



## **NISGA'A TS'AMIKS VANCOUVER SOCIETY**

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### **Nisga'a Ts'amiks Community Meeting October 21, 2023 Agenda**

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1. Call to Order: 2:00 pm – Open prayer
2. Welcome Address
  - Andrea Doolan, Executive Member
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Community Meeting minutes from June 10, 2023
5. Executive Report
6. WSN Report
7. Administrative Reports:
8. New Business:
  - a. Next Meeting Date:
  - b. Other: Elders Report
- i. Closing remarks: NTVS Elder

**Adjournment**

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2	GREG McNEIL			
3	Malcolm Stewart			
4	BOYD WOODS			
5	Simon Chen			
6	Andrea Burrell			
7	Tania Percival			
8	Rob Smith			
9	JAMES CAMPBELL			
10	Giacomo Ianieri			
11	LAVITA TRIMBAT			
12	DEBBIE LINCOLN			
13	Melanie Mark			
14	Sherry Small			
15	Dana Small			
16	Joe Calder			
17	Esther Calder			
18	Matt Azar			
19	Rosalee Vickers			
20	Angela Percival			
21	Paige Peter			



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54	Gerry Busch			
55	Cathy Adams			
56	Dianne Smith			
57	Esther Calder			
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59	Julia Stepha			
60	Carmen Percival			
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63	Marilyn Stewart			
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## Nisga'a Ts'amiks Community Meeting Minutes October 21, 2023

*We acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.*

### 1. **Call to Order:** 3:12pm – Opening prayer; Rosalee Vickers

Reading meeting rules; Lavita Trimble

### 2. **Welcome Address;** Andrea Burrell & Travis Angus

### 3. **Adoption of the Agenda** October 21, 2023

Moved by; Angela Percival

Seconded by; Malcolm Stewart

All in Favor

Motion carried

### **Addition to the agenda – Youth & Educational Development (Dana Small)**

### 4. **Approval of the Community Meeting minutes** from June 10, 2023

Moved by; Andrea Burrell

Seconded by; Debbie Lincoln

All in Favor

Motion Carried

### 5. **Executive Member Report:** Andrea Burrell gave a presentation of Executive updates.

**Q** – Angela: I have a question with the Nisga'a Child and Family Services. This question is regarding the aging out section. There are children that were in care and when they turn 19, they're automatically dropped from services that they were receiving. So, with that is this Family Services going to be looking into that age gap? And with that, would they be able to help these children that are in urban areas as well, because that is something that is very important, that needs to be looked at.

**Q** – Matt: One of the things that you just skipped through to one of the very important things that came up and I went up with the negatives and that would have to do with the Kindly junction. The fish ladder. The fishing. Saying that, we're getting, yeah, when they're all miscast from the audience. So, these are things that we must bring to life with our own communities because it must go back. And you had it almost all the speeches.

**Q** – Tania: Sorry, I can't recall how many years I've got several questions TDC. Can you explain what TDC is? I would like to hear how is that going to benefit us here in because we do have several people that have relocated here to the city because of health

reasons, with our poor health system and let alone with the mass. And I want to know why we have a low interest. We have the largest Nisga'a members here in Vancouver. And why is this a low number? I'm happy to see these people here, but why is it such a low number and how could we change that for me today? I could imagine for some location probably makes a difference. The Healing Center, I am absolutely excited, especially because I grew up back home. I'm excited to see that this is happening, but how is that going to utilize us? Are we going to be able to send people home because we know several of our Members have relocated to the city because of residential school, because of education, because of health, and now many are addicted to substance and alcohol stuck on the street. So how is that going to benefit us here and? I noticed in the presentation there are several acting directors, so I don't know if you can comment on that, but I'm curious to know why that is happening to the Justice Department. Again, another project I'm very excited to see, but is that accessible to us here? You made a reference to the moose hunt. Is that accessible to us here in the city? Of course, I see only what I see on social media. Why are many households getting double? How can we look into that?

Q – Melanie: I will just share that some of this information is an information overload. We need to receive information in advance so we can process information. And to the comments to the chair, often the speakers get told to keep our remarks short. I think the presenters need to make their remarks short as well, so that the Community can have our floor and ask questions and get responses. When it comes home to employment, there's a whole list of issues of people having vacant positions. Is there any strategy to link Nisga'a citizens to be getting the training to fill the gaps of what we need? So that's a strategy question. If you need people and resources, why then could not target people to be trained in human resources? The second thing is the urban local boundaries. I don't know what that means. If you can touch on the urban, local boundaries, we live down here. My auntie Jerries from the island. Her you had mentioned earlier as Nisga'a, our rights follow us wherever we are. And then Nisga'a Ts'amiks society down here has a mandate to represent Vancouver Island. We have to start treating each other like we're in or out. I'm going to ask about the grants. The more money that we get in the grants that we're advocating for, that's cool that we're advocating for grants. But what are the results?

Q – Angela: I forgot to ask about when you mentioned there's thought about a healing center that I think there should also be second stage housing that should be available for both women and children and for men.

Q – Lily: I would love to hear a report directly from the child and Family Services so that you know they can so that we can get more in-depth information on what's happening.

Q – Debbie: They need to have people trained in the suicide and trauma because there's some people that I spoke to the elders that are teaching me is that we need to speak up and help each other's, because there's long. There were a few people that called me, and I had to help them.



