

'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting
December 19, 2023 5pm Learning Centre

Council: Victor Isaac; Irene Speck; Ivy Peers; Ernest Alfred; Jessica Barudin; Kelly Speck; Robert Mountain; Molly Willie
Regrets: Brian Wadhams
Zoom: Matthew Ambers;
Staff: Senior Administrator Jamie Hill; Recording Secretary Gina Wadhams

5pm	
Code of Ethics	Councillors present, read and signed the 'Code of Ethics'
Agenda	2023-Dec-19 (01): ERNEST ALFRED/JESSICA BARUDIN That we approve the agenda with additions. CARRIED
Prayer	Jessica Barudin
Election	Official Consolidated Count Declaration distributed. Molly Willie was elected to the office of Council. Congratulations Molly!
Minutes December 6, 2023 <i>Business Arising</i> Staff Update Artifacts/Findings Christmas Dinner Food Security BATI Symposium	2023-Dec-19 (02): ERNEST ALFRED/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we approve the minutes of December 6, 2023 as presented. CARRIED Human Resource Director – starting on January 8 2024 Comptroller – Waiting on reference checks. Assistant Administrator – will post again. Findings at the Centennial Park site. Advisory Committee to start engaging on next steps. There is a plan. The Health Board has been provided with the information. Vancouver Dinner – Jade Peers offered to organize. Discussion on possible Campbell River and Port Alberni member dinners in the future. January 10, 2024 Council agenda ~ Council to determine who will be attending the dinner. Look at Community Benefit Fund for future funds for Christmas dinners. Council: Future discussion on how best to make contribution to off-reserve members? <i>Request report on BATI symposium from Don Svanvik on January 10, 2024.</i>
Portfolio Meetings	Discussion on upcoming Portfolio Community meetings. Ensure that dates of all activities, meetings taking place in community are known so as not to overlap/clash with that. <i>Council confirms the following Portfolio Community meetings:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>January 11, 2024 Housing</i> • <i>January 25, 2024 Community Justice</i>
In-Camera	2023-Dec-19 (03): ERNEST ALFRED/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we go In-Camera. CARRIED 2023- Dec-19 (04): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED
Finance Budget	TABLED
Council Meetings	Suggestion Council's evening meetings start earlier and also work through dinner.

FNESC/FNSA	<p>Languages and Culture Program 2023-Dec-19 (05): JESSICA BARUDIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Administration signing the 2023-2024 First Nations Schools Languages and Culture School-Based Projects Contribution Agreement in the amount of \$146,877 for the T'lisalagi'lakw School. CARRIED</p>
FNESC/FNSA	<p>Special Education Program 2023-Dec-19 (06): ERNEST ALFRED/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we approve Administration signing the 2023-2024 Special Education Program Additional Funding Grant in the amount of \$31,642 for the T'lisalagi'lakw School. CARRIED</p>
MM Capacity Building BATI	<p>2023-Dec-19 (07): ERNEST ALFRED/KELLY SPECK That we approve Administration signing the MM Capacity Building Comprehensive Agreement in the amount of \$23,000 for BATI. CARRIED</p>
Lease 0240288	<p>Commercial Standard Lease Cormorant Island – File 0240288 2023-Dec-19 (08): IVY PEERS/ERNEST ALFRED That 'Namgis objects to the renewal of this property lease by Ministry of Forests (MoF) Authorizations for a 15-year term and insist that the term be limited to 5-years. CARRIED</p>
Gatu Road	<p>2023-Dec-19 (09): IVY PEERS/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the Administration signing the ISC Feasibility Approval Request (FAR) for Gatu Road Infrastructure and Slope Stabilization in the amount of \$131,000 – Alert Bay 1/1A – ICMS No. TBD (GCDocs 95285900) – REV 1 Our File. 0374.073-120. CARRIED</p>
Front Street Slope	<p>2023-Dec-19 (10): JESSICA BARUDIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the Administration signing the ISC Feasibility Approval Request (FAR) for Front Street Slope Assessment in the amount of \$159,920 – Alert Bay 1/1A – ICMS No. Our File. 0374.084-120. CARRIED</p>
Nanaimo Christmas	<p>2023-Dec-19 (11): ROBERT MOUNTAIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Brian Wadhams' travel for the Nanaimo Christmas Dinner and extend Victor Isaac's travel for one night to attend the Nanaimo Christmas Dinner. CARRIED</p>
MTG: Chinook	TABLED
MTG: Metis Colonialism	TABLED
MTG: FNFC Aquaculture	TABLED
MTG: BATI Symposium	<p>2023-Dec-19 (12): JESSICA BARUDIN/IRENE SPECK That we approve Robert Mountain's participation at the BATI symposium in Port Hardy on December 6 & 7, 2023. CARRIED</p>
Council Orientation	<i>Council Orientation: Monday ~ January 15, 2024 all day</i>
Special Council	<i>Council meeting with Stan Ashcroft: Tuesday ~ January 16, 2024 at 10am</i>
MTG: Governance	<p>Governance Engagement 2023-Dec-19 (13): JESSICA BARUDIN/IRENE SPECK That we approve participation at the 'Namgis Governance Engagement on December 19, 2023 and January 8, 2024 for Ivy Peers, Robert Mountain and Victor Isaac. CARRIED</p>
MTG: FNPCI	<p>2023-Dec-19 (14): ROBERT MOUNTAIN/IRENE SPECK That we approve Ivy Peers' participation at the First Nations Primary Care Initiative on January 11, 2024. CARRIED</p>
AFSAR Emerald Sea	<p>2023-Dec-19 (15): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK That we approve the Letter of Support to AFSAR Pacific in support of the Emerald Sea Protection Society's application to the Aboriginal Fund for Species At Risk on behalf of the 'Namgis First Nation as amended (correct spelling of 'Yalis). CARRED <i>Suggestion that Randy Bell, Emerald Sea, Ocean Group and Natural Resources meet to ensure communication is clear with all groups.</i></p>

RCMP	INFO - 'Draft' Letter of Expectation ~ for Council review																												
BATI Vessels	TABLED																												
Governance Committee	<p>Governance Committee Recommendations 2023-Dec-19 (16): ERNEST ALFRED/ROBERT MOUNTAIN Councillor Irene Speck is appointed as the Governance Committee Vice-Chairperson effective immediately, as per terms of reference; AND</p> <p>The Council accepts the resignation of Councillor Kelly Speck from the Governance Committee effective immediately; AND</p>																												
Report Template	That we adopt the Meeting Report Template for Council travel requirements for documenting external meetings and reporting back to Council to supplement verbal reports and maintain accountability and effective communication to 'Namgis First Nation.																												
Portfolio	<p style="text-align: center;">'Namgis Council Portfolio – Names & Composition</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Portfolio</th> <th style="text-align: center;"># of Councillors</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Portfolio</th> <th style="text-align: center;"># of Councillors</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Aboriginal Title & Rights</td> <td style="text-align: center;">All + Forum*</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Forestry and Land Resources</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Infrastructure <i>(previously public works)</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Aquatic Resources</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Housing</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Health, Social Services, and Recreation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4*</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Finance</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4 (2 councillors, 2 community members)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Governance</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4*</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Language and Culture</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Community Justice</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Education</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3*</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal title & rights – To include connection to the Forum and interim protocol • Infrastructure – previously titled 'public works' and is associated with <u>all</u> of 'Namgis assets and cybersecurity. ToR to be established; consult IT Director. • Language and Culture –ToR needed to be established. • Forestry and Land Resources – recommend updating name of portfolio • Health, Social Services, and Recreation – recommend including recreation in this portfolio as this department reports to Health and recreation meetings have been ad hoc and infrequent. Include representative in health board meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designate appropriate leads with alternate (as needed) for Health Centre, Social Services, Recreation and one alternate for support of core projects (i.e. Treatment Centre, St. Mike's Healing Project; VIHA, FNHA and other as required). • Education – recommend increase to 3 councillors and designate lead person to T'lisalagi'lakw, SD85, and Post-Secondary specific dedication per councillor. • Governance committee – recommend increasing to 4 councillors, as per ToR updates for quorum and diplomacy. • Move project specific designations out of the main portfolio assignment page (i.e. BATI Leadership, Specific Claims) and include only elected councillors in the portfolio assignment list. • Additional Portfolios to discuss for further consideration must align with the goals CCP and the capacity of 'Namgis administration and employees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic Development TBC ○ Tourism TBC 	Portfolio	# of Councillors	Portfolio	# of Councillors	Aboriginal Title & Rights	All + Forum*	Forestry and Land Resources	2	Infrastructure <i>(previously public works)</i>	2	Aquatic Resources	2	Housing	2	Health, Social Services, and Recreation	4*	Finance	4 (2 councillors, 2 community members)	Governance	4*	Language and Culture	2	Community Justice	2	Education	3*		
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ToR	<p style="text-align: center;">○ Other? TBC</p> <p>That we have reviewed and approved the Council Portfolio recommendations from the Governance Committee. CARRIED</p> <p>Work in progress on the Terms of Reference distributed to Council</p>
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Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Signature

Date