



KITSELAS BAND COUNCIL

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – April 15, 2025 Minutes (Queensway)

Present: Cyril Bennett-Nabess (Chair), Geneva Mason, Jericho Collison (virtual), Ken McDames Jr. (virtual), Gerald Nyce (virtual), Victor Wright (virtual), David Try, Cheryl Campbell, Matilda Henry, Linda Morven

1. Call Meeting to Order & Opening Prayer – The meeting was called to order at 2:59 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 2025-04-15 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the agenda for April 15, 2025 with one addition – outdoor basketball court.

Moved by: Geneva Mason

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOTION 2025-04-15 (TWO)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the minutes of April 1, 2025 as amended with the following addition at the end of MOTION LMO-2025-04-01:

AND Kitselas Band Council to use their electronic signature for accompanying documents.

Moved by: Jericho Collison

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Treaty

5. Constitution and Treaty Ratification Vote De-Brief

David provided an overview of the ratification vote as per his document provided. Database have now is exceptionally up-to-date. We can use the database for mail-out. With the \$5 million, it took 5 months. With benefits, we anticipate possibly October, but looking at the end of the year. Quarterly update, May 26, 2025. We have contact information for everyone except 14 people. We want to maintain the database for effective communication. We want to make sure we build and maintain the Trust, and to successfully implement the Treaty in the next 3-4 years. The \$20 million is used specifically for the Trust and the member benefit payments.

Gerald – Congratulations. It was a very exciting day. It was an awesome outcome as well, and looking forward to next steps. We'll be beginning planning for the cultural camp.

David - Our funding will continue up until effective date.

6. Next Steps – Celebratory Dinner, Implementation Planning/A Path Forward

We have a working group meeting in Vancouver on May 15-16, 2025 and begin working a high level strategy. We have a budget of \$5-6 million. Next steps – Constitution. Going to lawyers next week and will organize an event on May 27. Implementation Plan – clause by clause, and who needs to do something.

Linda – The meeting in May will include Glenn, Cyril, and I, and we'll look at the transition of staff and the move of Treaty to Gitau. During the time in-between, Treaty staff to begin

completing an inventory, and especially Treaty documents to ensure they're part of an archive. We also need to look at a celebratory dinner. Begin planning at the senior management team meeting and present to Council.

7. Consultation Meetings with Nations

We're looking at engaging a high level mediator.

Linda – Our legal will draft any responses to Nations.

New Business

8. Outdoor Basketball Court – Needs some work, clean-up, new paint on the lines, and mesh. Not sure who is in charge, if anyone is in charge. If we can provide the materials, the athletic club is happy to volunteer to do the work. The lights that are burnt out need to be replaced.

Victor – We looked at it the other day, and there is work. As for the lights, they need to be totally replaced.

Cyril – Provided a brief update on who would be responsible for maintaining our parks.

CAO Report

9. Audit Update – Completed the preliminary audit, and waiting to hear back from Vohora on the date of the audit.

10. KBC Elections – The Nominations Meeting will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025 in Gitau. Marcus Hadley will be onsite.

11. CN Rail Safety – A community engagement session was held on Monday, April 7, 2025 with the new CN Rail Safety Officer, Matt Jones. It was attended mainly by staff.

12. Staffing – We've hired a Social Development Coordinator, and in the process of hiring an Employment & Training Coordinator. Other hires are in progress such as the Lands and Resources.

13. My Leave – I'm on leave for 4 days next week from Tuesday to Friday.

Cyril – Number of directions being pulled at any given time. Thank you for the work that you're doing - is moving forward in a good way.

Kitselas Development Corporation

14. First Nation Natural Gas Alliance Society Update

Darrin extended his congratulations on the milestone achievement for the Treaty. Sarah Zimmerman from the City of Terrace also extends her congratulations.

Darrin reviewed the briefing provided. Recommended that we appoint a member to sit as a Director at next AGM.

15. Shareholder Meeting of Kitselas Development Corporation

MOTION 2025-04-15 (THREE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council moves to go into a Shareholder's Meeting (3:57 pm).

Moved by: Geneva Mason

Seconded by: Gerald Nyce

Carried

Shareholder's Meeting is led by Darrin.

MOTION 2025-04-15 (FOUR)

THAT Kitselas Band Council moves to adjourn the Shareholder's Meeting (4:16 pm).

Moved by: Jericho Collison

Seconded by: Victor Wright

Carried

15. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment – April 29, 2025, Gitaus (NWTL Project Update will be a main agenda item)

MOTION 2025-04-15 (FIVE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council adjourns the meeting (4:20 pm).

Moved by: Geneva Mason

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried