



KITSELAS BAND COUNCIL Regularly Scheduled Meeting **July 22, 2025 Minutes, Queensway**

Present: Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett, Councillors Ken McDames Jr., Jericho Collison, Cheryl Campbell, Gerald Nyce, Jordan Squires, Matilda Henry, David Try, Linda Morven

Guests:

Regrets: Victor Wright

1. Call Meeting to Order & Opening Prayer – The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm.
Opening prayer – David.

2. Adoption of Agenda -

MOTION 2025-07-22 (ONE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the agenda for July 22, 2025 – Edward Mould added – adopted as amended.

Moved by: Ken McDames

Seconded by: Jericho Collison

Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOTION 2025-07-22 (TWO)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves the minutes of July 8, 2025 as presented.

Moved by: Jericho Collison

Seconded by: Ken McDames

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Surplus funding – education.

Housing, Public Works and Infrastructure

5. Update on Housing Unit

Gerald – Will this affect travel flow and will it affect headstart?

Ulyses – Don't think it will affect headstart, but will impact the flow of traffic.

Glenn – Given our housing departments in a deficit, where can we get the funding? Linda, what's your recommendation? Will the lot revert back to Kitselas?

Ulyses – If the lot was in your name, you would have been responsible, but it's not in your name. The paperwork wasn't complete, so the property is under Kitselas. He understood and is ok with it.

Jericho – I think it's a good idea. There's always someone trying to mess around with that house. I constantly have to yell at kids to get out of the yard.

Gerald – Considering it's a health issue, health can cover the cost with surplus. It's next to headstart.

Jorden – When do you propose starting?

Ulyses – We need to take the siding off first. We have to look at potential asbestos. Once it's approved, I will contact a contractor.

MOTION 2025-07-22 (THREE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves \$120,000.00 for the demolition of the work required at 1589 Kulpai, IR631 from the surplus in health.

Moved by: Jericho Collison
Seconded by: Jorden Squires
Carried

6. Security Cameras – We requested from BC Hydro to put on their poles, and their answer was no. How much would it cost to put up our own pole. Each pole is \$1500 x 40 = \$60,000.00. Where I can, I would put two cameras. I think 20 poles for a total cost of \$30,000.00.

MOTION 2025-07-22 (FOUR)

THAT Kitselas Band Council approves \$30,000.00 from BC Gaming to purchase the poles needed to install the security cameras.

Moved by: Gerald Nyce
Seconded by: Jericho Collison
Carried

Glenn – Are we still looking at the end of September for the community centre?

Ulyses – We had a call with Cameron this morning, and our engineer is required to submit the Declaration of Compatibility for the crushed rock.

7. Vehicles & Insurance – For my work, we need to have a vehicle here in Kulspai. We authorize staff to park vehicles for work efficiency. Elmer is using his own van to transport summer students. Ensure we have sufficient insurance.

8. Departmental Structure – I'm working on the plan and will present to Council for review.

Lands & Resources

9. Halibut Quota Update – Linda provided an update on the halibut quota.

10. Fish Wheel Update

David provided an update on the fish wheel. The big thing on the fish wheel is that we're not fishing right now. We tried, but there was some damage. We have 8 Kitselas members working on the wheel. People are eager to get fish. We keep advising people one more day, and we'll begin getting fish. Last year, we had lots of support. The achievements for this year. We built a second wheel and did it the Kitselas way. I went out and fundraised for the wheel. Some authorized work took place, and I had a conversation with Neid today. Mr. Wilfred McKenzie Sr. ordered 4 new baskets. Neid thought Wilfred had the authority. We're now in a deficit of \$33,000.00 - \$5,000.00 for the shortfall for the construction of the 2nd fish wheel. It was good intentions, but it wasn't budgeted for.

Glenn – So how do you propose we cover the shortfall?

David – The commercial fishing, we need a lot of permits from DFO. There's a lot of effort, ice, time, etc. 2 types of commercial fishing – Class A and B. Class B to separate commercial from food fishery. Because we have 2 wheels, we can do the dual and do landside monitoring. Need a permit from Ministry of Agriculture and a permit from Ministry of Health. We can prioritize other Nations who can't get fish.

