



KITSELAS BAND COUNCIL PROPOSED AGENDA

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – February 3, 2025 Minutes, Gitaus

Present: Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett, Councillors Gerald Nyce, Victor Wright (virtual), Ken McDames Jr., Jericho Collison (virtual), Cyril Bennett-Nabess (left at 2:30 pm), Cheryl Campbell, Linda Morven, Dr. David Try
Guests: Bruno Belanger, Albert Peeling, Debbie Moore, Freda Wright

Regrets: Judy Gerow, Geneva Mason

1. Call Meeting to Order & Opening Prayer – The meeting was called to order at 12:36 pm.
Opening prayer and blessing of food – Linda.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 2025-02-03 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the agenda for February 3, 2025 with one addition – the Lighthouse.

Moved by: Ken McDames Jr.

Seconded by: Cyril Bennett-Nabess

Carried

Lands and Resources, Cyril Bennett-Nabess

3. Proposed Staffing Positions – Cyril reviewed his briefing provided.

MOTION LMO 2025-02-03 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the decision document and attached Lands & Resources Organizational Chart in advance of the 2025 Food, Social and Ceremonial Fishing Season,

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Jericho Collison

Carried

A letter will be provided to Wai Wah for the 2 trucks that were transferred as part of the AFS program.

4. Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding

MOTION LMO 2025-02-03 (TWO)

WHEREAS the Lands and Resources Department's Expression of Interest for a Clore River Slide Project has advanced to the Full Proposal stage under the *Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding* (DRIF) program.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kitselas Band Council, on behalf of Kitselas First Nation:

- A. Supports the submission of a Full Proposal to DRIF;
- B. Authorizes the Director of Lands and Resources, Cyril Bennett-Nabess, to sign the application on behalf of the Kitselas First Nation and provide overall grant management if approved.

Moved by: Victor Wright

Seconded by: Gerald Nyce

Carried

5. Endudoon Update – Invitation to Council to attend Endudoon meeting on Wednesday at Kitselas Hall at 5:00 pm.

Glenn recommended to present the Land Use Plan to community.

Treaty

6. Albert Peeling (1 or 2 Votes for Leadership Role)

This was developed by Mel and was the best way to organize it. The Chief should not be above the Council. It's really about protecting the legislature. The decision is one that Council makes.

Linda – There's advantages and disadvantages to having both models. With municipalities, there's Mayors and Councils. With the Nisga'a, it's separate. I prefer the 2 elected positions.

Cyril – What model is being presented to community? I provided input into the Constitution. I want to see Kitselas perspective and names in the Constitution.

David – It's been the amended Constitution that was provided.

Albert – What would be the official title for Chief Councillor as it's not the same position? We want to get the terminology right.

Cyril – From initial constitution, community requested President.

Council vote on one or two votes:

Glenn – One vote.

Jericho – Two votes. I think the people need to vote. It's not fair.

Gerald – Two votes.

Victor – Two votes.

Ken – Two votes.

Cyril – Two votes.

Glenn - I agree with Jericho - two votes.

David and Albert to make the necessary changes.

David provided a brief update on the Treaty. We're mailing out a USB with all the files on Monday of next week. Treaty – plain language of the Treaty, Constitution, appendixes, etc. Deep dive of the Constitution in March. Negotiations are mostly finished. Staff did the final Treaty tour last Friday.

Linda – Were arrangements made for the February 6, 2024 meeting with Gitxaala?

David – I requested Cheryl coordinate.

7. Lax Kw'alaams Letter dated January 15, 2025

We received letters from them that we responded to and requested a date between February 25-28, 2025 to meet.

8. Gitxaala Consultation, February 6, 2025 – We're meeting with Gitxaala on February 6. I extended invites to Stan Bevan, Wilfred McKenzie, Isabel, and other elders.

Community Policing

9. Constable Patrick Tilma Report/Updates – Patrick provided a review of his monthly report, and provided updates on active files. We don't want to compromise an investigation.

Ulyses provided an update on the security cameras.

Linda – Important to put a notice out to both communities on our website, social media, and newsletter.

Glenn – Requested an update on the drug bust that occurred.

Patrick – Regardless, we're saving lives here. With the amount of drugs that were seized, there was a positive outcome. When charges are sworn, it will be public access, and will have

documents from the court for legal eviction. Put something in place to remove posts from social media. Let the processes happen.

Ulyses – Seeking legal advice on the potential eviction.

Glenn – Reiterate to the community that any drug activity won't be tolerated. It's very serious.

Jericho – Draft a letter indicating that we will let RCMP do their processes. Include in the letter additional cameras will be installed for safety.

