

**'Namgis First Nation
Council Minutes
January 10, 2012
10:00 AM**

Council: Bill Cranmer (Chair), Greg Wadhams, Brian Wadhams, Barb Cranmer, Art Shaughnessy, Robbie Mountain, Norine Smith, Sharon Gordon

Staff: George Speck (Sr. Administrator), Verna Ambers (Assistant Administrator), Hazel Cook (Recording Secretary)

Called to Order 10:04

Bill Cranmer welcomes new council members.

1. Agenda Approval
a) January 10, 2012

Additions:

- Netloft (Greg)
- Treaty Making Forum Jan 18-19 (George)
- Sherry-Lynn Agreement Report (Brian)
- Ec Dev Conference in Prince George (Barb)
- Band Reporting's (Barb)

**Motion 1076: Moved by Barb Cranmer, seconded by Brian Wadhams
Council approves the agenda for January 10, 2012 with additions. Carried**

2. Minutes Approval
a) November 25, 2011

**Motion 1077: Moved by Greg Wadhams, seconded by Brian Wadhams
Council approves the minutes from November 25, 2011. Carried**

b) Business Arising

Verna Reviews the To Do List

Brian discusses Sam Shaughnessy's Roof

Council Discuss that it will cost more money if the wait is any longer. Council reconfirmed that roofs are a priority.

Casey Cook meeting with the RCMP and Victim Services tomorrow.

Council suggests bringing it to the membership once all the information is together. Difficulty of enforcement is discussed.

3. RCMP Statistics/Concerns

a) Policing Report

Mike reviews the policing stats for 2011.

Mike discusses the candidates for the new officers coming in to Alert Bay.

b) Letter of Concern

Mike discusses options of reintroducing members incarcerated into the community; he explains that it will be discussed at the meeting tomorrow.

Council inquires about talks in the community about prowlers in the village.

Mike informs council that anyone with information needs to call the RCMP.

Council inquires about where and when the meeting tomorrow is taking place. Brian to attend.

5. Council Portfolios

Bill requests that portfolio holders make a monthly report as to what's happening in their portfolios.

Barb requests that council have portfolio meetings.

**Motion 1078: Moved by Brian Wadhams, seconded by Barb Cranmer
Council approves Administration to set up a schedule of portfolio meetings for the community. Carried**

6. BCR's/Agreements

a) Continued Support for K'wak'walatsi Child and Family Services

**Motion 1079: Moved by Brian Wadhams, seconded by Greg Wadhams
Council approves the continuation of 'Namgis First Nation's support in maintaining responsibility for the delivery of child and family services by the K'wak'walat'si Child and Family Services Program. Carried**

Discussion about the Family Guidance Committee.

Council was informed that confidentiality was an issue. Council needs to think about and discuss how to deal with the situation, however we don't see how they can get the members of the community involved without the privileged information getting out.

George informed council that the challenge is the budget and that the annual deficit is being subsidized through the KCFS.

Council suggests starting up a committee to come up with a long term plan.

Recreation needs to be top priority for the community.

Portfolio holders to meet with Community Development to discuss issues.

We have one Full Time staff member and that the other positions are either on-call workers or incentive.

4. Stan Hunt

a) Tax Case

Stan informs Council that he put in a letter asking for funding for appealing Income tax.

Stan explains his request and the case.

Council requests to have the details.

Stan informs that has been working on it for about 10 years and the lawyer feels that they can win.

He is requesting the band donate \$10,000 to support his case.

Council requests that someone come in to inform them about taxation. It is suggested to have a taxation session to explain to the community about taxes.

A question to Stan that if he wins, will the money donated will be returned.

'Namgis Fisheries only provides a bookkeeping service. We are not responsible for any taxation to be paid or that may be owed.

It is decided to have a conference with Leif Nordahl and Stan's lawyer.

5. Agreements

b) 2012 Solid Waste Memorandum of Agreement

**Motion 1080: Moved by Greg Wadhams, seconded by Brian Wadhams
Council approves the 2012 Solid Waste Memorandum of Agreement. Carried**

6. Action Items

a) Request to spend \$30,000 for planning "Downtown" area. This had been approved in principal in the FRO budget that was submitted as a part of our agreement with the Provincial Government.

George and Barb explain the request.

**Motion 1081: Moved by Greg Wadhams, seconded by Sharon Gordon
Council approves the request to spend \$30,000 for planning of the "Downtown" area.
Carried**

b) Neil Sterrit: Governance Workshop – March 6-7

George explains the request to Council and the cost included.

\$2000 + travel = \$3000-\$3500

**Motion 1082: Moved by Art Shaughnessy, seconded by Sharon Gordon
Council approves hiring Neil Sterrit for a Governance Workshop March 6 & 7 2012
Carried**

c) Cormorant Island, McKenna-McBride, Alert Bay I.R. 1 Specific Claims

George informs council that they have opened the doors for rejected claims to be reviewed.

Explains Specific Claims.

**Motion 1083: Moved by Brian Wadhams, seconded by Sharon Gordon
Council approves the review of Cormorant Island, McKenna-McBride and Alert Bay I.R.
1 Specific Claims. Carried**

d) Participation in Mount Waddington Transit Service

George explains.

**Motion 1084: Moved by Sharon Gordon, seconded by Art Shaughnessy
Council approves the 'Namgis First Nation's participation in funding the Mount
Waddington Transit Service. Carried**

Norine & Verna Depart.

e) Schedule meeting with Charlie Beans

Council Discussion. No date set.

7. Nimpkish Heights Property Maps – Harry & Doug

Doug reviews information with Council.

Review of current value of properties.

