



NISGA'A TS'AMIKS VANCOUVER SOCIETY

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Nisga'a Ts'amiks Community Meeting November 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to Order: 1:30 pm – Opening prayer; Joe Calder

Reading meeting rules – Lavita Trimble

2. Welcome Address:

Andrea Doolan; Executive Member

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Yvonne Mark
All in Favor

Seconded: William Nelson

4. Community Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2022 minutes moved to next Community meeting in 2023

5. Executive Member Verbal Report: Andrea Burrell

6. WSN Representative Verbal Update: Sherry Small

Questions:

Lily Jorgensen; Request a written report from Executive & WSN reps.

Any handouts for WSN?

Sherry Small; I brought up the issue of no in-house legal counsel, so no handouts at WSN.

Andrea Burrell; We do have Executive documents and you can request it from Tony.

Sherry Small; You can request copies of public information but if it's confidential you have to come to the office to read it.

Brent Adams; WSN disbursed \$2500, is there any housing dollars for Urban Local Housing? And how will it benefit Ts'amiks members?

Sherry Small; Discussion & decisions are at Executive level and WSN passes it and you can request a copy of that. In regards to housing as it relates to Ts'amiks, NLG has no authorization to provide us. As a local, we have no legislation grounds to talk about housing but we can change that.

Brent Adams; Would like a petition for treaty money reimbursed to Nisga'a Nation.
Sherry Small; We can have someone come in and do a workshop on how to change constitution & law. Because constitution & law is for the 4 villages, we only get program funds but there is a way we can change it and it will be a lot of work.
Andrea Burrell; With the \$75 million repayment treaty loan, we dispersed \$20 million to all Nisga'a citizens. There hasn't been any talk of \$5000 or the remaining amount. In the housing department, Eric Nyce is doing a good job of obtaining grants and work is being done in the citizenship department. A citizenship committee is in the works.

Yvonne Mark; Is there 60's Scoop compensation and where can I find information about it?
Andrea Burrell; The 60's scoop is for persons that were in care and Marilyn has more information on that.

Marilyn Stewart; Re: boarding home, there was something signed and news will be out soon about it.
Sherry Small; We should have that information because it's public and we should put it on our website.

Lily Jorgensen; Have a community meeting to discuss Nisga'a Nation constitution & funding.

William Nelson; Include all Nisga'a citizens in everything, less thinking and more doing.

Travis Angus; We can draft a resolution from the community.

Edna Tait; How long has NLG be without in-house counsel?
Sherry Small; It's been a year without legal counsel but there is interim legal counsel.

Brent Adams; Would like to form a committee to develop a resolution.

William Nelson; I heard a problem, how will it be resolved? How do we get to that point?

7. Administrative Reports:

- a. Tony Robinson, Executive Director/CEO – verbal report

Questions:

Crystal Azak; Why do we have to wait to be homeless before we receive assistance?
Tony; We are following Reaching Home guidelines.
Andrea; There is other resources, we can get information on other funding source and make it available.

Crystal Azak; Why do we cut the program & services events as limiting it to 1 choice per family?
Tony; It comes down to funding and staffing issues, we will look at it next year.

Lucille Sampare; Are there any resources available to us?

Tony; Reaching Home Fund is available in the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and we do have a list of resources for the Abbotsford/Chilliwack residents. Send me an email and I will send it to you.

Marilyn Stewart; I have asked about staff bio's and when calling Ts'amiks office no one is answering.

Tony; We will have our bio's on the website starting next week. Bring communication issues to our staff and we will have a FAQ regarding the RHF.

Lily Jorgensen; Fund for people in need?

Franklin Alexcee; Reaching Home can help.

Crystal Azak; Is there other resources that I can apply for to help as a single parent with a youth?

Tony; We can put a FAQ for that.

Marilyn Stewart; There has been questions asked at previous meetings, have they been answered and how are they tracked?

Tony; We keep track of questions and put it on our website, I will check on Monday.

8. New Business: Housing – Tony gave brief update.

Questions:

Lily Jorgensen; I'm confused about survey if 1st phase has already started.

Tony; It's part of phase 2, at the next community meeting I'll share the next steps.

Marilyn Stewart; Housing project started?

Tony; It's in the planning stage, I'll do a power point presentation at the next community meeting.

Travis Angus; We're in the talks, we have no land so NLG can't consider us for funding.

Lily Jorgensen; Can our neighboring aboriginals lend us land? And it's important on big events such as the Special Assembly to have a debriefing and go over the things that worked and what didn't work.

Andrea; We had air quality issues with our old office so we couldn't have a debriefing. Would you still like to have one? We can schedule one debriefing after big events.

William Nelson; Re: lands, New West Minster city hall hired an Indigenous Relations Supervisor. I sit in as an Elder and they are willing to work with Indigenous people. The city council was excited to be at Hoobiyee.

When is Hoobiyee and the committee meeting?

Franklin; Hoobiyee is on the March 3rd weekend.

Tony; We'll post the date.

Yvonne Mark; I know people who didn't sign up for the Christmas party is there any chance they can register?

Tony; It's all in capacity and our event has been advertised for 3 weeks.

- a. **Next Meeting Date:** Saturday, January 14, 2023
- b. **Other: Elders Report** – No report, but date of Elders Christmas Dinner/Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

- i. **Closing remarks:** NTVS Elder – Sam McKay

Adjournment: 3:55pm

- Treat members with respect both, during the NTVS Community Collaboration meeting and outside of the meeting.
- Be prompt in arriving to the meeting and in returning from breaks.
- Turn cell phones off or to vibrate.
- If you must take urgent calls on the cell phone, take your conversation outside.
- Please stand when addressing the floor [it makes hearing easier] & state your name
- Present yourself in a positive manner.
- Talk one at a time, waiting to be recognized by the Chairperson.
- Limit side conversations.
- Be patient when listening to others speak and do not interrupt them.
- Members need to stay on the topic being discussed.
- When a topic or agenda item has been discussed fully, do not bring the same subject back up.
- Don't discuss personal issues during the meeting, except when it is about the subject being discussed by the Committee
- Don't make threats or rude comments to members.
- Address any concerns about the discussion or the meeting with the Chairperson. It is the Chairperson's job to bring the meeting to order.
- If members feel they cannot talk about issues or concerns during the meeting, they can talk to the facilitators or the NTVS BoD's.
- Be respectful of other people's ideas or situations.

HAVE A GOOD TIME AND ENJOY EACH OTHER

Attendees:

1. William Nelson
2. Yvonne Mark
3. Lily Jorgensen
4. Dianne Smith
5. Frances Morven
6. Sheila Stanley
7. Marilyn Stewart
8. Dana Small
9. Edna Tait
10. Irene Shaw
11. Crystal Azak
12. Naslyn Brown
13. Brent Adams
14. Sam McKay
15. Joe Calder
16. Esther Calder
17. Boyd Woods

Zoom Participants:

1. Leslie Grant
2. Lucille Sampare
3. Paulette Nyce
4. Dee Doolan
5. Alison McKay-Molander
6. Gaylene Woods