Community Services, Debbie Moore & Freda Wright

10. Proportionate First Nations Representation on CMSD Board of Trustees

EDU MOTION 2025-02-03 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves a support letter to Minister Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care, requesting the expansion of Coast Mountain School District 82 Trustee seats from seven to nine as presented by the Community Services Department and Inter-Tribal Education Committee Chair.

Moved by: Jericho Collison

Seconded by: Victor Wright

Carried

11. Lighthouse – Debbie provided a brief overview of the Lighthouse. Angie Seymour is coming in to do a thorough cleaning. There's minor repairs that need to be done. One of the biggest one is steps that need to be renovated to make them safe. Going to put handicap access at the front. At the back, there needs to be some rails installed.

Jericho – What's the plan for community use? It's more about access to the building.

Debbie – We're moving over there, and have to plan for that. Right now, youth have access to the downstairs, and dancers have access to the front on Sundays. My staff are moving over there. Upstairs will be office area. Martial arts, Thursdays.

Gerald – We all know what happened to NIFCS. I always found it a challenge to work with NIFCS. Our youth programming was supposed to be based out of the Lighthouse. Maybe it would be beneficial to write a letter to community so they know what's happening.

Jericho – We need open access to that building. It shouldn't be on lockdown. It should be like a hall. Open it up.

Victor – It's a good area for gathering. You have an open area and the kitchen.

Glenn – That building was brought here for the community and the benefit of the community especially the youth.

Debbie – The lighthouse is for prevention programs.

Linda – So how do we make it more accessible? We worked diligently to get it under Kitselas, and need it more accessible. Even if there's office space upstairs, we should be able to access upstairs and the kitchen under required processes. All programs that we're working on are prevention programs, and support providing good options for our youth and families.

Public Works, Ulyses Venegas

12. Waste Water System Update – We are going to present a report to ISC.

DNA reps – Neil Courtney, Fred Dabiri, Paul Turje reviewed their presentation. Of the 9 options, #1 is the most favorable. It's generally flat, forested, separated from community, and still located on reserve which will help with permitting.

Ulyses – It's important we start to put pressure on the project. One of the key points is that in 2021, they changed the funding policy. We are going to need your support to utilize DNA for design and construction.

Glenn – We've always managed our capital projects on time and on budget with DNA, and want to continue to work with you firm to get our capital projects through the system, and negotiating for the mechanical system.

CAO Report

13. 25-26 DRAFT Budget & Work Plans – The 25/26 budget is being completed, and a first review by FAC last Thursday. Work on the budget is ongoing.

14. Door Prize Policy – A policy has been drafted and in your package. Please review it, and advise of any changes. It's being brought to senior team.

Kitselas Development Corporation

15. LNG Canada Update

Darrin provided an overview of his briefing and would own 51% of a Limited Partnership.

MOTION 2025-02-03 (TWO)

Whereas

- i. The Kitselas First Nation, Haisla Nation, Gitga'at First Nation, Gitxaala Nation and Kitsumkalum Indian Band (the MNT Nations) and LNG Canada Development Inc. ("LNG Canada") have executed a non-binding Term Sheet dated January 20, 2025;
- ii. The Term Sheet sets out the key terms and conditions around which the binding Definitive Agreements may be structured;
- iii. Further discussions are required to continue to work towards negotiating and finalizing the binding Definitive Agreements; and
- iv. Kitselas Band Council wish to authorize certain individuals to continue to represent the Kitselas First Nation's interests at the Multi-Nation Table to further these discussions.

Be It Resolved That Kitselas Band Council authorizes Linda Morven, Darrin McCormack, and Cyril Bennett-Nabess to represent Kitselas First Nation's interests at the Multi-Nation Table as the Multi-Nation Table continues to proceed with discussions and negotiations with LNG Canada regarding the Phase 2 opportunities to be reflected in binding Definitive Agreements

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Victor Wright

Carried

16. Shareholders Meeting - KDC Board Recruitment Campaign

MOTION 2025-02-03 (THREE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council moves to go into a Shareholder's Meeting (4:03 pm).

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Victor Wright

Carried

Darrin provided an update on the applications. Roop S. Virk is married to one of our community members.

On behalf of Kitselas, we fully understand the KDC and ensure there's no political interference. At the same time, I need to look at the community. If these two seats are going to be filled, our people want to ensure that these two seats are Kitselas members.

Gerald – I agree having Kitselas members fill the remaining seats.

The two remaining seats will be re-visited at the next Council meeting.

MOTION 2025-02-03 (FOUR)

THAT Kitselas Band Council moves to go out of the Shareholder's Meeting (4:13 pm).

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Victor Wright

Carried

17. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment – Agenda items not addressed at this meeting will be added to the next Council meeting agenda. The next meeting is on February 18, 2025 in Gitaus.

MOTION 2025-02-03 (FIVE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council adjourns the meeting (4:21 pm).

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried