

'Namgis First Nation Council Meeting
October 15, 2025 5pm Learning Centre

Council: Victor Isaac; Robert Mountain; Irene Speck, Kelly Speck; Molly Willie; Ernest Alfred;

Zoom: Jessica Barudin; Ivy Peers

Regrets: Brian Wadhams

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

In-Camera	2025-Oct-15 (01): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK That we go In-Camera. CARRIED 2025-Oct-15 (02): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE That we go out of In-Camera. CARRIED
Agenda Approval	2025-Oct-15 (03): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK That we approve the agenda with the additions: ISKUM Meeting/Travel (Victor Isaac); AFN Meeting/Travel (Victor Isaac); AGM Date; July 9, 2025 Council minutes. CARRIED
Prayer	Victor Isaac
Minutes Approval: Minutes October 1, 2025 Business Arising Salmon Windsurfers/Spiritual Bath Christmas Dinners Tree Cutting Whe-la-la-u Area Council May Shaughnessy	Dialogue on Nakalkala Project? <i>Discussion went 'In-Camera'.</i> 2025-Oct-15 (04): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK That we approve the minutes of October 1, 2025. CARRIED <i>Possibly bring Don Svanvik as a delegate on November 5, 2025 Council meeting.</i> <i>Administration to request copy of power point presentation from Ian Gill and Zoey Gram.</i> No update. Funds for dinners went to Finance Committee. Recommendation under Finance. HN Contracting contacting people in Alert Bay regarding tree cutting. When asked if they have contact Council/the nation regarding this, they disconnected call. <i>Victor Isaac and Robert Mountain to connect with company tomorrow. Permission needed.</i> Senior Administrator reached out to Stan Ashcroft. <i>Will be In-Camera discussion.</i> No response sent. Complaint must come from adult son. Discussion: No support options - nothing under health for helping people. Island Health has been contacted. Outreach workers are needed. Community member advocates need to be present. Suggestion that Council members talk to Ministers at meeting next month – raise this issue. <i>Robert Mountain will provide contact information to Health Committee – Transition House Manager/Frontline worker he met who has been clean for 12 years.</i>
Celebration/Thanksgiving	Discussion regarding Wellness worker and mistaken identity. An apology should be made to this worker. Suggestion for a Celebration – introductions, corrections, feast and feast songs. Wellness Centre intake in January 2026. Late spring for grand opening has been discussed.

Cultural Coordinator	Error on contract amount in #5 – insert '0'; Confidentiality Agreement – edit the agreement between 'Namgis First Nation and <i>Jennifer Ambers</i>. 2025-Oct-15 (05): JESSICA BARUDIN/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we approve the updated Cultural Coordinator contract for Jennifer Ambers in the amount \$42,000 commencing November 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. CARRIED
RIRSD Funding	2025-Oct-15 (06): IRENE SPECK/MOLLY WILLIE CARRIED That we support the RIRSD funding request in the amount of \$366,286.80 for 2025/2026.
Aluminum Crew Boat	2025-Oct-15 (07): KELLY SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the 'closed bid' sale of the 1994 Armstrong Aluminum Vessel: 'AS IS'; authorize Administration to proceed with advertising and sale; AND direct Finance to update the asset register and report the disposal in the next quarterly finance update. CARRIED
Telus Terrion: BCR	2025-Oct-15 (08): ROBERT MOUNTAIN/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve the registration of the existing TELUS License Agreement and consent to its assignment to Terrion LP by signing the Band Council Resolution: WHEREAS the 'Namgis First Nation entered into a License Agreement dated December 1, 2020 with TELUS Communications Inc. for use of a portion of Parcel A, CLSR 74698 (Site BC106283) for wireless communications infrastructure (the "License"); AND WHEREAS Council previously approved the License by Band Council Resolution but the License was not registered in the First Nations Land Registry System (FNLRS); AND WHEREAS TELUS has requested the Nation's consent to assign and transfer the License to Terrion LP while TELUS remains liable for its obligations; BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Council consents to the assignment of the TELUS License Agreement for Site BC106283 to Terrion LP as set out in the Consent & Assignment Agreement dated October 1, 2025; 2. Council authorizes the Director of Lands & Infrastructure, or designate, to execute the Consent & Assignment Agreement and any supporting documents required for registration; 3. Council approves registration of the original TELUS License and the executed Consent & Assignment Agreement in the FNLRS and directs staff to complete any related administrative steps, including payment of registry fees (to be reimbursed by TELUS/Terrion if applicable); 4. This Resolution is made under the Nation's Land Code and takes effect immediately upon adoption. CARRIED
FNEC	First Nations Education Council (FNEC) is seeking designated representative(s) for participation on the FNEC for the 2025-2026 school year. 2025-Oct-15 (09): MOLLY WILLIE/ERNEST ALFRED That we appoint Naomi Bob, Irene Speck and Jessica Barudin to FNEC for the 2025-2026 school year. CARRIED

Grade 8-10	MémiyehTel has program – funding from Ministry of Child & Families Services & School District and is managed by Sto'lo. <i>Molly Willie will provide contact information to Administration.</i> Suggestion that Irene Isaac, Roberta Harris and Diane Alfred's input be included. Naomi Bob would have minutes from meeting held two weeks ago – provide for information and/or a briefing note. Suggestion to have a series of meetings/planning sessions to strategize on Grade 8-10. 2025-Oct-15 (10): ERNEST ALFRED/JESSICA BARUDIN That we send the edited letter to SD#85 Superintendent, Christina MacDonald regarding our concern with the significant barriers our youth face in accessing secondary education and, to help bridge the gap, we request that SD#85 pilot secondary grades 8-10 in Alert Bay. CARRIED
SSEP Allocation	2025-Oct-15 (11): IRENE SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve signing the Supports for Students with Exceptionalities Program (SSEP) Allocation for 2025-2026: \$158,810 SSEP School Funding Grant \$ 27,859 Speech Language Pathologist/Occupational Therapist CARRIED
FAR for Infrastructure	2025-Oct-15 (12): ERNEST ALFRED/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we approve the signing the Indigenous Services Canada Feasibility Approval Request (FAR) for Infrastructure in the amount of \$99,999 for project: Subdivision Feasibility Study – Alert Bay 1 and 1A. CARRIED
Council Chambers	Discussion on holding Council meetings in the Council Chambers. Bring our energy to the Administration building, our presence. Expensive renting the Learning Centre. Concern with ventilation and being crowded in Chambers. In favor of recommendation with the weather changing. 2025-Oct-15 (13): ERNEST ALFRED/MOLLY WILLIE That we approve with hosting our Council meetings in the Council Chambers – first choice. If a full Council and/or delegates, we host at the Learning Centre. Administration to look at new furniture to make the space more fitting. CARRIED
AGM	Date: November 22 & 23, 2025 Administration to reach out to Cory McIntosh on availability. <i>Apologize that there was no spring meeting. Shift in Administration delayed scheduling. Provide minutes from March 2025 meeting to Council.</i>
Minutes	July 9, 2025 minutes to November 5, 2025 agenda. Policy - 5 days return on minutes – enforce.
Finance	Finance Committee Recommendations 2025-Oct-15 (14): KELLY SPECK/ROBERT MOUNTAIN That we approve an investment of \$750,000 to the Kwagis Power Limited Partnership (KWLP) from the Administration #33 Budget, with the intent to receive this investment back with the earliest full repayment expected in 2027. CARRIED 2025-Oct-15 (15): ERNEST ALFRED/IVY PEERS That we approve an increase in \$2,000 per each community (Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver and Alert Bay) for the Community Christmas Dinners for a total of \$29,000. CARRIED
Brookfield Kwagis Benefit Fund Christmas Dinners	

New Social Housing	2025-Oct-15 (16): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK That we approve the audited New Social Housing Program financial statements for March 2025 and adopted as presented. CARRIED
Two-Phase Audit Cycle	2025-Oct-15 (17): MOLLY WILLIE/IVY PEERS That we approve the implementation of two-phase audit cycle beginning FY 2026, consisting of: 1 – Interim Audit: January 2026 (covering April to December 2025 transactions), and 2 – Final Audit: April to May 2026, targeting completion by early June 2026. CARRIED
Electronic Payments	2025-Oct-15 (18): MOLLY WILLIE/ERNEST ALFRED That Administration reinstates Electronic Payments via Vancity Online Business Banking (OBB) as OBB still requires two signers for security purposes. Administration will pilot with the following payment types: - PSS Allowance Payments - Council and Forum Honorariums - Income Assistance Payments - Intercompany Transfers CARRIED
In-Camera	2025-Oct-15 (19): KELLY SPECK/IRENE SPECK That we approve going In-Camera. CARRIED 2025-Oct-15 (20): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK That we approve going out of In-Camera. CARRIED
MTG: DFO Minister	<i>Don Svanvik attended</i>
Portfolio	<i>Ernest Alfred requests to be added to Salmon/Fish portfolio.</i>
MTG: Kwakwaka'wakw Gov	2025-Oct-15 (21): ERNEST ALFRED/IRENE SPECK That we approve Ivy Peers' participation at the Kwakwaka'wakw Governance Committee meeting on October 15, 2025. CARRIED
MTG: Forestry Fibre Flow	<i>Reach out to Mike Green</i>
MTG: CIRNAC	2025-Oct-15 (22): IVY PEERS/MOLLY WILLIE That we approve Victor Isaac virtually to CIRNAC meeting on November 25, 2025. CARRIED
MTG: Provincial Gathering	2025-Oct-15 (23): IRENE SPECK/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Ivy Peer' participation - Provincial Gathering on November 4, 2025. CARRIED
MTG: Health Forward	2025-Oct-15 (24): MOLLY WILLIE/IVY PEERS That we approve Kelly Speck's participation at the NRHD's Health Forward Summit on November 13, 2025 in Nanaimo. CARRIED
MTG: Our Gathering	INFO: Survey link on document for agenda building.
MTG: ISKUM	2025-Oct-15 (25): ERNEST ALFRED/IVY PEERS That we approve Victor Isaac's participation at ISKUM in Courtenay, October 17, 2025. CARRIED
MTG: AFN	2025-Oct-15 (26): IVY PEERS/ERNEST ALFRED That we approve Victor Isaac's participation at the Assembly of First Nations on October 28 & 29, 2025. CARRIED

Adjourn at 10:20pm



Signature



Date