

'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting
January 21, 2026 5pm Learning Centre

Council: Victor Isaac; Verna Ambers; Molly Willie; Ernest Alfred; Don Speck; Irene Speck

Zoom: Jessica Barudin; Kelly Speck; Ivy Peers

Staff: Assistant Administrator Hazel Cook; Council Executive Assistant Gina Wadhams

5:30pm	
Agenda Approval	2026-Jan-21 (01): VERNA AMBERS/IRENE SPECK That we approve the agenda with additions: RCMP Letter of Expectation; RCMP; UBCIC; Hydrometric Network Revitalization. CARRIED
In-Camera	2026-Jan-21 (02): ERNEST ALFRED/MOLLY WILLIE That we go In-Camera. CARRIED 2026-Jan-21 (03): ERNEST ALFRED/DON SPECK That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED
Approval of Minutes December 17, 2025	2026-Jan-21 (04): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE That we approve the edited minutes of December 17, 2025. CARRIED
Business Arising Urban Feasts	No contract for organizer. Only covering travel.
ISKUM	<i>Need to replace Brian Wadhams on this.</i>
Portfolios	<i>Administration will locate notes of discussions on portfolio appointments. Kelly Speck will talk with Victor Isaac. Appointments need to happen ASAP.</i>
Admin Flooring	<i>Edit motion: Council authorize Administration (remove Jamie Hill) to sign off on contract.</i>
Approval of Minutes January 7, 2026	2026-Jan-21 (05): IRENE SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the edited minutes of January 7, 2026. CARRIED
Business Arising AGM/Directors' Reports	Request was or Directors to provide reports – not be there to answer questions.
AGM	<i>AGM Planning must start immediately.</i>
Portfolios	<i>Administration to look at notes from discussions held.</i>
RCMP Letter of Expectation	<i>Council to fill in the Community Specific RCMP Service Delivery Review document and return to Hazel Cook by January 27, 2026.</i>
Transformation Mask	2026-Jan-21 (06): ERNEST ALFRED/VERNA AMBERS That we approve signing the Band Council Resolution for the long-term loan from the British Museum for the Transformation Mask. CARRIED
Council Hall	TABLED
Tla-o-qui-aht & Homalco	Reciprocity with our Neighbors: <i>Refer to Forum</i>
Special Council: Housing	Lack of communication. What are our needs? Water? Service of lots? Housing Committee needs? Finance Committee must be involved. <i>Administration to meet with Samantha Webster to discuss project plan, fundamental pieces.</i> Renewal Development invitation to Council/Administration to go to Sechelt to see their project there. Chief states that Renewal Development would cover all costs.

Media Strategy	TABLED – will go to Finance Committee. Bati funds cannot be used for media.
GM: October 17 & 18, 2026	<i>Administration will review calendars and contact Auditor and bring back to Council.</i>
AGM: February 21 & 22, 2026	2026-Jan-21 (07): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK That we approve the February 21 & 22, 2026 agenda provided. CARRIED <i>Administration to send agenda to Directors. Reports/updates from Directors can be pre-recorded by Zoom. One/two-page handout may also be provided.</i> <i>Council Report for Annual Report: Jessica Barudin will develop message to membership.</i>
Executive Recruitment	2026-Jan-21 (08): VERNA AMBERS/IRENE SPECK That we approve signing the Addendum. CARRIED <i>Administration to setup Special In-Person meeting on February 13, 2026, with Trimark.</i>
Signing Authority	<i>Verna Ambers to sign documents at the office.</i>
Hydrometric Network	2026-Jan-21 (09): MOLLY WILLIE/IVYPEERS That we approve signing the 'Namgis Hydrometric Network Revitalization Letter of Agreement for \$130,000. CARRIED
Quilts for Survivors	2026-Jan-21 (10): VERNA AMBERS/IRENE SPECK That we donate \$1,000 to Quilts for Survivors. List of survivors in our community to be provided by project team. CARRIED
Youth Centre	Update from Diane Alfred. Best to have a better sense for the upcoming AGM. <i>Administration to schedule a meeting with Dan Edwards/PME. Start initiating a long-term plan for the youth centre.</i>
Minister Neill's Visit	2026-Jan-21 (11): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE That we approve the standard travel policy for Council and Hereditary Chiefs for Minister Neill's visit and \$250 for knowledge keepers. CARRIED
MTG: Urban Feast	2026-Jan-21 (12): IRENE SPECK/VERNA AMBERS That we approve the following travel: • Approve Victor Isaac to attend Nanaimo Urban Feast • Approve Victor Isaac and Ernest Alfred to attend Victor Urban Feast • Approve Ivy Peers and Jessica Barudin to attend Vancouver Urban Feast. CARRIED
MTG: BC IRS TWG	2026-Jan-21 (13): ERNEST ALFRED/MOLLY WILLIE That we approve Ivy Peers' participation at the BC IRS TWG on January 20, 2026. CARRIED
MTG: Engagement Session	2026-Jan-21 (14): VERNA AMBERS/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Ivy Peers' participation at the Engagement Session in Bella Bella on February 25 & 26, 2026. CARRIED
MTG: FNHA with NFN Leadership	Meeting with FNHA on March 10, 2026 in Alert Bay – outstanding commitment. <i>Health Portfolios holders to make themselves available for this meeting.</i>
MTG: Pata'yi Primary Care	2026-Jan-21 (15): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE That we approve Ivy Peers' participation on January 22, 2026. CARRIED
MTG: UBCIC	2026-Jan-21 (16): IVY PEERS/VERNA AMBERS That we approve Victor Isaac's participation on February 11 & 12, 2026. CARRIED
MTG: MLA Kindy	March 10, 2026 meeting in Alert Bay. 2026-Jan-21 (17): IVY PEERS/IRENE SPECK That we approve Ernest Alfred, Don Speck and Victor Isaac will attend meeting with MLA Kindy; and extend an invite to Don Svanvik. CARRIED

In-Camera	2026-Jan-21 (18): IRENE SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we go In-Camera. CARRIED 2026-Jan-21 (19): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED
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Adjourn at 11:30pm




Signature Date

