

**'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting**  
**June 18, 2025 5pm Learning Centre**

**Council:** Irene Speck; Kelly Speck; Brian Wadhams; Molly Willie; Robert Mountain; Ivy Peers  
**Zoom:** Ernest Alfred; Interim Senior Administrator Denise Carpenter  
**Regrets:** Jessica Barudin; Victor Isaac  
**Staff:** Interim Assistant Administrator Naomi Bob (Chair); Council Executive Assistant Gina Wadhams

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| <b>5:20pm</b>          | Opening Prayer – Ivy Peers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Agenda Approval</b> | <b>2025-June-18 (01): MOLLY WILLIE/IVY PEERS</b><br>Agenda approved with the following additions: CMHC; IC (IP). <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Fish Farm Fight</b> | <p>Update from Kelly – ongoing pressure. MLA assigned to parliamentary committee on DFO. Failing in protecting wild stock.</p> <p>Previous Council meeting, a suggestion to have Sean Jones draft letter to Minister of Fisheries &amp; Oceans and Prime Minister. Meeting with Communications person Jean Bell – requested at previous Council meeting. Meeting took place with Ian Gill, Denise Carpenter, Victor Isaac – no report on discussion.</p> <p>Communications Jean Bell stated she can contact news people.</p> <p>Next week, fish farmers in Vancouver. Reactivating consultation – not done. Victor Isaac and Don Svanvik involved in this.</p> <p>Alexandra Morton is in Vancouver right now – court case on Discovery Island.</p> <hr/> <p><b>BY CONSENSUS (02):</b> <i>Kelly Speck will contact Sean Jones to draft letters to Minister of Fisheries &amp; Oceans and Prime Minister, to press onward with the transition away from ocean-based fish farms, and to copy to Administration.</i></p> <p><i>Administration to set up Special Meeting with Communications Manager Jean Bell and fish portfolio members.</i></p> <p><i>Administration to contact Victor Isaac and Don Svanvik, request report on Ian Gill meeting.</i></p> |
| <b>A-Tlegay</b>        | <p>DFO know nothing about our boundaries or fisheries. A-Tlegay caught food fish in our area without our permission. Natural Resource people need to be at meeting as well as us. Several dates proposed to meet with DFO – because of election, delayed.</p> <p>Tony Roberts wants an all-chiefs' meeting with all nations. Meet internally first to discuss our boundaries. David Knox has \$100,000 to have this meeting.</p> <p><i>Ask Don Svanvik who from the Forum will be attending. What exactly is the process that is going to respect our title and rights?</i></p> <p>Boundary letter was sent out – not map. No responses yet.</p> <p>What's in reconciliation agreement? Wei Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum both are in favor of fish farms. How many nations in A-Tlegay? 5?</p> <p><b>TASK LIST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reach out to Lloyd Roberts to setup Special Meeting/contact Chiefs for prep meeting.</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

