

'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting
July 23, 2025 5pm Learning Centre

Council: Irene Speck; Kelly Speck; Brian Wadhams; Molly Willie; Robert Mountain; Jessica Barudin

Zoom: Ivy Peers

Regrets: Ernest Alfred

Staff: Interim Assistant Administrator Naomi Bob; Council Executive Assistant Gina Wadhams

5pm	
In-Camera	2025-July-23 (1): MOLLY WILLIE/JESSICA BARUDIN That we go In-Camera. CARRIED 2025-July-23 (2): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED
Agenda Approval	2025-July 23 (03): IRENE SPECK/ROBERT MOUNTAIN Agenda approved as presented. CARRIED
Food Fish Budget	2025-July-23 (04): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK That we approve \$100,000 for the purchase of salmon for ‘Namgis households (VIA hiring fishers and distribution of salmon) to come from Department #130. CARRIED
Signing Authority	2025-July-23 (05): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK That we approve signing the Band Council Resolution (BCR): ‘Namgis First Nation appoint Robert Mountain as bank signing authorities for all the ‘Namgis First Nation bank accounts effective July 23, 2025 and remove Victor Isaac as signing authority. CARRIED
Lawrence Ambers Scholarship	Request for matching funds for the Lawrence Ambers Memorial Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$10,000. Funds from Own Source Revenue or Gaming Funds – Administration to look at budgets and decide which account. 2025-July-23 (06): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK That we approve a donation of \$10,000 to the Lawrence Ambers Memorial Scholarship Fund. CARRIED
Indigenous Music Festival	U’mista Cultural Centre is seeking funds and a formal partnership for the Indigenous Music Festival on August 29 & 30, 2025. Site visit on July 24, 2025 – Naomi Bob will contact Juanita Johnson on details for site visit. Irene Speck will attend and bring back more information.
CA – Amendment #74	2025-July-23 (07): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK That we approve signing Contribution Agreement #74 in the amount of \$443,409.00 \$ 280,770.00 First Nation Representative Services \$ 52,806.00 First Nation Representative Services Remoteness \$ 72,333.00 Project Admin: ICMS #9-00132830 2025-2026 Hsg Manage & Cap Enhance \$ 37,500.00 MSD RIRISD Funding Discussion Tables CARRIED
Evacuation Route	‘Namgis First Nation works jointly with the Village of Alert Bay and the Whe-la-la-u Area Council within the Cormorant Island Emergency Preparedness program and support the emergency preparedness programs including evacuation planning and the public notification process for all North Island communities. BY CONSENSUS That we provide a letter of support to the Town of Port McNeill for the 2025 Public Notification and

	Evacuation Route Planning funding application for the development of an Evacuation Plan and Public Information notification process.	CARRIED								
Town Square	Approved by Samantha Webster – use of area behind Nurse’s Residence. Work will be finished for Town Square and stairs are the same timeline.									
Governance Terms of Reference	‘Draft’ Governance Committee Terms of Reference distributed. 2025-July-23 (08): IRENE SPECK/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we approve the Governance Committee Terms of Reference ‘as is’ and defer to Governance Committee to review and it to be brought to the October 1, 2025 Council meeting.	CARRIED								
DFO:McCorquodale	2025-July-23 (09): MOLLY WILLIE/BRIAN WADHAMS That we approve signing the letter to DFO – Brenda McCorquodale regarding Grieg Seafood report on large sea lice exceedances in a salmon farm in Esperanza Inlet.	CARRIED								
Food Fish	Nic will update Council when DFO has made decision.									
MTG: Toxic Drug Crisis	2025-July-23 (10): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK That we approve Robert Mountain’s virtual participation on July 24, 2025.	CARRIED								
MTG: UBCIC Forum	2025-July-23 (11): IRENE SPECK/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we approve Ivy Peers and Molly Willie’s participation at the UBCIC Negotiators Forum on September 12, 2025 in Vancouver.	CARRIED								
MTG: Reclaiming Justice for Youth	2025-July-23 (12): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE That we approve Brian Wadhams and Ivy Peers’ participation at the Reclaiming Justice for Indigenous Youth Symposium on September 17 & 18, 2025 in Nanaimo.	CARRIED								
MTG: Mowachaht	TABLED – share with Lloyd Roberts/Forum									
Gwa’ni Update	Updated information for the fish that have been counted going past the fish fence and the number of fish that has been caught in the river (July 23, 2025, update): <table><tr><td></td><td>counted fish past fence</td><td>total fish caught to date</td><td>remaining fish allowed to catch via the harvest scale</td></tr><tr><td>TOTALS</td><td>52248</td><td>1798</td><td>1076</td></tr></table> Next fishing day is scheduled for Friday July 25, 2025.		counted fish past fence	total fish caught to date	remaining fish allowed to catch via the harvest scale	TOTALS	52248	1798	1076	
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In-Camera	2025-July-23 (13): BRIAN WADHAMS/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we go In-Camera. 2025-July-23 (14): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE That we go out of In-Camera.	CARRIED CARRIED								
INFO Woss Lake Squatter	Squatter using a beach at Woss Lake as a personal retreat. The individual has excavated a trail to the beach and installed a dock without authority from ‘Namgis or the Province. These unauthorized works have resulted in damage to the ‘Namgis Conservation Network and likely has had a negative impact on a salmon spawning site. The Natural Resources will be disassembling existing structures and restoring the site (as best as can be) in the near future. Requesting permission to put up signs at the site and at the Woss gas station indicating that this site has been damaged and must not be used for recreational purposes.									

	2025-July-23 (15): MOLLY WILLIE/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That permission is given to Natural Resources to put signs up at the Woss Lake site and gas station. CARRIED
INFO Sebalhall Bridge	Bridge is north of Vernon Lake and is critical for access to many areas within the territory. Bridge is under permit by WFP and is used by BCTS to access areas within the Pacific Timber Supply Area. Though still in planning stages, BCTS has indicated that they may not want/need this bridge in the near future and suggested that they may not be interested in replacing it. ‘Namgis position: We need this bridge for access and safety while working in the territory. ‘Namgis Natural Resources Department (NRD) will continue to work with WFP and BCTS regarding the replacement of this bridge. Should NRD staff encounter any opposition from BCTS or WFP regarding the re-installation of this bridge, Council will be notified for additional directions.
INFO: New Health Care Cost Recovery	Proposed development of new health care cost recovery legislation information distributed to Council.
INFO: Guardian Trustee Act	Proposed amendments to the Public Guardian and Trustee Act distributed to Council.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm



Signature



Date