alfred sending letter regarding event planning and protocol issues.</i>
<b>FN Early Learning and Child Care Grant</b>	Update from Senior Administrator  <b>2023-May-03 (13): IRENE SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED</b> That we approve accepting funds (\$414,236.04) for First Nations Early Learning and Child Care intended to support First Nations early learning and childcare priorities. CARRIED
<b>Portfolio Meetings</b> Fisheries  Community Justice  Natural Resources	<p>Next scheduled portfolio 'Namgis member meeting: Fisheries on May 25, 2023 Fisheries portfolio holders meeting with Aquatic Resource Manager on May 4, 2023. Discuss topics for meeting on May 25, 2023 meeting. Suggested topics: DFO/RIRSD component; river/counting fence update. Councillor Alfred curious on invites to the meeting on May 4, 2023 – did not receive.</p> <p>Portfolio holders: Councillors Ambers and Peers need to call for meeting with RCMP, Village of Alert Bay, Social Service to update and discuss meeting with members.</p> <p>Team to meet and become updated for member meeting. Suggested topics include BATI update; land resources. Councillor K. Speck will prepare handout and propose meeting date to Administration.</p>
<b>Meeting: Paper Excellence</b>	<i>Poll Council for availability for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 dinner social.</i>
<b>Meeting: Our Gathering</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (14): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK</b> That we approve Kelly Speck, Irene Speck and Brian Wadhams to attend Our Gathering, May 16-18, 2023 in Vancouver. CARRIED

<b>Meeting: WFP</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (15): IRENE SPECK/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve Kelly Speck's travel for WFP meeting in Campbell River on May 10, 2023. CARRIED
<b>Meeting: Mosaic MOU</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (16): IRENE SPECK/VICTOR ISAAC</b> That we approve Brian Wadhams and Kelly Speck's travel for Mosaic MOU negotiations in Nanaimo on May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2023. CARRIED
<b>Meeting: FNHA</b>	<b>2023-May-03 (17): VICTOR ISAAC/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve Kelly Speck's travel for FNHA VI Regional Health Caucus in Victoria on May 30 <sup>th</sup> and June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 in Victoria. CARRIED
<b>3pm</b>	Councillor Peers rejoins Zoom
<b>Treatment Centre</b>	<b>3-3:48pm: Andy Mills &amp; Robyn Robertson ~ Power Point Presentation: Architectural Design</b> Suggestion to follow up with capital people – update. Discussion on road sensitivity – waiting on next steps. Suggestion to talk to Natural Resources – CMT crew taking on part of the work.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

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Signature

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Date

