

'Namgis Council Meeting
April 16, 2025 Learning Centre 4:30pm

Council: Victor Isaac (Chair), Irene Speck, Molly Willie, Brian Wadhams, Ivy Peers (in person at 6:00)

Via Zoom: Ernest Alfred, Ivy Peers, Jessica Barudin (5:32)

Staff: Denise Carpenter (Senior Administrator), Naomi Bob (Assistant Administrator),
Hazel Cook (Recording Secretary)

Called to order 5:27pm

Introduction	Council is introduced to newly hired Term Assistant Administrator, Naomi Bob.
Agenda Approval	2025-April-16(01): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK That we approve the agenda w/Additions Carried
Delegate: Samantha Webster	Council is reminded that a request from a previous meeting to invite Samantha to a meeting by Council. Council raise questions and concerns with the Land Code Manager regarding an update on the Tallest Totem Pole Project, Big House concerns and staffing. Samantha updates council on Tallest Totem Pole, informing them of a new application form, to be filled out and come back to land advisory committee. She informs council that the concern regarding the removal of only some items haven't been addressed yet, and informs council that a conversation was had in the fall with the group and they were under the impression that they could keep things there. Council discuss that it needs to be across board fairness. Administration explains that Samantha is here to give an update on programs she is working on right now. Samantha updates council on the 1st open house engagement session held last week, the Lands committee and its duties, successful funding allocations, and amendments to the land code which are in need of a couple more committee meetings to review before presenting a draft for membership approval. She informs Council of new staff members in the past year, and the staffing positions that she oversees, positions currently vacant and potential training for staff once the budget is approved. Council and delegate discuss their concerns regarding the quorum needed for a vote on changes to the Land code. Council inquire about the graveyard and Samantha explains that it is an ongoing process, with a need for several engagement sessions. Council discuss the breakdown of the project for repainting the big house, and get clarification that there was a misunderstanding in the proposal memorandum as the timeline for painting is different from the entirety of the project. Painting will only be a few weeks. Other time was administrative. *Samantha departs meeting Council thank Samantha for her participation Council discuss their concerns about 1 group being allowed to keep their things in the big house but everyone else was made to

	leave, the logistics around moving things out and in of the big house on a regular basis, and key holders of the Big House. Councillor recommends that whoever is going to be discussing policy changes moving forward should include the culture and language portfolio holders and that implementing needs to be for everyone across board. Council discuss the previous motion regarding the big house. Denise to track down the motion.
Delegate: Richard Hunt *Richard departs meeting	Roundtable introduction Delegate provides Council with background of services offered. Council inquire on the demographics, cost and duration needed. Richard informs council that it is a 15 person minimum to hold a workshop, up to 30 people, at \$199.95/person, starting with Council and Administration, and introduction of the workshop starts with 2 days up 9 days. Council discuss the information provided, pricing breakdown, and budget, which may come from health & wellness. Council discuss delegates for future meetings and clearly inform the delegate of timeframes, and a reminder that there are no delegates scheduled for evening meetings.
Finance Committee Recommendations 1) Addition to Signing authority 2) increase to funeral funds 3) Housing/Capital Building 4) 114 Park Renovations 5) 116 park renovations	2025-April-16(02): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE Council approves adding Naomi Bob to signing authority up to \$15,000.00 Carried 2025-April-16(03): MOLLY WILLIE/IVY PEERS Council approve increasing funeral funds to \$3,000.00 Carried 2025-April-16(04): BRIAN WADHAMS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve increasing the Revolving Expense budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 from \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00. Carried 2025-April-16(05): ERNEST ALFRED/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve the contract with Sasquatch Island Contracting in the amount of \$26,525.00 for renovations to the Elders Triplex, and authorize the acting Seniors Administrator, Denise Carpenter to sign the contract. Carried Council discuss policy for needing 2 quotes, and their perceived condition of the house. 2025-April-16(06): JESSICA BARUDIN/ERNEST ALFRED Council approve the contract with Sasquatch Island Contracting in the amount of \$80,100.00 for renovations to 116 Park. 2 opposed (BW/MW) Carried

6) B Hatfield Consultants Contract - TABLED	Council discuss holes in information and recommend tabling this items until further information is provided.
7) Whole Soul Wisdom Contract	Victor declares conflict of interest and is excused from the meeting Denise assumes Chair 2025-April-16(07): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK Council authorize Acting Senior Administrator Denise Carpenter to sign the contract with Whole Soul Wisdom for Clinical Counselling, for a maximum value of \$108,280.00 1 abstain (BW) Carried Victor returns to meeting and reassumes chair
Minutes Approval	Council review the minutes from April 2. 2025-April-16(08): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve the minutes from April 2, 2025 with corrections. Carried
NBDC	Business Arising: Council request and update on NBDC. Denise informs Council that she was informed by the village office that it was not properly zoned, and will need rezoning.
Delegate: Randy Bell	Correction to spelling Mama'omas
Nurses Residence	Add NBDC and Tides of Change.
MCFD Meeting	Approval for Kelly's travel is still needed. No further documentation has been provided as to when, where and how to register. Council discuss the circumstances of tonight's absence and recommend doing a poll and recommend adding multiple people so there aren't "all eggs in one basket" Council discuss IT needing all passwords and is informed that Glen has the ability to reset passwords. Council discuss short staffing issues.
Staff Delegate	Council request to flag who will be the next delegate for Department Head update, and relay what are the expectations, for next agenda. Denise informs Council that she did tell Samantha she was to provide an update and inquires what department should be next.
FNHA Health Funding Agreement	2025-April-16(08): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK Council approve signing the FNHS Health Funding Agreement for Community Based Health Programs – Set Funding (Treatment Centre) Carried
CityWest – Fibre to Home Address Request	Tabled until CityWest can inform the nation of how they will keep the data secure.

Spirit of Yalis	Council discuss their concerns regarding budgets and who is responsible to pay the wages of the Foot Ferry workers, but recognize the importance of stepping in if necessary. Denise to follow up as the letter is not clear on a specific request from the nation.
BATI Surplus	Council discuss the requests from the other nations for their portion of the funds, their frustrations and the outstanding debts that are still to be cleared up before disbursing the remaining funds. Council recommend responding to the other nations and informing them that there are still accounts to be settled which the nation is currently working on. 2025-April-16(09): ERENEST ALFRED/BRIAN WADHAMS Council approve the remaining BATI funds are to be distributed equally between the 3 nations after any outstanding debts settled by accounting. Carried
Haddington Island Sale	Denise informs council that this is information as a realtor had given us the heads up that is up for sale if nation is interested. Council recommends to send this to NBDC to look into.
BCR: Title Transfer – 65 Road St.	2025-April-16(10): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK Council approve signing the BCR for Title Transfer of the house situated at 65 Road St, to Steven Smith Carried
In-Camera	2025-April-16(11): ERNEST ALFRED/BRIAN WADHAMS Council move into In-camera session. Carried 2025-April-16(12): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council moves out of in-camera session. Carried
Governance Forum	Council approve the Governance Forum to be held on May 21-22, 2025 Consensus
BCAFN – April 14	Removed – Victor was not able to attend
UBCIC Spring Negotiators Forum	2025-April-16(13): IRENE SPECK/BRIAN WADHAMS Council approve Molly Willie & Ivy Peers to attend the UBCIC Spring Negotiators Forum. Carried
7 th Provincial Gathering (Investigating Sites)	2025-April-16(14): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK Council approve Ivy Peers to attend the 7 th Provincial Gathering (Investigating Sites) Carried
Changemakers update	Council review information
Nuyumbalees Cultural Society	Council review and recommend that we direct them to the U'mista because they have the information that they're looking for. Administration to respond and direct them to the U'mista
Call to withdraw Aaron Gunn	Victor informs council that he and Don signed letters on behalf of nation.
Contract: Sally Wisden	2025-April-16(15): JESSICA BARUDIN/IVY PEERS Council authorize Administration to sign the Art & Play Therapy Contract with Sally Wisden in the amount of \$66,000.00 Carried
Contract: William Wasden Jr	2025-April-16(16): JESSICA BARUDIN/IRENE SPECK Council authorize Administration to sign the Culture Night Contract with William Wasden Jr. in the amount of \$52,000.00 Carried

Contract: Robert Joseph Ernest rejoins meeting 10:03pm	2025-April-16(17): JESSICA BARUDIN/IRENE SPECK Council authorize Administration to sign the Culture Night Contract with Robert Joseph in the amount of \$62,400.00 Carried
Contract: Matthew Ambers	2025-April-16(18): IRENE SPECK/IVY PEERS Council authorize Administration to sign the Culture Night Contract with Matthew Ambers in the amount of \$52,000.00 Carried
Contract: Dorothy "Pewi" Alfred	2025-April-16(19): IRENE SPECK/BRIAN WADHAMS Council authorize Administration to sign the Culture Night Contract with Dorothy "Pewi" Alfred in the amount of \$52,000.00 Carried
Contract: Karen Cook	Brian Wadhams declares conflict and is excused from the meeting 2025-April-16(20): MOLLY WILLIE/ERNEST ALFRED Council authorize Administration to sign the Community Lunch Program contract with Karen Cook in the amount of \$20,000.00 Carried
Our Children Our Way Society Cheque Request	2025-April-16(21): MOLLY WILLIE/IVY PEERS Council authorize Administration to sign the cheque request in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Our Children Our Way Society for Secretariat Fees Carried
Referral #1320 Jim Rocchio – Nimpkish Lake Salvage License	Council review the briefing note from Natural Resources and discuss previous decision end the license with Jim Rocchio and recommend proceeding with option 3. Council recommend sending a letter to Mr. Rocchio that the nation has decided to rescind their letter of support for Log Salvaging License at Nimpkish Lake.
Letter of Support Log Salvage	2025-April-16(22): BRIAN WADHAMS/IVY PEERS Council authorize Victor Isaac to sign the letter of support for Yvon Gesinghaus and Brent Campbell for Log Salvaging. Carried
June Sports Update: Youth	Council review the notice that will be going out to community in the next few days regarding Youth Soccer in June Sports for 2025.
Meeting: BC FN Forestry Conference	2025-April-16(23): MOLLY WILLIE/IVY PEERS Council approve Victor & Brian to attend the BC FN Forestry Conference on April 23-25 in Penticton, BC Carried
Meeting: Iskum Shareholders	Cancelled
Meeting: JHRC	Councillor requests for a full report on what has happened. Victor to provide an email of concerns and can bring to the table tomorrow. 2025-April-16(24): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve Victor to attend the JHRC meeting on April 17 in Port McNeill. Carried
Meeting: Combatting Metis Colonialism WG	2025-April-16(25): ERENEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK Council approve Molly & Victor to attend the Combatting Metis Colonialism meeting on April 29 via Zoom. Carried Council discuss the importance of staying on track with meeting reports.

Meeting: FNPCI	2025-April-16(26): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK Council approve Ivy to attend the FNPCI meeting on April 17 via Zoom Carried
Meeting with MLA Kindy	Councillor discuss the loss of a days wage for attending the meeting with MLA Kindy and has a report ready.
	2025-April-16(27): ERNEST ALFRED/IVY PEERS Council moved to adjourned. Carried

Meeting Adjourned 10:17 pm



Signature



Date