A – Our presenter pulled the foot to get the full answers and put them on our website. Andrea Burrell – I don't want to risk going into the WSN report, we were just discussing that perhaps Sherry and I should report one after the other so that some of the some of the questions that you're asking is a part of Sherry's report. Angela, I think that's very important for us to be able to build. Lily, the urban alliance. We still work together, and we do meet. Victoria is under the Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society. TDC is to help us to help you in better ways because. When we're receiving \$1.3 million a year, that's not enough for us. To do these developments and the economic development that we that we take part in is so that we can help you better. I was going to ask Matthew to come in, answer his own question because he was at that meeting. We have been having an ongoing issue and we have been to court. We will do our best to send out the information ahead of time to each and every member. Bring your friend next time you come to the meeting, ask somebody to come with you. So maybe that's something we can think about for the next meeting is for us to just all do our presentations because you guys will find the answers in some of the other presentations that are yet to come, and we can do that.

**6. WSN Representative Update:** Sherry Small gave verbal report

**7. Administrative Reports:**

**a. Tony Robinson, CEO**

Q – Tania: My questions are about the workshops. I was one of those for the language. The ones that signed up had an emergency. But the process of being able to cancel and having an online system, I think probably might need to change. Because with the e-mail it doesn't give you that option. A lot of our people here are having a hard time navigating through getting a family doctor myself who knows how the medical system works in the city. Especially for those that are on a limited income and don't know how to navigate the system. So, we need to change the system. How can we get another program where it's for Nisga'a alone like Reaching Home? How many percent of the employees at this economics are Nisga'a? Can I please ask that you create a how to video for some of us that are getting a little bit up there, we've got to navigate around the system with some of the social media. So, like the app, I'm not familiar with it, just asking that you create a how to and the economic development.

Q – Yvonne: What do we qualify for as elders whether we get home support?

Q – Lily: When we call the office, there's a recording all the time. I just really feel it's more personal. I'd appreciate somebody answering the phone and then, you know, directing us to who we want to.

Q – Julia: Wanted to have some clarification about how Sherry Small had mentioned that she had brought it to Nisga'a. Was some governor the hunting and having only one person from each community? And I feel like maybe we might need to be very

careful about that so that people don't lose that skill, and maybe that does go forward to have some stipulations added to it so that people can still learn how to live off the land and do their hunting for their family. And it's not just left one family per community, because I feel like that would be not just a lot of responsibility. And my second question was about how we describe households because sometimes we have two or three people. Like two or three families that are like maybe four or five in each family, but they're all living at the same address, and then it's not very fair to them when things get handed out, like fish and stuff.

Q – Debbie: People from the States and the island, we need to gather them, you know, because they want to be part of our nation. They couldn't come to the Christmas dinner and I kind of felt bad because the person wanted to come and meet some of the families.

Q – Angela: Home support. And there was nowhere in Vancouver that could do that. It got to the point where I had to hire someone personally for home support.

Q – Melanie: I actually don't want my information shared with Facebook. What I get consent to be my password protected e-mail and or my home that I give you consent to where I live. I think we need to go back to more grassroots and see the accessibility for issues and what people need. I don't know why we're in Downtown Vancouver, some hotel instead of a neighborhood house or a Community Center, or the Friendship Center. Can you please support other native businesses or companies if we're going to hand out money, including the food that we're paying for, we should be. My request is for an org chart. There's a lot of staff, but I don't know who does what, so not asking for job descriptions. But is there an org chart about all the staff that are new at this society? And the 3rd question is on economic development, this is mostly probably for you, Tony. I think we just have to do a better job of like notifying citizens. Shannon works for us. This is who she is. This is what she does, and she works for us. That part's not clear. One final thing is please make sure that the bylaws are updated to the news, the website, the bylaws get dictate how we run our operations here. And I don't think that we have the bylaws on any of these sites' online website, Facebook or what have you.

Q – Marilyn: I was speaking to a couple of support workers in Vancouver. They have elders who are raising their grandchildren. Their grandchildren are not registered. I don't have particulars, but they called tried to call the office to see if they could get help. And whoever they talked to said we don't have anybody in our office that does applications.

Travis - I'll give opportunity for Tony to do a brief answer. Again, if you don't find that your answers or questions have been answered fully, you will have the opportunity to make sure that all of the full information is on our website.

Tony - Just going back to the EventBrite registration there is we will look at video for assisting all the Members on that and will also open up a telephone line. For members to call in to help with the Event Brite, especially with the Christmas dinner. The fish distribution per household we've noted the question and your suggestion, and I will bring this to the board's next board meeting. Regarding reaching home, the original federal funding grant is open for a greater regional Vancouver district. Health and Wellness questions came up as well. We are doing the best we can do with the small staff. We have to get out there helping the ones that are in need. We need more humans to do the footwork.

Andrea – Financial commitment, and transportation.

Sherry – I have requested that MLG hire active researchers and all seven communities active researchers are individuals who receive every call. They jump down the issue, they put the referral, they research, they look for best practices, they do all of that and quarterly meet collaboratively together.

Blessing of the dinner – Lily Jorgensen

**b. Journey Home 2024 – Shannon-Rose Vickers-King**

**8. Next Meeting Date:** TBA

**9. Ksi Lisim LNG Report**

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Paige Peter	
Lily Jorgensen	
Yvonne Mark	
Margaret Massingale	
Gerry Bush	
Cathy Adams	
Dianne Smith	
Denise Doolan	
Julia Stephens	
Carmen Percival	
Monica Dixon	
Rebecca Scott	
Barnard Gurney Jr.	
Sarah Angus	
Patricia Smith	
Courtney Guno	
Shantae King	
Wes King	
Cedar King	
Kirk Jakesta	

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Sandra Webster	
Iaya Mitrosil	
Tom Syer	
Charles Morven	

**Via Zoom;**

Lou Sampare	Franklin Alexcee Jr.
Marilyn Stewart	
Lindsay Dawson	