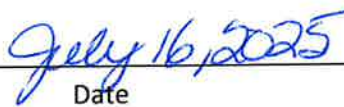
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|                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask Lloyd Roberts and Brian Svanvik what is the status of map and emphasize the need for meeting on approach to DFO. Suggest Lloyd Roberts meet with Brian Svanvik to discuss boundaries. Need maps brought to meeting DFO – request further information</li> <li>• Reach out to Nations asking if they have received letter (Don Svanvik/Victor Isaac)</li> <li>• Administration – follow up with DFO, what information is available to us? Policy reconciliation document?</li> <li>• Portfolios – designate Councillors to Title &amp; Rights. TABLED Victor Isaac's designation. Bring back to July 9, 2025 Council meeting.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>71 Orca Way</b>                                                | <p>Offer not accepted for 4-Plex purchase.</p> <p><b>BY CONSENSUS (03):</b><br/>NBDC provided information and there was no deal. Administration to contact NBDC.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>In-Camera</b>                                                  | <p><b>2025-June-18 (04): BRIAN WADHAMS/ROBERT MOUNTAIN</b><br/>That we go In-Camera. CARRIED</p> <p><b>2025-June-18 (05): BRIAN WADHAMS/IVY PEERS</b><br/>That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Health Negotiation Team</b>                                    | <p>Which way to go to setup for MOU – negotiation team. Recommendation – proceed with having a team consisting of members from Village of Alert Bay, 'Namgis Administration, 'Namgis Health Board, supported by Stan Ashcroft (Negotiator) and Hannah from Castlemain. Important to have 'Namgis voice. Health Portfolio holders meet to discuss: Ivy Peers, Jessica Barudin, Kelly Speck and Irene Speck – meet time obligations.</p> <p><b>2025-June-18 (06): MOLLY WILLIE/ROBERT MOUNTAIN</b><br/>That we approve the following for the Negotiation Team: Kelly Speck, Irene Speck, Ivy Peers, Georgia Cook (alternate Naomi Bob), and Sandy from Village of Alert Bay. CARRIED</p> |
| <b>ABE Grassy Point Campout</b>                                   | <p><b>2025-June-18 (07): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE</b><br/>Administration to contact Roberta Harris that Council is fine with the school campout and from this date forward, Administration will handle future requests. CARRIED</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>CRPAWS</b>                                                     | <p><b>2025-June-18 (08): IRENE SPECK/BRIAN WADHAMS</b><br/>That we approve a donation of \$5,000 to CRPAWS. CARRIED</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Scenes Nanaimo Hospital</b>                                    | <p><i>Suggestion for Ne'nagwa'nakwala involvement.</i></p> <p>Reviewed correspondence from Laura Ann Cranmer. What are the in-kind contributions being looked at?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>6:35pm</b>                                                     | Ernest Alfred leaves meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ School Board</b>                                      | <p>New policy for ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ Advisory Committee?</p> <p><i>Meeting setup between Jim McGrogan, Jenna Peterson and Governance Committee.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Minutes June 4, 2025</b><br><br><b>Business Arising Tutors</b> | <p><b>2025-June-18 (09): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK</b><br/>That we approve the minutes of June 4, 2025. CARRIED</p> <p>ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ and Alert Bay Elementary Schools are not covered.<br/><i>Council request Director of Education to seek funding for tutoring – discuss with Roberta Harris &amp; Jenna Peterson.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                  | <p><i>Talks between Irene Isaac &amp; Jim McGrogan must take place – revive talks to School District #85. Need a strategy – ABE in jeopardy.</i></p> <p><i>Education – suggestion that a meeting take place to discuss issues. Irene Isaac, Roberta Harris, Jenna Peterson, Jim McGrogan and Education Portfolio holders.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Park Street      | <p>Discussion on poorly paved road – Park Street. Samantha Webster is seeking quotes to get road paved.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Island Aurora    | <p>No response on letter sent. <i>Administration to follow-up with BC Ferries – when will we receive response?</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Danyas           | <p>June 24, 2025 – meeting with Stan Ashcroft. Discuss payment owed to us.<br/> <i>Kelly Speck will forward Danyas information to Stan Ashcroft.</i><br/> <i>Information from package – Naomi Bob will email to Council and have copies on hand.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| BATI             | <p>Need reconciliation ASAP. Payment to the nations and explain working on final checks and balances.<br/> <i>Senior Administration and Comptroller – work on and bring back to Council on July 9, 2025</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Wages            | <p>Who will be handling the wage issue now that H.R. Director has resigned? Acting Senior Administrator asked Interim Assistant Administrator to handle H.R. issues.</p> <p>- Job descriptions need updating</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Council ToR      | <p>Council Terms of Reference (ToR) – <i>Administration to send to Council.</i><br/> Governance Policy has not been approved. Needs to be stronger. Policy work is crucial.</p> <p>No proper orientation. <i>Request orientation now – beneficial for all Council. Suggestion for orientation session for Council in August.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| School Damage    | <p><i>Council request status report on work needed?</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| CMHC             | <p>Acting Senior Administrator applied for \$71,900 Seed Funding – received \$57,500 to put towards an application for BC Housing's Community Housing Fund. Requesting \$140,500 from OSR.</p> <p><b>TABLED</b> – More information is required on this application – detailed briefing note requested: Where will the funds come from? What budget #? Location for complex? Has Land Code Manager and Housing and Finance Committee been involved?</p>                                                                                                                                                  |
| Ne'nagwa'nakwala | <p>Action resulting from Provincial Gathering is to advance the letter to Honourable Minister Champagne and Honourable Minister Bailey, RE: Rolling three-to-five-year funding agreements for research of Missing Children and Unmarked Graves. The intention is to acquire digital signatures of all 18 lead communities, so they can be amassed on a single document.</p> <p><b>2025-June-18 (10): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK</b><br/> That we approve Victor Isaac to sign the letter to Honourable Minister Champagne and Honourable Minister Bailey. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span></p> |
| IC               | <p><b>2025-June-18 (11): BRIAN WADHAMS/IRENE SPECK</b><br/> That we approve going In-Camera. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                             | <b>2025-June-18 (12): BRIAN WADHAMS/MOLLY WILLIE</b><br>That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED                                                                                     |
| <b>MTG: ISKUM</b>           | <b>TABLED</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>MTG: ISKUM</b>           | <b>2025-June-18 (13): IVY PEERS/ROBERT MOUNTAIN</b><br>That we approve Brian Wadhams' participation at Iskum Shareholders meeting on June 25, 2025. CARRIED                      |
| <b>MTG: Economic Summit</b> | <b>2025-June-18 (14): KELLY SPECK/ROBERT MOUNTAIN</b><br>That we approve Brian Wadhams' participation at Indigenous Economic Summit on July 8-9, 2025 in Campbell River. CARRIED |

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

  
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