



## **KITSELAS BAND COUNCIL**

### **REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – February 27, 2024 Minutes**

Present: Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett, Councillors Ken McDames Jr., Victor Wright (virtual), Geneva Mason, Cyril Bennett-Nabess (virtual), Gerald Nyce (virtual), Linda Morven

Regrets: Judy Gerow, Jericho Collison

Presentations: Chris Apps, Debbie Moore, Travis Freeland, Darrin McCormack, Adam Tang

1. Call Meeting to Order & Opening Prayer – The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm. Opening prayer – Debbie Moore.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 2024-02-27 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the agenda for February 27, 2024.

Moved by: Ken McDames Jr.

Seconded by: Geneva Mason

Carried

#### **Lands & Resources**

3. Certificate of Allocations

Deborah-Ann Bevan - Estate transfer and updated title and issuance of Certificate Of Allocation (IR 6, Lot 78)

Anne Wright - Certificate of Allocation Issuance (IR 1, Lot 8)

Dorreen McMillan - Certificate of Allocation Issuance (IR 1, Lot 11)

Chris reviewed the briefings and motions.

Ann Bevan – Update size of lot. Need BCR and Order in Council to update lot size and title, and issue new COA.

Approval to use electronic signatures on motions.

MOTION LMO 2024-02-27-01

Moved by: Cyril Bennett-Nabess

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried

Anne Wright – BCR cancels previous one that had errors and finalizes lot.

MOTION LMO 2024-02-27-02

Moved by: Ken McDames Jr.

Seconded by: Gerald Nyce

Carried

Dorreen McMillan – BCR will cancel old BCR. Was McDames on previous BCR. No money is owed to KFN.

MOTION LMO 2024-02-27-03

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Geneva Mason

Carried

## **Community Services**

### **4. Local Education Agreement**

Debbie provided an update on the draft LEA. Worked on the draft and looking for input and make sure we're not missing anything. Want to ensure success of our children.

Points of discussion:

- Have more say and control over funding. Want to build sections that reflect new legislation for true collaboration and consultation.
- Have one page agreement with Christian school. Have about 10 students. Encouraging aboriginal inclusion and input.
- Our children are still getting pushed through, and needs to be addressed.
- Debbie Jeffrey, good connection. Let her know KFN is concerned about relationship. Nothing changed in last 20 years. It's all about the dollar value for the School District. FN's support workers are important. Need to ensure we're part of our hiring process when positions need to be filled. Will we ever be in a position to build our own school? Hope Jericho and Debbie pursue funding from ISC, additional funding next year with the new homes. Need to meet with federal and provincial governments to build our own school. Reach out to K5T and David's willingness to help us.
- Transportation is an issue – bussing our children and meeting needs.
- Next meeting is in March on the LEA.
- Providing more cultural awareness, language, and our expectations. We need to send a message to CMSD we have concerns.
- Professional fees in ISC, and opportunity to ensure LEA reflects legislation, inclusion, collaboration/consultation, enforce requirements, our principles and values, and language and culture.

CAO and Debbie to send the LEA to Mark or Peeling, and ask to review it.

## **Gitselasu Stewardship Society**

### **5. GSS Staffing**

Travis reviewed his briefing and recommendation.

- What happened to the \$300,000.00 that was allocated? Council needs more information. Travis to provide a formal presentation including funding and expenditures to date. Work with your Board to give you a hand.
- Reach out to CN. They owe Kitselas.
- Security system in place, and complete inventory (photographic inventory was completed). Love seeing our own people working and need to be dressed appropriately, and stories shared are accurate. Art work needs to be protected.

Put your staff in a training program. Closely monitor your personnel. Equipment needs to be maintained. Need a brochure to share with industry. Growth – zip line, etc.

- Trouble getting quorum with GSS. Overlap with departments who want to use canyon in different way. Last Strategic Plan, needed Travis there and more infused with KFN. Have videos and histories. Capacity building and looking at different revenue for positions – budget breakdown. Having more background and more strategic planning around the canyon – K5T, KDC, CN Rail, etc.
- Suspension bridges, platforms, etc., Axis Mountain will give us what's needed for the pamphlet. Have a member registered for the Curator training.

Travis to provide a formal presentation to review.

