



'Namgis Council Minutes February 4, 2026

Council: Victor Isaac, Verna Ambers, Ivy Peers, Molly Willie, Irene Speck (10:44), Don Speck (10:55)

Zoom: Ernest Alfred

Staff: Kelly Speck (Chair/Non-voting Council member), Hazel Cook (Assistant Administrator)

Absent: Jessica Barudin

Called to Order 9:50am

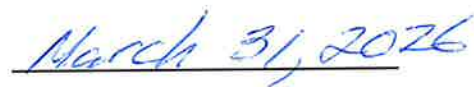
Agenda Approval	2026-Feb-4 (01): VERNA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve the agenda for February 4 2026, with additions. Carried
In-Camera	2026-Feb-4 (02): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council move into In-Camera session. Carried 2026-Feb-4(03): MOLLY WILLIE/IVY PEERS Council move out of In-Camera session. Carried
Community Drainage Upgrade	2026-Feb-4 (04): VERNA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council authorize Elected Chief Councillor to sign the Project Approval Request (PAR) approval page and authorize Administration to sign the supporting cover letter and land encumbrance memorandum required for submission funding request of \$2,218,595 to ISC. Carried
Salmon Restoration Project – Funding Transfer	Council discuss recommendations for use of BATI funds and are informed that these funds were approved prior, but were not transferred to a specific budget. This request is to finalize transfer of funds to the department. 2026-Feb-4 (05): MOLLY WILLIE/ERNEST ALFRED Council approve the transfer of \$250,000.00 from department 180 to department 90, for the purpose of Salmon Restoration activities. Carried
Meat Boxes Program	2026-Feb-4 (06): VERNA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve the expenditure of \$60,500 from budget 42, to purchase 275 meat boxes for 'Namgis members residing in Alert Bay, supporting food security and nutrition. Carried
Amendment #78	2026-Feb-4 (07): VERNA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve signing Amendment #78, School Food Enhancement, in the amount of \$13,124.00 Carried
Vehicle Purchase *Kelly departs 10:45 *Don joins 10:55	Council discuss dealership loyalty and are informed previous vehicles were not purchased from one dealership. 2026-Feb-4 (08): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve the purchase of the Explorer Tremor – Base model, in the amount of \$64,445.00, from Sunshine Mountain Ford, and to sign the required BCR and action other requirements from the funder (ISC). Carried
Amendment #80	2026-Feb-4 (09): VERNA AMBERS/IVY PEERS Council approve signing Amendment #80, Supplementary agreement for St. Micheals Residential school project in the amount of \$440,000.00 Carried
Elders Home repair	Council inquire about other funding sources and the previous decision to temporarily offer an elders unit.

Elders Home repair Cont	2026-Feb-4 (10): IVY PEERS/DON SPECK Council approve the MRP loan for Leonard Smith in the amount of \$30,550.00. Carried Council suggest looking at the donation budget to help supplement the cost of renovations in the new fiscal year.
#91 Charlotte St	2026-Feb-4 (11): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK Council authorize Administration to sign the contract with Fenworth Jones in the amount of \$27,000 for renovations to #91 Charlotte St., to come from the First Nations Children's Housing Fund. Carried
Election Update	Administration informs council of the concerns raised by OneFeather regarding to overlapping of the By-election and Chief Councillor election which could potentially cause confusion for voters, with four (4) back to back weeks of Advanced Polls and Election dates. Council discuss the recommendations, the process for All Candidates meetings and benefits of following the recommendations from the Electoral Officer. 2026-Feb-4 (12): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK Council accept the recommendation from OneFeather to move the by-election to be scheduled for the same time as Chief election. Carried
UV System Replacement	2026-Feb-4 (13): IVY PEERS/DON SPECK Council approve the interim funding expenditure of up to \$195,000.00 from Dept. 75 surplus, for the purchase of the necessary replacement of the UV disinfection system from Trojan Technologies. Carried
Conflict of Interest Forms	Administration explains to council that some forms were not received or completed, and an amendment to the template was done to include employers and committees/boards
AGM Update: Strat plan	Admin explains that the Strategic plan needs to be submitted to ISC or it could effect future funding. Council request for Dan George to attend the AGM to present the draft to membership, with follow up engagement sessions, or due to timing of this last minute request, to have him facilitate engagement sessions based on his availability. 2026-Feb-4 (14): IVY PEERS/IRENE SPECK Council authorize Administration to submit the Strategic Plan to ISC in its draft form. Carried Molly to email the most recent draft to Hazel
AGM Update: Portfolios/Prep meetings	Newly elected Councillors to participate in the AGM and Prep meetings for onboarding with directors and re-elected councillors. Opening statements should address challenges, transitions, staffing, improvements in Finance, retirements and acknowledgement of staff who have passed on. Council discuss collaborating with Jessica Barudin on the message from Council as she was voluntold as a previous meeting.
Evening Council Meetings	Council discuss the functionality of the evening Council meetings and suggest starting meetings earlier. 4:30 convene, meeting start time 5:15

Boat Disposal	2026-Feb-4 (15): MOLLY WILLIE/VERNA AMBERS Council authorize Administration to accept the additional \$20,000 funding for boat disposal, provided by the Province of BC Carried
Boat Disposal Cont	Council discuss a strategy for the marina needs to be considered: Netloft, U'mista area, and other areas. Request for photos of before and after clean up/disposal
Interim Travel *Kelly joins 12:10	Council advised that due to staffing shortages, Council will be responsible for their travel arrangements, utilize Zoom options and keep any receipts for reimbursement. Council request for list of approved hotels that accept POs
Lunch Break *Ernest Departs	
Meetings: BC IRS TWG & MIRR	2026-Feb-4 (16): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve Ivy Peers to attend the BC IRS TWG & MIRR on February 11, 2026 via Zoom. Carried
Info: Jan 21 2026 To Do	
Info: Portfolio Assignments	Council review and discuss portfolio assignments, separation of Community Services as its own portfolio, and the potential of modifying the Terms of Reference for the Health board to accommodate portfolio separation.
In-Camera *Ernest joins 1:10 *Hazel departs 2:45	2026-Feb-4 (17): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK Council move into In-Camera session. Carried 2026-Feb-4 (18): VERA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council move out of In-Camera session Carried

Adjourned 4:00pm


Signature


Date

