



KITSELAS BAND COUNCIL PROPOSED AGENDA

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – February 18, 2025 (2:00 pm), Gitaus

Present: Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett, Councillors Ken McDames Jr., Cyril Bennett-Nabess, Geneva Mason, Gerald Nyce, Jericho Collison (virtual), Cheryl Campbell, David Try, Linda Morven

Guests : Anne McDames (2 :15 pm), Student Council (4:00 pm) – Damon Nyce, Marissa Seymour, Nora-Jean Mason, Alex Mason, Mercedes Seymour, Aleya, Tiffany George

Regrets: Judy Gerow, Victor Wright

1. Call Meeting to Order & Opening Prayer – The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm.
Opening prayer – Cyril.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 2025-02-18 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the agenda for February 18, 2025 with two additions – Ratification Vote on April 10, 2025 and JANT Teams Send-Off.

Moved by: Ken McDames Jr.

Seconded by: Geneva Mason

Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOTION 2025-02-18 (TWO)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the minutes of January 7, 2025 as presented.

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Geneva Mason

Carried

MOTION 2025-02-18 (THREE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the minutes of February 3, 2025 as presented.

Moved by: Ken McDames

Seconded by: Gerald Nyce

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

January 7, 2025

Gas Bar & Convenience – Clarence provided his input on the proposal submitted by CANCO, and expressed his concerns. We heard our legal express concerns as well. Darrin has other proposals that he's gathering for review by Council.

February 3, 2025

Transfer of the two trucks from Wai Wah is in progress.

Endudoon meeting on February 5. Cyril provided an update on the meeting. Completing a virtual tour of Endudoon to share with members.

Gerald – Would be great if I could take my drone over there for your footage.

Glenn – This one particular reserve is very important to our members, and feel very passionate about what's happening there. One inquiry from a member about a recording of it. If there is a recording, make sure it's transcribed and shared with the community.

Cyril – We reached out to the community members and provided the slide show and documentation.

5. Anne McDames, 2:15 pm

The reason I'm here today is I have a concern about the Lighthouse. Like how it was used before, meals and family events, and had Church service there. People felt comfortable, and people starting to come out. Meet with youth on Tuesday night. The Lighthouse is meant for families and children. People would like to see if it can be used for families and children to share a meal with loved ones. Also concern about turned into offices. Offices should be for youth workers. The elders I talked to would like to see it still as a gathering place for our families and children. Keep the lighthouse open. This is what I have to share with you, and community's concern about the Lighthouse. Programs can happen. Let us know.

Glenn – It takes a lot of money to run and maintain a facility. Someone has to be responsible for maintenance, and bills. This is something Council feels very strong about. Look to Debbie about how we will utilize the building.

Debbie – Thank you for bringing this forward. Youth are moving into the new hall. It's part of the new plan. Debbie provided an overview of the briefing provided on the intent of the program.

Linda – Appreciate the concerns as well and working together, we can ensure accessibility to meet needs. Youth moving into the new community centre when it's open, and will have a commercial kitchen in the new hall. There was always office space in the Lighthouse, and even though Community Services staff are moving over, it won't take away from community accessing the Lighthouse. We are working toward strengthening programs and services to families and youth, and will have a process for access. NIFCSS didn't provide the level of services that were expected and didn't connect to Kitselas programs and services, so we negotiated to transfer it to Kitselas. It's not accessible now as we're working on renovations, a wheelchair ramp, re-doing the stairs as it needs to be made safer, and other maintenance requirements.

Geneva – About 15 years ago, I used to work at the youth centre as a youth supervisor. We used to have 30-40 youth show up.

Gerald – It's something we always talked about, and we do have a lot of kids show up. I am looking forward to moving into the hall. Hall opening in particular, we can sing in Sm'algax. Ken and I, we have plans and ideas about what to do when the hall is open. There's so many things that we can do and plan on doing. It's been in Debbie's care for awhile now, and look forward to the programs. Our programming has grown. I've been so patient for the hall, and can wait awhile longer.

Anne – One of the things youth wanted is better lighting around the Lighthouse.

Glenn – Recommend a working group. It's given to the community, and they feel they're not part of it. Maybe we need to look at a stand-alone youth centre. I'd like to see more growth including more housing.

Treaty

Ratification committee is responsible for the vote. Ratification is asking if Chief and Council have any problem with the vote on April 10, 2025.

TRE MOTION 2025-02-18 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council sanctions the ratification vote on April 10, 2025.

Moved by: Geneva Mason

Seconded by: Gerald Nyce

Carried (with one abstention)

Jericho expressed concern about whether or not we should wait until after the Gitxaala meeting.

David – We've been working toward April 10 for months.

Glenn – This is something we've been working on and will continue to move forward.

David provided an overview of scheduled events.

6. Constitution – David advised that the ratification draft of the Constitution is complete. Review and provide any comments or amendments. There'll be a final deep dive on the Constitution in March.

7. Eligibility and Enrolment Appeal Board Appointments

David – We have appointed Ashley from Comox, and in the process of appointing Kim Webber. I do not expect any appeals. There were 3 applicants that were denied as they're not Kitselas members, are spouses of members.

Glenn – I did recommend to David and Linda about a commemorative coin using the KBC logo.
Linda – One logo, the KBC logo, and specifics. Recommend that Cyril help with the design of the coin.

David – The biggest event is April 9, 2025, the day before the vote.

David will provide a draft of the coin for review.

8. Kitselas Consultations: Gitxaala Meeting, February 19, 2025; Lax Kw'alaams Meeting, February 21, 2025

Linda reviewed the briefing provided by Albert Peeling.

Gerald inquired if they have a guardianship program that they could help us.

Glenn touched on the ocean vessel and monitoring opportunities.

Cyril provided an overview of the maps.

Glenn – This is where it's important we have current maps and visualize what their concerns are.

BC ITA, John Balogh, 3:15 pm

9. BC Interim Treaty Agreement on Lands East of Highway 37

John provided an overview of his briefing.

MOTION 2025-02-18 (FOUR)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the Incremental Treaty Agreement and consents to its execution and delivery, substantially in the form presented to Council, and if applicable, the execution and delivery of any schedule or document required under the ITA, and authorizes Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett to execute and deliver the ITA, substantially in the form presented to Council, on behalf of Kitselas First Nation.

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Geneva Mason

Carried

K5T

10. Proposed Property Purchase

Linda provided an overview of the financial information provided by K5T.

MOTION 2025-02-18 (FIVE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves a limited Corporate Guarantee for the proposed K5T property purchase in the amount of \$475,000.00 considering the updated financial information provided by K5T to minimize risk or liability to Kitselas First Nation, the additional information requested by Finance, and with the understanding that moving forward, K5T will focus on strengthening its financial position and programs.

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Jericho Collison

Carried

K5T to provide the additional information recommended by Cameron.

Health

11. Health Funding Agreement, FNHA

Geri provided an overview of the health funding agreement, and programs that we focus on. We'll work with other departments to get an actual number of our members.

Glenn – Hopefully soon, we'll have a doctor here. Satellite health centre, look at providing more services there.

Geri – We'll have one very soon, and have an office set up here.

Gerald – Let the Student Council know about the funding we're getting at Kitsleas. It's a 10-year funding agreement.

HLTH 2025-02-18 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council acknowledges the First Nations Health Authority expiring agreement, approves the new Health Funding Agreement (B-2526-01911) dated April 1, 2025, and sanctions Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett and three (3) other Councillors to sign the new Agreement on behalf of Kitselas First Nation.

Moved by: Geneva Mason

Seconded by: Gerald Nyce

Carried

CAO Report

12. KBC Elections Update – We've initiated the elections process and received updated requirements from ISC. Cheryl completed the RFP, and we'll be presenting the proposals to Council at the next meeting, and for Council to approve their recommendation for an electoral officer.

13. National Truth and Reconciliation Community Projects Funding – I applied for the funding again this year for a community workshop and dinner on October 1, and a staff workshop and lunch on October 2. I anticipate we'll get the funding, and I'm sure we'll get support from another department to help with costs.

14. Natural Resources Forum – Networking, new people, new companies. For future forums, register early. A lot of the functions sell out quite quick, and hotels book up quickly.

15. BC Cabinet & First Nations Leadership Gathering – So many meetings scheduled. Talked about the potential for guardianship funding.

16. Premier's Award

17. Finance Manager & Update on Director of Finance

Glenn – Would suggest we look at the salary range to attract the right person. Look at bumping up that salary.

MOTION 2025-02-18 (SIX)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the position from Finance Officer to Finance Manager.

Geneva Mason

Jericho Collison

18. CGLFN GP Inc. (Director)

MOTION 2025-02-18 (SEVEN)

THAT Kitselas Band Council sanctions Ken McDames Jr. to remain as the Kitselas representative on the CGLFN GP Inc. until the next Kitselas Band Council election.

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Cyril Bennett-Nabess

Carried

19. SIDP Water System Lobbying – Darrin to attend the lobbying trip in Ottawa. If any Council member would like to attend with Darrin, to let Linda know.

20. Ksi Lisims Conditional Consent – Have finalized an IMBA with Ksi Lisims, and provided conditional consent. The IMBA will be presented at the next Council meeting.

21. Beyond Terrace Capacity Funding – Received \$60,000.00 for our negotiation beyond Terrace.

22. John Balogh – Phasing into retirement. We have engaged with Barry Vickers who has provided notice to Coalition that he will be completing his work in June. We're also looking at other negotiators. We'll keep Council up to date.

Glenn – These projects are important for Kitselas such as the NCTL.

Kitselas Development Corporation

23. LNGC Update – Darrin provided an update on the LNGC.

Linda – The proposed model is similar to what NCTL, but there's no middle entity. It's direct with Nations, and you can see the difference.

The next meeting is in person in Vancouver on March 5.

24. A&A Tenure Update & Proposed Asia Trip

Glenn provided an overview of the tenure, and the proposed trip to Asia.

Ken – Time to pass the knowledge, and we need to stop going to Wilfred McKenzie, Fred McKenzie, and the others that are always called on. I want to learn more. I want to be able to share, and look at younger people who are semi-interested. If they're going to go, share the knowledge.

Glenn – We can table the motion to the next Council meeting, and invite John to the proposed trip to Asia.

Darrin – In addition to the acquisition of the tenure from A&A, it's a log marketing agreement. It has a life of 4 years. It gives first right of refusal to A&A. I'd like to see what John is saying about why we're going now or defer to a later date, maybe when we have timbre to market.

Gerald – It's a great opportunity to get our resources out to other countries. Great way to build relationship. If the Treaty went through, there'd be more opportunities. I agree with Ken about who would attend.

25. Upcoming JANT Trip, March 16-21, 2025

Gerald - Been fundraising since October. Have 4 basketball teams going this year. Have a lot of parents driving their children down. We have raised a lot of money. NIFCS gave us \$25,000.00 about 2 weeks ago. We're up to \$50,000.00 now and still significantly short. Putting it out there how much we can support our teams. Our athletic club will be meeting this week – hotels in PG and Kelowna. The only thing we're really worried about now is food.

Glenn – We look forward to hearing back from your group.

26. KDC Board Member Recruitment – Bruno Belanger, Adam Tang, Patricia Squires

MOTION 2025-02-18 (EIGHT)

THAT Kitselas Band Council moves to go into a Shareholder's Meeting (6:09 pm).

Moved by: Geneva Mason

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried

Shareholders Meeting

Darrin reviews the agenda, and the main agenda item for Director appointments, and having Kitselas representatives on the Board. There are 4 reps currently – Patricia Squires, Glenn

Bennett, Bruno Belanger, and Adam Tang. At the November meeting, approved increasing from 5 to 6 Directors, so have 2 vacancies. The Director requirements are shared.

Glenn – Recommends Roop Virk, and looks to Darrin for his recommendation on the remaining seat.

Ken – Roop is his recommendation as well.

Roop Virk is unanimously accepted to the KDC Board (Cyril Bennett-Nabess/Geneva Mason).
Table the discussion for the remaining Director.

MOTION 2025-02-18 (NINE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council moves to go out of the Shareholder's Meeting (6:25 pm).

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Cyril Bennett-Nabess

Carried

27. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment – March 4, 2025, Queensway (agreed on a virtual meeting)

MOTION 2025-02-18 (TEN)

THAT Kitselas Band Council adjourns the meeting (6:31 pm).

Moved by: Geneva Mason

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried