



KITSELAS BAND COUNCIL PROPOSED AGENDA

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – March 4, 2025 (virtual)

Present: Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett, Councillors Cyril Bennett-Nabess, Jericho Collison, Gerald Nyce, Ken McDames Jr., Victor Wright, Cyril Bennett-Nabess (4:00 pm), David Try, Cheryl Campbell, Matilda Henry, Pat Squires, Linda Morven

Regrets: Judy Gerow

Guests: Sophie Fenus, Aimee Thompson, Cheryl Brown. Robert Hart, John Mohammed

1. Call Meeting to Order & Opening Prayer – The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm.
Opening prayer – David.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 2025-03-04 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the agenda for March 4, 2025.

Moved by: Ken McDames Jr.

Seconded by: Jericho Collison

Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOTION 2025-03-04 (TWO)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the minutes of February 18, 2025 as presented.

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Jericho Collison

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Coastal Gas Link, Sophie Fenus and Aimee Thompson, TC Energy 3:15 pm

5. Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP) – Engagement, Adaptive Management and Reporting

The Management Plan we created was part of our Environmental Assessment Certificate. In 2014-15, we engaged with Kitselas to develop the Plan. Reaching out to the community at least twice per year within the scope of the Plan. Provided 2 reports per year to the community about how the Plan was implemented, and if any mitigation. We've completed 12 reports. In reviewing some of the records, we did receive some feedback from Kitselas including wellness. This is really to look at the framework whether we were effective and responsive. Does the model work well with the community?

Cyril – Want to thank Aimee and Sophie for their engagement with Jane and Pat. We do receive these reports. Phase 1 of the pipeline completed in 2023. Brings us one step closer to an operational benefit, and a new relationship. My hope is that it can only improve and get better.

Pat – It's been a long haul with Coastal Gaslink. Overall, it's been very well done. We did have some bumps on the road, but they resolved very quickly. We did 3 fly-overs with CGL of the pipeline. Whole point was to make sure environmentally safe, and we were involved in employment and training.

Jane – It was a much smoother transition. The important take-away is that all's well that ends well.

Glenn – We have an active Youth Council, and we'll touch base about meeting with the youth to give them an opportunity to try and understand what this project is all about. Internally, we can work with Gerald, and other staff who meet regularly with the Youth Council.

Sophie - Absolutely, if there's interest, we can meet. We want to gather any lessons learned, and better ways we can do this work.

Glenn – Our Youth Council meet regularly. We've been telling our community we need to start getting ourselves ready especially those graduating from high school. Give some serious thought to working in this sector.

Pat – The meetings went well with the targeted groups. The newsletters worked out well as well to let community know what's happening with Section 8. One thing that could be improved is the aboriginal consultation training for your workers.

Ksi Lisims IMBA, John Balogh, Cyril Bennett-Nabess, Linda Morven, 3:45 pm

6. Review and Approval of Ksi Lisims IMBA & Coastal Fund Agreement Incremental Funding Project Notice Letter

John reviewed his briefing.

Cyril - At the last community meeting, we were able to give our farewell remarks to John. Edison passed on his regards and thanks.

Linda – With the Work Force Strategy, we're being strategic, and provided it to K5T. A notice was posted about interest in work and provide resumes, and let us know if there's any capacity building needed. We'd like members to get ready for these opportunities, and not just the labour positions as noted.

Glenn – Wish you well in your retirement, and thank you for the good work.

MOTION 2025-03-04 (THREE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves:

- a. the Ksi Lisims Impact Management and Benefits Agreement, related support letter, and Band Council Resolution (Appendix A);
- b. the Coastal Fund Agreement Incremental Funding Project Notice letter (Appendix B); and
- c. authorizes Chief Glenn Bennett to sign the agreement, related support letter, and Coastal Fund letter.

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Victor Wright

Carried

Kalum Land Resource Management Plan, Cheryl Brown and Robert Hart, 4:15 pm

7. Role of the Plan Implementation Committee (PIC)

Cheryl is the Chair of PIC. How do we build a community and build a resilient forest resources plan with us? The Plan has vastly changed. We have pipelines running through it. Kitselas and Kitsumkalum are coming to Treaty and your presence will be strong. We need to sit down at the table and ask what do you need in terms of a Forest Service Plan. We would like to meet with your forestry officer and Director of Lands. We will make sure Cheryl's presentation gets to you in writing and an overview letter.

Glenn – I came in at the tail end when the Kalum one was being completed, and hopefully, you'll learn about our Treaty. We'll reach out to you on a face-to-face meeting with our Lands and Resources department, and others who may be interested.

Kitselas Development Corporation, 4:30 pm

8. Proposed Asia Trip – John Mohammed

John provided an overview of the significance of the trip and why Glenn and Wilfred are recommended, to maintain continuity and the relationship, introducing Kitselas reps to their customers,

Gerald – Would be beneficial for Ritchie Seymour from Kitselas Forest Products to attend.

John – Will make it work somehow if he's available. There's the whole VISAS for China, and takes up to 4 weeks to act on it and coordinate it all.

MOTION 2025-03-04 (FOUR)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett, Wilfred McKenzie, and Ritchie Seymour to travel to Asia from April 11-21, 2025 with representatives from A&A Trading Ltd. to strengthen relationships in Asia to market tenure.

Moved by: Gerald Nyce

Seconded by: Victor Wright

Carried

9. A&A Tenure RAIT

The consultations are complete. We're just waiting on the Ministry. We sent a joint letter to the Ministry.

Coast Mountain School District, 4:45 pm

10. Indigenous Education Council

The document provided was reviewed. Jericho and Gerald volunteer to be one of the representatives for Kitselas.

MOTION 2025-03-04 (FIVE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves Councillors Jericho Collison and Gerald Nyce to the Indigenous Education Council, and that the Chief Administrative Officer provide the appointments to Coast Mountain School District.

Moved by: Ken McDames Jr.

Seconded by: Victor Wright

Carried

Treaty

11. Consultations – Gitxaala, Lax Kw'alaams, Haisla, Nisga'a, Gitksan – Had a series of meetings. Trying to arrange with Haisla and Nisga'a. We're trying to develop protocols with each of these Nations. It's not going very fast. Gitxaala – March 12. Lax Kw'alaams, 1st week of April. Overall, the meetings are proceeding forward. We don't need one by ratification date.

Glenn – The session with Lax Kw'alaams was very intense. All we can do is listen to them, and see if we can come up with an agreement. We're going to negotiate respectfully with the 2 Nations.

12. Communications – USB was sent out that included all documentation. Ratification Committee – one rep BC, Canada, and Kitselas representative John Balogh. Various voting options. One ballot, 2 votes. We currently have 474 people enrolled in the Treaty of which 306 are adults.

13. Treaty Updates – David provided a review of scheduled events. Canada and BC will be here in person. Drop in and chat with negotiators from them, and extended the invitation to Kalum. March 28 – Final deep dive on the Constitution. \$300 honorarium to members. We're very active on Treaty. March 19 – Main table meeting. We're well positioned to deliver the package to the people, and give people every opportunity to make an informed vote.

Linda - Seeing video posts on FB. May seem reactionary, however, we requested videos by our own members some time ago, to use our own members to share their views on Treaty, what the Treaty means for them.

David – Glenn mentioned he would do a video, and have a number of similar videos. Will check with Monogram.

Linda – Would be good to do other videos.

Gerald – Would be great to have Zoe and Brianna come and speak to our Youth Council. I would like to have them do a video on Treaty.

CAO Report

14. KBC Elections Update – Received two proposals to our RFP. The selection of the Elections Officer will be made at our next Council meeting.

15. AltaGas – Met with AltaGas last week, and wanted to touch base on employment and training opportunities. It was administrative, and we're looking at a leadership to leadership meeting.

16. NCTL Update – Will be completing presentations to First Nations on their deal term sheet, and financial model. They'll be looking for formal approval from Kitselas. They've included Kitselas and other Nations who are not signed onto the K'uul Board in their totals, and it's important we make a decision one way or the other. We're looking at a community engagement session on March 31, and a presentation to Council on April 1.

17. Ocean Vessel – Review of the email provided on options to finance the vessel. Next steps, wait for Clarence's input into costs, and completing our own work plan including operating costs.

Glenn – If we can go local, will reach out to the company based out of Prince Rupert.

18. Bylaws Workshop – Just completed a two-day Bylaws Workshop that I shared at the last meeting. Have a lot of work ahead of us for Treaty in terms of our review of our laws and bylaws including our Financial Administration Law, land, elections, etc.

19. Tsimshian Leadership Table – Other First Nations need to be part of these meetings. Attended another meeting with Stan Ashcroft to get an update on the specific claims, the erosion of IR#5, the timber on IR#1, the volume removed, and come to a valuation. Provided information from Travis and Jason on the IR#5 erosion. We're in it for the long haul and will come out in the long haul.

20. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment – March 18, 2025, Queensway

MOTION 2025-03-04 (SIX)

THAT Kitselas Band Council adjourns the meeting (5:01 pm).

Moved by: Victor Wright

Seconded by: Jericho Collison

Carried