Doug reviews four lots which are most important and explains that 602A- includes the island in the river. Assessed and market value are different things.

Doug explains that he can keep council informed of what properties are for sale and explained that they will need to have money in the bank in order to even consider purchase of private property.

8. Proposed Woss/Wa'as Cooperative Land Tenure Agreement

Doug reviews package.

Discussion.

Doug informs council of the support from the Regional District and Woss Residence Association and explains that he is looking for Council Support.

Motion1085: Moved by Sharon Gordon, seconded by Brian Wadhams

Council approves the 'Namgis Treaty and Natural Resources Department be authorized to finalize the outlined 'Woss/Wa'as Cooperative Land Tenure Agreement' with the Mount Waddington Regional District, Woss Residence Association, and BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Carried

9. Email: Call from Barry Huber re: LOU

Greg explains to Council.

George explains that a letter of understanding, might be a bit premature to get lawyers involved.

Suggestion that they need a copy of the Letter of Understanding.

Greg to provide copy of LOU.

10. Nanwokolas – Dallas Smith – Tabled

Council needs to discuss before making the decision.

Schedule to next Meeting

11. Updates

a) Kokish River Hydroelectric Project (Kwagis Power)

George explains they are waiting for the engineering costs.

b) Orca Sand & Gravel

George explains the markets in the states have created challenges and that they are struggling to stay afloat but have doubled sale compared to the last year and that if this continues then they could be in the black next year.

He explains that the Joint committee issue is now in the 'Namgis Court. Verna is planning to meet with the plant manager in the next few months.

Greg, Noreen and Verna to attend meeting.

Councilor requests to have more updates in the news letter. Have included what the criteria are to work there.

George to pass on to Garry and Kevin that Council would like to see more information in the newsletter about what we are doing in Economic Development.

Greg explains that he wants to stay informed because he is on the Personnel portfolio.

Council also would like to remind our members that they are protected from any liability for losses should these occur but we also need to show them that there are other benefits such as the wages that have been earned at OSG.

Communications should attend meetings to keep them informed.

George explains the process of the minutes.

We could have them here to hear what is being done to report on.

Communications to be on next agenda re: Communications Strategy

12. Correspondence to Council

a) Christina Stauffer

George reviews.

Discussion

Council discuss issues pertaining to letter

Councilors discuss Social Media

Administration to acknowledge the letter and respond to the issues.

13. Council Travel

a) Mt. Waddington Addictions Group – January 18, 2012

Robbie and Art Dick to Attend.

The group is trying to get a half way house for treatment clients after they get out. North Island is involved and have been for 3 years.

15. Additions

- Treaty Making Forum Jan 18-19 (George)

For budgetary reasons it would be good to send only our three new councilors to attend (Art S. Carole and Sharon) to bring them up to speed with the rest of council

New Councilors to get a treaty binder from TJ.

Motion 1086: Moved by Greg Wadhams, seconded by Robert Mountain

Council approves Art Shaughnessy, Carole Perrault and Sharon Gordon attend the Treaty Making Forum on January 18-19 in Vancouver. Carried

- Netloft (Greg)

It is reported to Council that we have funds from the insurance for the fire in the shed at the dock and that we are looking to do repairs to priority issues at the netloft.

A presentation will be coming to Council at the next meeting outlining a more comprehensive approach to dealing with the netloft and dock.

Council asks having Wayne and Stevie get together and deal with it right away.

- Ec Dev Conference in Prince George (Barb)

Barb informs council that she wants to attend but doesn't have all the info for council

**Motion 1087: Moved by Brian Wadhams, seconded by Art Shaughnessy
Council approves the travel for Barb Cranmer to attend the Economic Development conference in Prince George. Carried**

- Band AGM (Barb)

Administration requested a clarification about AGM purpose: is it to be an Open Forum or will this be an opportunity for the Council to report back to the members what it had been doing for the last year, There was discussion about the difference between a General meeting and an Annual General Meeting. Brian explains that his understanding of an AGM is to report back to the community and that motions are made for council to consider.

Council discuss.

There are two types of meeting being discussed. An AGM is a set date every year where the organization has the opportunity to respond and membership can ask questions and a General Membership can be where membership can send in agenda items to discuss by a certain deadline.

Council needs to have the meetings regularly and that the band needs to hold general meetings to answer the membership's questions.

Council Discuss.

The portfolio Meetings are meeting with a specific agenda, the AGM would cover all operations.

One suggestion is that all the meetings need to be recorded and posted.

Council portfolio holders need to send their reports to communications.

Council discusses Council compensation/honoraria and the need to have revenues to accommodate this.

- Donation for Honor Roll Students Lunch

**Motion 1088: Moved by Greg Wadhams, seconded by Art Shaughnessy
Council approves the donation of a lunch for the Honor Roll students at NISS. Carried**

- Val Lanon

George informs that Val Lanon is available March 15-16 for a workshop with Council

Adjourned 2:02pm

To Do List

#	To Do	Done
1	Motion 1078: Moved by Brian Wadhams, seconded by Barb Cranmer Council approves Administration to set up a schedule of portfolio meetings for the community. <u>Carried</u>	✓
2	Set up meeting for Recreation Portfolio Holders and Kwakwalatsi Re: Rec Centre	✓
3	Greg to call Leif Nordahl Re: Taxation Case	
4	Motion 1082: Moved by Art Shaughnessy, seconded by Sharon Gordon Council approves hiring Neil Sterrit for a Governance Workshop March 6 & 7 2012 <u>Carried</u>	✓
5	Copy Letter of Understanding for Council	✓
6	Copy of treaty binder to new Coucilors	✓

Approved by: _____
William Cranmer

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