

'Namgis Council Meeting
July 9, 2025 Learning Centre 9:30 am

Council: Kelly Speck (Chair), Molly Willie, Brian Wadhams, Robert Mountain

Via Zoom: Ernest Alfred, Ivy Peers

Staff: Naomi Bob (A/Senior Administrator), Hazel Cook (Recording Secretary)

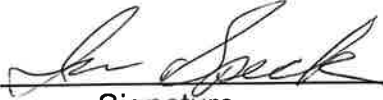
Called to order 9:45am

Agenda Approval	2025-July-9(01): MOLLY WILLIE/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we approve the agenda with additions Carried Councillor discusses bypassing policy of additions to the agenda and comments that additions should be added to the rolling agenda.
Youth Centre	Council discussed the budget, furnishing of the youth centre, and the alternate options that had been provided before. 2025-July-9(02): IVY PEERS/BRIAN WADHAMS Council approve the use of previously identified funds for the use of purchasing furnishings for the Youth Centre from the approved budget. Consensus Council is updated that completion is expected by end of August
Nimpkish River Sockeye	2025-July-9(03): BRIAN WADHAMS/ROBERT MOUNTAIN Council approve harvesting of 500 fish until the fish count matches the harvest scale. Carried
Declaration Act Action 3.15	Council approve providing Molly Willie & Ernest Alfred's names to the province to attend the meeting.
STM Youth Visit	Coordination with U'mista supported. Council recommends October plan for engagement with them.
First Nation Sponsorship & Rafting	Discussion on donations and swag (flags, T-shirts, hats). Council supports developing a flag design and providing items to members. Naomi to respond and go through Kwagis Community Benefit Funds for the monetary donation and look into purchasing flags
Indigenous Community Planning Practicum	Council review and discuss the request Council declined current placement request due to lack of budget and details. Open to future consideration with full proposal and budget.
NSD-RIRSD: 2024-25 Letter of Offer - \$145,215	2025-July-9(04): BRIAN WADHAMS/MOLLY WILLIE Council authorized Naomi Bob to sign \$145,215 contract with Changemakers. Carried
DFO Collaborative Agreement	Administration inform Council that this was approved for signing by council before, but need a proxy for signing as it was originally to be signed by Victor. Council discuss making a motion for alternate signature that may need to sent proving Council authorization for a proxy signer. 2025-July-9(05): BRIAN WADHAMS/ROBERT MOUNTAIN Council approve signing of agreement, and request for name change to Acting Administrator as authorized signer. Consensus

Communications Delegate: Jean Bell & Don Svanvik *Ernest Alfred departs 11:49 am *Ivy Peers departs 11:54 am *Ernest Alfred joins via Zoom 1:05pm *Ivy Peers joins in person 1:14pm *Don & Jean depart *Ernest Alfred departs	Presentation by Jean Bell on media strategy and communications. Jean recommends a new group photo of council with new headshots, and updates the work being done with HawkSolutions for news/updates for membership. Council discuss the Fish Farm issue and costs associated with press releases, and the need for someone internal to handle PR. Attendees discuss photo sharing and the need for a camera. Naomi to speak to Glen regrading purchase of a camera for Jean. Lunch Break Naomi assumes Chair. Don delivers details on the needs for Wild Salmon Media Relations and his review of the proposals put forth with his recommendation. Council discuss the proposals and the differences Kelly Speck assumes Chair Council discuss contacting other nations to see what they are willing to contribute, and Don advises the responses from other nations but explained the initial ask was to share expenses but could ask for contributions. Council discuss that if other nations are not willing to contribute, then moving forward alone. Councillor discusses other nations that have a press gallery and explains the media story when the whale washed up in Port McNeill and the elected chief was in the council chambers where the acoustics seemed off and unsure where to look. Suggestion to have a podium and backgrounds to alleviate travel costs to go host a press conference, explaining they understand most media wont come to Alert Bay, but that won't prevent us from creating content. 2025-July-9(06): ERNEST ALFRED/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve funding of phase 1 for development of a communication strategy to a max. \$15,000.00 with Flux Strategy Carried 1 opposed
Housing Appeal Delegate Gerald & Trish Alfred 2:08pm *Ernest Alfred joins 2:19pm *delegates depart 2:30pm	Gerald and Trish appeal to Council regarding the eviction notice given for the 'Yalis Apartments. 2025-July-9(07): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council move into In-Camera Session Consensus 2025-July-9(08): BRIAN WADHAMS/IVY PEERS Council move out of In-Camera Session Consensus

Minutes: June 18, 2025	2025-July-9(09): BRIAN WADHAMS/IVY PEERS Council approve the minutes from June 18, 2025 with revisions Carried Corrections – Delete “!” from Orca Way and Replace with “NBDC provided information and there was no deal. Administration to contact NBDC” Business Arising: Atlegay Administration informs Council that an email was sent and they wanted to set up a meeting but were still waiting on DFO. Councillor informs attendees that chiefs were wanting to attend and offer their apologies for their players using a Fish Farm logo at June Sports. Student Tutoring Council is updated on the funding for tutoring. Misinformation was shared regarding tutoring. Funding was not pulled and is still available via grant. Laura Cranmer Councillor advises attendees that Laura is invited to attend next weeks meeting. Orientation Council orientation planning underway. Hazel to find the orientation checklist and give Naomi the contact information for Vannah BATI Councillor inquires if the BATI funds had been reconciled yet. Administration informs Council that it has not as the accounting team are currently in a transitional period, and are in the middle of audit. Minutes signing 2025-July-9(10): KELLY SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE Council designate Ivy Peers as proxy for signing off on the minutes during Victor Isaacs absence Consensus
In-Camera	2025-July-9(11): BRIAN WADHAMS/MOLLY WILLIE Council move into In-Camera session. Consensus 2025-July-9(12): BRIAN WADHAMS/ROBERT MOUNTAIN Council move out of In-Camera session Consensus

Meeting Adjourned 5:28 pm



Signature



Date