### **Kitselas Development Corporation**

6. KFTZ Delegation Trip to China – Adam Tang, Darrin McCormack  
Development of Airport Industrial Park, 100 acres of development. Need to attract business to make an investment. Feasibility study started, and will be completed by Spring. FTZ is one of the concepts want to employ. Adam provided an overview of the proposed trip to China and FTZ interest to work with Kitselas. Benefits – pay less, make more. Leverage our connections, our resources. Darrin noted none of this had been presented to the KDC Board.

Going forward, will need something more concrete. We need something we can review, and who is going to pay for it. We'll be upfront with our members that we're considering it and no decision made.

Dinner Break

7. Minutes, February 13, 2024

MOTION 2023-02-27 (TWO)

That Kitselas Band Council approves the minutes of February 13, 2024 as presented.

Moved by: Geneva Mason

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

### **New Business – Chief Glenn Bennett**

9. Northern Health Authority “Naming of the new Hospital – Concerned with Kitsumkalum, and drafted a letter to Colleen Nyce about naming new hospital. Geri is our member on the working group, and I need to be at that meeting. We live in an area of shared territory. Linda to review the letter and see if any changes, and send it cc City of Terrace, RDKS, and Adrian Dix.

10. Highway 16 Signage, RDKS, MOT Kitselas I.R.#5, I.R.#1 (Gitxsan Sign off reserve) – See signs go up. Sent email to City of Terrace and RDKS. Kitselas will be included on any signage.
11. HR, Governance Policy (Kitselas needs to Hire events Coordinator New Hall) – All events in our community centre, Linda will work within her capacity and organization chart, and begin planning process. Capacity building needs to be structured. We may have to look at our own source revenue and gaming revenue to start. Look at grants that are available. Discussion on the poles. Ulyses submitted a proposal to the Prince Rupert Port Authority for the poles.
12. Ocean Vessel – Linda to plan for a feasibility study for the ocean vessel.
13. I.R. # 4 (Old Kitselas) – Hear concerns about the development out there. Needs to be some kind of committee. Families feel strong about Endudoon, and no development out there. Needs to be more background work on it and from the Lands and Resources. It's owned by Kitselas and there's family lots. Know we have to move cautiously.
14. Kitselas Equipment surplus (Old School) sitting on Queensway – What do we do with Kitselas equipment? Linda to check on policy.

### **Treaty**

15. February 20-22, 2024 Negotiations & Meeting with Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations – We have to work hard to initialing end of June. Treaty event tomorrow. Need to improve attendance or make changes on scheduling. Consultation Agreement meeting with Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, February 23. Mark Stevenson doing presentation with all staff on April 18. Direction to make it mandatory for all staff.

### **Junior All-Native Basketball Tournament**

16. Kitselas Hall – Approve use to support teams travelling and may not have accommodation - small fee for usage, security, etc.
17. CAO Report
  - a. Lax Kw'alaams Business Development Skeena River Fish Trap Project Update – Met on February 13, 2024. Orde Point is their preferred site. Community engagement requested.
  - b. Gitxaala Meeting – Met on February 26, and listened to their presentation. The parcels included in the Kitselas Treaty Negotiations have interactions with Gitxaala use sites and rights. Chief indicated we'd provide a response to their presentation.
  - c. Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Consultation Protocol Signing, February 23, 2024 – The meeting took place attended by Chief Bennett, Mark Stevenson, Dr. Try, and I. A briefing was provided to him, and await his response.
  - d. KFN-NLG Meeting – The meeting was held with follow-up actions by CAO and their CEO to attend a WSN meeting, and a Director to Director meeting.
  - e. Internal Communications Committee – Meetings are ongoing. The motion was provided internally and to entities about utilizing the Kitselas logo.
  - f. Strategic Plan – Meeting on March 4, 2024 to finalize our planning.
  - g. Indigenous Community Support Fund & Indigenous Community Business Fund (ICSF & ICBF) – 2020-2021 – 2022-2023 – Outstanding reports, and reviewing requirements.

h. 2024/25 Budget – In progress noting what auditor shared that he didn't know how I could complete the budget without all requirements completed including the adjusting journal entries.

i. K'uul Power & BC/BC Hydro – Next meeting is scheduled on March 5-7, 2024 and will be attended by Chris, John, Darrin, and I. Ken expressed interest, but has another meeting attending.

j. Kitselas & RCMP Letter of Expectation – Draft LoE completed. Patrick is working on the revisions and will send the amended draft for review.

18. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment – March 12, 2024, Gitau

MOTION 2024-02-27- (Three)

THAT Kitselas Band Council adjourns the meeting.

Moved by: Geneva Mason

Seconded by: Gerald Nyce

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.