

Kitselas Band Council Orientation
August 28, 2025 Minutes

Present: Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett, Councillors Cheryl Campbell, Gerald Nyce, Ken McDames Jr., Cyril Bennett-Nabess, Jericho Collison, Jordan Squires

Regrets: Victor Wright

Staff: Linda Morven, CAO, David Try, Director of Treaty, Ulyses Venegas, Director of Housing and Public Works, Debbie Moore, Director of Community Services, Isabel Majore, Finance Officer, Cedar Welsh, Lands and Resource Manager, Darren McCormick, KDC, Cameron Marshall, Consultant, Matilda Henry, Communications, Crystal Wright, Reception/Administrative Assistant, Sharon Bennett, Executive Assistant

Guests: Steve Kietzmann, Vohora (virtually), Bhavana Jawhare, First Nations Financial Management Board

Glenn opened the meeting with welcoming comments. Upcoming dates and events were noted.

Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Review and Adoption of Financial Statements

Steve presented the audit as at March 31, 2025.

Motion 2025-08-28 (One)

That the Kitselas Band Council approves the audited financial statements as at March 31, 2025 as presented.

Moved: Jordan Squires

Seconded: Jericho Collison

Carried

4. FMB Presentation

Bahava provided an overview of the Financial Administration Law.

- Finance & Audit Committee roles and responsibilities discussed.
- KFN FMS Certification Progress: awaiting documents
- Risk Management Plan reviewed, including potential risks, levels, and mitigation strategies.
- Risk Register & Management Plan scheduled June–July 2025.

Motion 2025-08-28 (Two)

That the Kitselas Band Council approves the Kitselas Risk Management Plan as presented.

Moved: Ken McDames Jr.

Seconded: Jordan Squires

Carried

Finance Update – Isabel, Cameron

Cameron provided an update on the fiscal report for ISC and that approximately \$900,000 to be clawed back (mainly from Social Development and Education). We had been meeting with ISC and developed a spending plan to March 31, 2026. Cameron and Linda met with Debbie on how to spend the dollars. Isabel requested to have Cameron assist two days per week until September.

- Linda suggested meeting with other directors, similar process with Debbie.
- LNG operations: invoicing and review agreements.

Housing, Public Works & Infrastructure - Ulyses

Ulyses provided an update on the housing, public works and infrastructure.

- Asset Management System & Plan reviewed.
- Noted that some assets are missing from acreage records.

Health - Gerald

Gerald provided an update on the health department

- Additional staff recruitment underway.
- Daycare submission instructor offered to Anne.
- Primary Care Network updates:
 - Doctor Cody Kaskamin, community introduction event on September 3rd.
 - Kinesiologist hired.
 - Occupational therapist offered position.
- Health and Traditional Wellness Coordinator: Ayla Bevan.
- Dietician role discussed; Patsy (Food Security) to assist.

Community Services (Debbie)

Debbie provided an update on the Community Services department.

- WAB renovations ongoing (WAB funding three units including the elders and youth center).
- Back-to-school haircuts provided for children and community.
- Employment & Training: survey conducted; funding applied for Indigenous Skilled Training and K5T.
- Community information sessions planned.
- School supplies distributed with clothing allowance and post-secondary support.
- Laptops ordered; Nirav preparing distribution list, Freda to distribute by next week.
- Language & Culture : Mattie to repost information in community.
- Elders: borrowing black bus for National Elders Gathering.

Discussion:

- Jordan: asked if trades are covered.
 - Debbie: only if Grade 12 required.
 - Jordan: noted living allowance not covered;
 - trades students automatically enrolled in driving lessons.

Lands & Resources (Cyril)

Cyril provided an update on the Lands and Resources department.

- NC Transmission Line update:
 - Meetings held Aug 27 and Jul 8 with BC Hydro representatives and Kitselas leadership.
 - Kitselas supports project, but compensation remains a concern.
 - BC Hydro intends to use Expropriation Act (lower valuation).
 - Kitselas insists on mutually agreed valuation reflecting true market value.
 - Community and Council input acknowledged, but no formal approval granted.

Treaty (David)

Dr. David Try provided an update on the Treaty since the ratification.

- Strategic priorities reviewed.
 - Comprehensive Community Plan in progress.
 - Galts'ap Lak Yuup S'gaanhawn Land Use Plan discussed.
- KDC finances reviewed

Communications Plan

Presenters: Linda, Cheryl and Matilida

- Internal & external strategies include:
 - Website
 - App
 - Social Media
 - LinkedIn
 - Newsletters
 - Community engagement activities
 - Communications flow improvements
- Linda emphasized importance of relationship building.

Closing

- Glenn thanked Linda and all presenters.
- Meeting adjourned.