

'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting
August 6, 2025 9:30am Learning Centre

Council: Irene Speck; Kelly Speck; Molly Willie; Robert Mountain
Zoom: Ernest Alfred
Regrets: Brian Wadhams; Ivy Peers; Jessica Barudin
Staff: Interim Senior Administrator Naomi Bob; Interim Assistant Administrator Hazel Cook
 Council Executive Assistant Gina Wadhams

10:12am	Prayer – Ernest Alfred
Agenda Approval	2025-Aug-06 (01): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK Agenda approved with the addition of Code of Conduct, I.C. items. CARRIED
IAA Soccer Camp	Mateo Kosterling requesting permission to use the big house field on August 18, 2025 for soccer camp involving the Indigenous Athletics Academy and Vancouver Island University Men's Soccer. The event includes filming by Indigenous Tourism BC for promotional content related to the FIFA World Cup 2026. 2026-Aug-06 (02): ROBERT MOUNTAIN/IRENE SPECK That Council approves limited, controlled use of the big house field on August 18, 2025 for filming and light athletic activity only , such as warm-ups and low intensity drills. Activities should be spaced out, kept short in duration and supervised. Use of the field for scrimmages, high-speed drills, repeated movements in one area, or full training sessions not recommended. CARRIED: 4-FOR/1 AGAINST <i>Administration to inform Samantha Webster of Council's decision so it can be relayed to Mateo Kosterling.</i>
Wasden: Donation	Letter from William Wasden Jr. Wanting to host a 'surprise' celebration event in the big house on August 18, 2026 to honor Mateo Kosterling.
TABLED	<i>More information requested. Once received, poll vote can take place.</i>
New Subdivision	This study sets the foundation for future ISC capital funding. Its deliverables, including Class 'C' cost estimates, geotechnical assessments, and infrastructure planning, fulfill key ISC requirements under the Development Assessment Report (DAR) and Feasibility Assessment Report (FAR) processes. With these in hand, 'Namgis will be positioned to submit strong, technically supported capital funding proposals and move quickly when opportunities arise. 2025-Aug-06 (03): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That Council approves the allocation of \$278,000 from Department #153 Lands to fund the Subdivision Feasibility Study – Alert Bay 1 and 1A. CARRIED <i>Council requests more information (location/area) from Samantha Webster. Add to be brought to the August 20, 2025 Council meeting.</i>
Alert Bay Soccer Donation Request	Financial request for Alert Bay Youth Soccer. Discussion. Tabled – <i>Administration to follow-up for more information and bring back on August 20, 2025.</i>
Food Fish – KHFN	2026-Aug-06 (04): MOLLY WILLIE/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we approve providing 100 fish to Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation (KHFN). Natural Resources to sort out details with KHFN on pick up of fish from fishers/boat and possibly sending Rick Johnson/a member on the fishery with the permission of the boat skipper. CARRIED

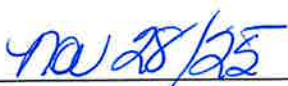
UBCIC – Specific Claims	Specific Claims research funding crisis and funding cuts to claims research units. BY CONSENSUS: That we send a letter to Prime Minister Carney and Mister Alty to express our opposition to the funding cuts and to them know that specific claims research funding is essential for First Nations to access the resolution process and that Canada's failure to honor their commitments and uphold the honor of Crown will trigger litigation, loss of credibility, and escalating political conflict. Canada must uphold its legal and moral obligations, and take immediate actions to address the research funding crisis, including providing an emergency supplement of \$23 million for the current fiscal year and to work with First Nations to co-develop a mechanism to provide stable, equitable, full funding based on need to First Nations wanting to research and develop their historical claims. <i>Council approve Acting Senior Administrator to sign and send letter to UBCIC.</i>
OSG: W8 Form	2025-Aug-06 (05): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK That we approve Acting Senior Administrator signing the W8 forms for Orca Sand and Gravel. CARRIED
Code of Conduct	Issues with members mistreating staff. Fish distributors have not been treated well at times with the food fish distribution. This needs to be addressed. Signs are needed in the front office of Administration Office stating our staff will be protected. A strategy needs to be developed, protecting our staff. <i>Signage to be placed at the front of the Administration Office on behavior and treatment of staff. Promote respect.</i> <i>Councillor Wilie will provide sign to Acting Senior Administrator.</i>
Finance N.R. Truck Sally Wisden	Committee Recommendations 2025-Aug-06 (06): KELLY SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE That we approve the expenditure of \$84,390 from the Capital Reserve in Department 93, for the purchase of a 2025 F150 truck from Steve Marshall Ford based on the fact they have sufficient funding. CARRIED 2025-Aug-06 (07): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK That we sign the contract adjustment for an increase of \$6,000 to contract #NCS2026608042-01 for Sally Wisden – Art & Play Therapy, for a revised contract value of \$102,000. CARRIED
MTG: Mowachaht	2025-Aug-06 (08): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE - CONSENSUS That we approve Kelly Speck, Robert Mountain and Ernest Alfred's participation at the meeting with Mowachaht in Gold River on September 11, 2025. CARRIED <i>Administration to inform Mowachaht that September 11, 2025 is the date selected for meeting.</i> <i>Forward to Lloyd Roberts for next Forum agenda.</i> <i>Councillor Alfred requests a meeting to strategize prior to going to meeting in Gold River.</i>
MT: Tsawout IPCA	TABLED
Minutes Approval July 23, 2025 Business Arising DFO	2025-Aug-06 (09): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK That we approve the minutes of July 23, 2025. CARRIED Letter was sent to DFO/Brenda McCorquodale who has retired. She informed our office that the letter has been passed on to the person in the position now.

<i>Music Festival</i>	Councillor I. Speck attended planning meeting for music festival. There is no specific ask of 'Namgis at this time. Juanita Johnston will send any requests to the nation.
<i>Toxic Drugs</i>	Councillor Mountain participated in virtual call regarding Toxic Drugs. There were 120 participants on the call but surprisingly, no RCMP. There was a discussion around a two- or three-day meeting in the future. The Haida's recent situation was discussed on the call. It was a two-year process for the Haida Nation to pull everything together to take the action they did. There were many community meetings leading up to the action that was taken.
<i>Woss Squatter</i>	Councillor K. Speck stated that she has been asked if 'Namgis is following the lead of removing people from reserve. Responded that this is not in front of Council at this moment.
<i>New Territory Map</i>	Administration to contact Natural Resources to confirm signs.
<i>Gwa'ni</i>	New territory map has not been submitted to the Province as Natural Resources is waiting on specific instructions from Administration. Administration to contact Natural Resources and approve sending the new territory map to the Province.
	Clarification from Natural Resources needed on food fish permits – who can get and what is allowed. Administration to contact Natural Resources to get this information posted.
In-Camera	2025-Aug-06 (10): IRENE SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we go In-Camera. CARRIED
	2025-Aug-06 (11): ERNEST ALFRED/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED
Ian Gill	Coming to Alert Bay – August 17 & 18, 2025. Ian Gill will provide a strategy to 'Namgis in early September. Drafted press release for Don Svanvik yesterday.
Press Release	Anyone with fish/boat pictures, please share with Communications Jean Bell.
Minutes Approval July 23, 2025	2025-Aug-06: ROBERT MOUNTAIN/KELLY SPECK That we approve the In-Camera minutes of July 23, 2025. CARRIED
Election	Suggestion that requests are put out for updated contact information of members for voting packages.
AGM	Administration to bring forward possible dates on August 20, 2025.
Salary Grid	Suggestion to contact the company that sent information and start looking at this.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm



Signature



Date