



'Namgis Council Minutes March 18, 2026

Council: Victor Isaac (Chair), Verna Ambers, Irene Speck, Ivy Peers, Molly Willie, Don Speck (9:50)

Zoom: Ernest Alfred, Jessica Barudin

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

Called to Order 9:41am

Agenda Approval	2026-Mar-18 (01): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK Council approve the agenda for March 18 2026, with additions. Carried
NBDC Update/Restructure Delegate: Gaby Wickstrom & Emily Wisden (10:07) Delegates depart 10:45am	Council discussion before delegate joins. Kelly provides a backgrounder of restructure funding and progress to date. She explains the original plans when NBDC was formed and next steps. Council & Delegates review the material shared by NBDC for the restructure and for a request for expenditure for investing in work on the cabins Discussion on political support needed regarding the Driving School restrictions. NBDC to "recraft" a letter of support for Chief Councillors signature. Council discuss investment. 2026-Mar-18 (02): VERNA AMBERS/DON SPECK Council approve the request for \$75,000.00 for restructure costs for NBDC. Carried Council discuss the investments for NBDC and the Cabins. 2026-Mar-18 (03): IVY PEERS/IRENE SPECK Council approve the investment of \$450,000 to NBDC and direct Finance to identify the funding source. Carried
Minutes January 21, 2026 Business Arising: Tla-o-quaht & Homolco	2026-Mar-18 (04): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve the minutes from January 21, 2026 with amendments. Carried Council discuss the event plans for the nations and are informed that these events are budgeted for and plans are to gift back fish and some type of gift for the shared boundary.
Minutes February 18, 2026 Business Arising: Portfolios	2026-Mar-18 (05): ERNEST ALFRED/JESSICA BARUDIN Council approve the minutes from February 18, 2026 with amendments. Carried Council requests for an update from the Governance Committee on discussions for recreation to have its own portfolio, and portfolio assignment policy. Council is informed that the Governance Committee is going to reestablish regular meetings to address a backlog of items, and that work will be underway for Admin to seek for a policy analyst.

360	Council is informed that the Rec Centre was discussed in budget developments.
Meeting Report Template	Tabled for new fiscal year Donation consideration Councillor requests for a meeting report template Admin to work on a list of approved meetings for reports.
FAC recommendations:	
NCS Building – Replacement of roof shingles	2026-Mar-18 (06): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve the expenditure of \$34,560.18 from budget #44 to replace the roof shingles on the 'Namgis Community Services Building, and to authorize Administration to sign the service contract with Carson Roofing. Carried
77A Wood St House	Council review and discuss actual cost consideration and recommend a higher budget for renovations needed. 2026-Mar-18 (07): IVY PEERS/IRENE SPECK Council approve to remove 77A from the residential Band Housing stock, and temporary assign it as staff housing for interim, and approve \$25,000, up to \$50,000 from Administration surplus, for renovations, until such time that a more permanent housing plan is prepared for Staff, in which it will be returned to Band Housing Stock. Further, once shared accommodation is filled by tenants, that the nation will revisit 1 year from the date of occupancy and communicate to membership that it is moved to staff housing. Carried
Community Needs Assessment Proposal	2026-Mar-18 (08): VERNA AMBERS/IVY PEERS Council approve the expenditure for a Community Needs Assessment with Sanala Planning Inc, in the amount of \$65,027.00 Carried
Letter of Support – Braided Knowledge: Eulachon exhibit	2026-Mar-18 (09): MOLLY WILLIE/VERNA AMBERS Council approve the Elected Chief Councillor or Administration to sign the letter of support for the U'mista Countural Centre's application to the Braided Knowledge Grant for a project focused on the creation of tti'na (eulachon grease) spoons (katsanak) and skimmers (awayu). Carried
Letter of Support – Braided Knowledge: Infrastructure Program	2026-Mar-18 (10): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK Council Authorize Victor Isaac or Administration to sign the letter of support to the U'mista for their Braided Infrastructure Program grant Proposal. Carried
Nawalakw Licence Approval	2026-Mar-18 (11): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve another 5 year licence for Nawalakw to continue their garden lot on Gatu. Carried Council request for Nawalakw to give advance notice so it is not a last minute request in the future
Amendment 81	2026-Mar-18 (12): VERNA AMBERS/IVY PEERS Council approve signing Amendment #81 for Case Management Capacity, Income Assistance (\$21,600), Client Supports, Income Assistance (\$43,200), Services Delivery Infrastructure, Income Assistance (\$7,200), and Special Services, O&M management support top-up (\$120,000). Carried
Amendment 79	2026-Mar-18 (13): VERNA AMBERS/IRENE SPECK Council approve signing Amendment #79, for ROADS AND BRIDGES - ICMS #9-00126634 Gatu Road Slope Stabilization (Dsgn) in the amount of \$105,570.00 Carried

Coastal Interior Archaeology Contract	2026-Mar-18 (14): MOLLY WILLIE/DON SPECK Council authorize Administration to sign the contract with Coastal Interior Archaeology for archaeological services to a max value of \$77,000.00 Carried
Tsuga Archaeology Ltd. Contract	Councillor shares their concern of being over the limit of council approval. Council is informed that this is not Own Source Revenue funds and is part of the Natural Resources operations, and funds for this contract are being flowed through the nation. 2026-Mar-18 (15): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK Council authorize Administration to sign the contract with Tsuga Archaeology Ltd for archaeological services to a max value of \$500,000.00 Carried
2026-2027 Strategic Policing Priorities	Council discuss their thoughts and concerns regarding wording of the questions. Council discuss reengaging the Portfolio, a committee, committee honoraria and terms of references. 2026-Mar-18 (16): MOLLY WILLIE/IRENE SPECK Council authorize Administration to sign the Strategic Policing Priorities agreement. Carried
FireSmart Community Funding & Supports Grant	2026-Mar-18 (17): VERNA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approves the joint/regional funding application to the FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program, with the Village of Alert Bay acting as the lead applicant and providing project funding management. Carried
In-Camera	2026-Mar-18 (18): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council move into In-Camera Session Carried 2026-Mar-18 (19): IVY PEERS/DON SPECK Council move out of In-Camera Session Carried
Fundraiser Donation Request	Council discuss the date selection for the event which falls on the same weekend as June Sports. Admin to share concern with Laura to seek a potential new date. 2026-Mar-18 (20): MOLLY WILLIE/VERNA AMBERS Council approve the donation of \$7,000 to Laura Cranmer's fundraiser to come from Dept 21*(Magic Canoe). Carried Council is informed that Administration is working on changing the budget code for the Fundraiser account as it was mistakenly placed into the June Sports Budget.
Carry Over Dept 180 Expenditure	2026-Mar-18 (21): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve carrying over the approved \$112,000 expenditure for the analysis and write up of the juvenile fish samples to remain in dept 180, to be spent in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Carried
NVIATS: Computer Course & Self Defense	2026-Mar-18 (22): VERNA AMBERS/DON SPECK Council authorize Administration to sign the contribution agreement with NVIATS for Computer training Microsoft & Excel, and for Self awareness and defence training and empowerment, in the amount of \$16,000.00 Carried
NVIATS: Summer Student BCR	2026-Mar-18 (23): VERNA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve signing the BCR for NVIATS Proposal for 12 Summer Student Project for 8 weeks for July and August, in the amount of \$65,973.60 Carried

BCR: ISC - Bank Account notification	2026-Mar-18 (24): VERA AMBERS/IVY PEERS Council approve signing the BCR to ISC, to advise them of the new 'Namgis First Nation Bank Accounts. Carried
BCR: Province of BC - Bank Account notification	2026-Mar-18 (25): IVY PEERS/IRENE SPECK Council approve signing the BCR to the Province of BC, to advise them of the new 'Namgis First Nation Bank Accounts. Carried
BCR: All Funders - Bank Account notification	2026-Mar-18 (26): IVY PEERS/VERA AMBERS Council approve signing the BCR to All Funders, to advise them of the new 'Namgis First Nation Bank Accounts. Carried
Donation Request: Youth Conference	Administration informs Council of the remaining Donation budget and discuss other donation requests on the agenda. Council and Administration discuss options for expending the Donation budget between the requests. 2026-Mar-18 (27): VERA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve the donation of \$1,000 to the 'Namgis Community Services Youth Conference for door prizes. Carried
Donation Request: T'lisalagi'lakw School Bike Safety Rodeo	2026-Mar-18 (28): IVY PEERS/VERA AMBERS Council approve/deny/table the donation of \$3,500 to the T'lisalagi'lakw School Bike Safety Rodeo. Carried
DFO Agreement – accept 3 gillnet licences	2026-Mar-18 (29): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE Council authorize Chief Victor Isaac to sign the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy Agreement amendment 2 between 'Namgis and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Carried
Add Signers	Council discuss challenges in accounting for signers and suggest adding additional signers 2026-Mar-18 (30): IVY PEERS/VERA AMBERS Council authorize adding Molly Willie and Don Speck as signers. Carried
Meetings: Town hall 2025 provincial data with BC Chiefs & Health Leaders	2026-Mar-18 (31): VERA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve Ivy Peers to attend the All Chiefs, Leaders & Health Directors Virtual Town Hall on April 9, 2026. Carried
Meetings: Fall AGM & GM	Administration to follow up with Cory on his availability for the Fall AGM
Meetings: UBCIC Negotiators Forum	2026-Mar-18 (32): VERA AMBERS/IRENE SPECK Council approve Ivy Peers, Molly Willie & Victor Isaac to attend the UBCIC Negotiators Forum, in Vancouver, BC on April 10, 2026. Carried
Meetings: Iskum Update	2026-Mar-18 (33): VERA AMBERS/MOLLY WILLIE Council approve Victor Isaac to attend the Virtual Iskum update meeting on March 17, 2026 Carried
Meetings: Paṭ'a'yi Primary Care (FNPCI) Governance Committee)	2026-Mar-18 (34): VERA AMBERS/IRENE SPECK Council approve Ivy Peers to virtually attend the Paṭ'a'yi Primary Care (FNPCI) Governance Committee meeting, on March 19, 2026. Carried
Meetings: Premier & Minister meeting – declaration act	2026-Mar-18 (34): MOLLY WILLIE/DON SPECK Council approve Ivy Peers to attend Virtually, the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and Interpretation Act Amendments – Invitation on March 25th. Carried
*Jessica Departs 3:32pm	

Information/Meeting Reports: UBCIC – Opposition to Amending the DRIPA or Related Interpretation Act	No discussion
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Adjourned 6:07 pm



Signature



Date