David – This is valuable knowledge for Treaty, and potentially allocate funding.

Glenn – Hopefully, stay in touch with Angela Addison.

Ulyses – We used to use a commercial processor of fish, and they used to vacuum seal and sell it internationally. Maybe something to look at for the future.

David – The best thing we can do is partner with a processor.

Treaty

Getting ready to move to Gitau. Lots of stuff to move.

Plan is to continue to communicate with Treaty. BBQ in August – hamburgers and hotdogs.

September 24 – Community Meeting

October – talk about Trust.

Chief and Council will approve of these choices.

Treaty Benefit Payout Policy – payout, critical date is April 10, 2025.

Core laws – working on the core laws.

\$2.2 million dollars, still waiting on for implementation.

\$10 million dollars from Canada, hope to have trust in place by the time money arrives.

Glenn – What's the status of the discussions with Nations? On hold for the summer.

11. Strategic/Transitional Planning – Linda provided an overview of the two days.

12. Trust Policy – interest on trust money, benefit payouts and

13. Law Making

CAO Report

14. Council Orientation & Portfolios

15. Eaglecraft Site Visit

16. Update on NCTL Project

17. Update on Audit

18. Risk Management Plan

19. Riverboat Days

20. CN Rail Safety Week

MOTION 2025-07-22 (FOUR)

WHEREAS *Rail Safety Week* is to be held across Canada from September 15 to 21, 2025;

WHEREAS, 261 railway crossing incidents occurred in Canada in 2024; resulting in 68 avoidable fatalities and 58 avoidable serious injuries;

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

WHEREAS CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested your community adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities;

It is hereby RESOLVED to support national *Rail Safety Week* to be held from September 15 to 21, 2025.

Moved by: Jordan Squires

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried

Edward Mould – Said he talked for Ulyses. He needs a washing machine. Linda to check with Debbie.

Kitselas Development Corporation, Darrin McCormack

21. Ministry of Forests In-Person Opportunity to be Heard – Investigation Report 218039

Darrin provided a brief update on the alleged overharvesting relating to Onion Lake. We may be subject to \$1.5 million dollar fine. Oral hearing, 9:00 am, July 23 – Darrin, Rick, and David, Chief Glenn Bennett, and Linda Morven. At this stage, I'm not sure if there's a virtual link. What we're trying to demonstrate that we're victims of fraud, created or resulted in a lot of errors.

Paid \$160k in stumpage fees. Logged in areas of area outside of license area. Cost us \$150K

to rectify that. All of this pre-dates us. We will reiterate we relied on experts – Teare Creek, engineering firm, etc. We've taken steps to prevent this from occurring again. Told the session could last from 90 minutes to 3 hours.

Glenn – Convey we're also pursuing legal action against the company that was involved. Like you, it came into place right after we were elected and fell in our lap. Hopefully we continue the good relationships we have with the Ministry of Forests.

22. LNG MNT Update

23. Shareholders Meeting

MOTION 2025-07-22 (FIVE)

THAT Kitselas Band Council moves to go into a Shareholder's Meeting (6:14 pm).

Moved by: Ken Squires Jr.

Seconded by: Jordan Squires

Carried

Shareholder's Meeting

MOTION 2025-07-22 (SIX)

THAT Kitselas Band Council moves to adjourn the Shareholder's Meeting (7:13 pm).

Moved by: Jordan Squires

Seconded by: Jericho Collison

Carried

Linda to review with the auditor on how board members are remunerated, and bring it to the next shareholders meeting to alleviate some of the pressure off of Darrin.

24. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment – Wednesday, September 3, 2025, Queensway

MOTION 2025-07-22 (SEVEN)

THAT Kitselas Band Council adjourns the meeting (7:15 pm).

Moved by: Jericho Collison

Seconded by: Ken McDames Jr.

Carried