

**'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting**  
**September 20, 2023 5pm Learning Centre**

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

<b>5:35pm</b>	
<b>Agenda</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (01): BRIAN WADHAMS/IVY PEERS</b> That we approve the agenda with additions. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Finance Recommendations</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Review</i>	<b>5:30-6:30pm: Lynn Anderson &amp; Rod</b> <b>2023-Sept-20 (02): IRENE SPECK/KELLY SPECK</b> That we approve the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter financial statements to June 30, 2023. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<i>Excavator Purchase</i>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (03): KELLY SPECK/VICTOR ISAAC</b> That we approve the purchase of the 2023 Case mini excavator Model CX60C with a 4-year warranty for \$129,593.16. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<i>Heat Pumps</i>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (04): KELLY SPECK/IVY PEERS</b> That we approve the contract with Coastal Heat Pumps for \$76,802.10 for 13 homes. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<i>Kane Gordon</i>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (05): KELLY SPECK/VICTOR ISAAC</b> That we approve the contract with Kane Gordon for \$22,250.00 for the heat pump installations for 13 homes. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<i>Housing Policy</i>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (06): VICTOR ISAAC/IVY PEERS</b> Housing Committee do the legwork, reviewing policy around arrears and bring back recommendation to the Governance Committee. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<i>Housing Minutes</i>	<b>INFO:</b> August 14, 2023 Housing Committee minutes distributed to Council.
<b>Minutes:</b> July 19, 2023 <i>Business Arising</i> <b>Kuterra</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (07): IVY PEERS/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve the minutes of September 4, 2023, as presented. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>  <i>Message from Cody Smith has been forwarded to Stan Ashcroft.</i>
<b>Election</b>	Discussion around candidate's name remaining on ballot when he withdrew his name from the election. Ballots were printed and sent out before he withdrew. Suggestion that the Election Policy be reviewed by Governance Committee. Election Officer review Election Regulations
<b>In-Camera</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (08): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK</b> That we go In-Camera. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>  <b>2023-Sept-20: (09) IVY PEERS/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we go out of In-Camera. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>
<b>Big House Field Upgrade</b>	Admin met with participants on Monday – September 17, 2023 Initial technical work has started. Engagement with community – need plan. Find interest in people to be involved in project.
<b>Ne-nagwa'nakwala</b>	Logo contest – prematurely advertised. No 'Namgis logo. Email address was not active. Supports not listed. Concern with communication.
<b>Healing our Spirit</b>	3,800 participants – Georgia Cook attended. Overwhelming – kiosks, presentations, workshops etc. How can we draw from presentations? Next gathering in 2026 – suggestion to bring delegation.

<b>Language Job Descriptions</b>	Administration states that the job descriptions have been finalized. Should be posted by end of the week. <i>Administration will share job descriptions with Council.</i>
<b>Youth Centre</b>	No update. <i>Add to October 4, 2023 Regular Council agenda.</i>
<b>BC Indigenous Skills Training</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (10): BRIAN WADHAMS/KELLY SPECK</b> That we authorize Senior Administrator to sign the 2023-24 Request for Project Funding Form submitted to Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills in the amount of \$506,000.00. CARRIED
<b>Tony Roberts</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (11): BRIAN WADHAMS/VICTOR ISAAC</b> That we agree to provide Tony Roberts with a letter of support for reappointment to the Fraser Panel. CARRIED
<b>Upland Flooding 025A Front Street</b>	<b>TABLED – more information required.</b> <i>Suggestion that policy be reviewed.</i> <i>Administration to respond to Laura Cranmer letter.</i>
<b>Secretariate Agreement</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (12): KELLY SPECK/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve signing the Annual Secretariate Agreement and paying the \$35,000 invoice fees for the K'wak'walatsi Child & Family Services delegation program. CARRIED
<b>FNESC</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (13): IVY PEERS/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve signing the Special Education Program Allocation 2023/2024 (\$154,770 SEP School Funding Grant) and (\$29,412 School-Contracted Speech Language Pathologist/Occupational Therapist Grant). CARRIED
<b>Electoral Officer</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (14): BRIAN WADHAMS/IVY PEERS</b> That we appoint One Feather for December 15, 2023 election for \$21,050. CARRIED  <i>Notice to members to update contact information.</i>
<b>Meeting: FRA</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (15): IRENE SPECK/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve Victor Isaac and Kelly Speck for 'Namgis FRA on September 13, 2023. CARRIED
<b>Meeting Prep</b>	Reminder: Council meeting preparation. Not enough time to review material with late delivery time. Policy states that packages are to be ready for pick up by Council on the Friday before meetings.
<b>Meeting: Community Leaders</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (16): IVY PEERS/IRENE SPECK</b> That we approve Victor Isaac and Kelly Speck's participation at the Community Leaders meeting on September 14, 2023. CARRIED
<b>Meeting: Kwakwaka'wakw Health Directors</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (17): BRIAN WADHAMS/VICTOR ISAAC</b> That we approve Jessica Barudin's participation at the Kwakwaka'wakw Health Directors meeting in Campbell River on October 13, 2023. CARRIED
<b>Meeting: PH Talent Summit</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (18): VICTOR ISAAC/IVY PEERS</b> That we approve Kelly Speck's participation at the Port Hardy Talent Summit on October 17, 2023. CARRIED
<b>Meeting: NAFF IV</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (19): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK</b> That we approve Brian Wadhams' participation at the National Indigenous Fisheries & Aquaculture Forum on October 16-19, 2023. CARRIED
<b>Meeting: WG</b>	<b>2023-Sept-20 (20): VICTOR ISAAC/BRIAN WADHAMS</b> That we approve Ivy Peers' participation on October 11, 2023. CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

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