

2) Opening Remarks:

KT opened the meeting by expressing gratitude for everyone's presence and thanked the signers and drummers for their contributions.

3) Council Updates

Chief Donald Sam's Report: Chief Donald Sam commenced the meeting with an overview of council priorities and updates. He highlighted the ongoing focus on staffing to enhance capacity and emphasized the importance of addressing basic needs according to Maslow's hierarchy. Chief Sam discussed the relationship with KNC and the collaborative efforts needed to strengthen ties within the community. Operational updates were provided, including responses to the opioid crisis and progress on housing initiatives, particularly the First Nation Housing Fund. He also mentioned efforts towards financial management and celebrated successes such as the Elkhorn Ranch disbursement and advancements in addressing historical injustices through the Columbia River Treaty.

Councillor Darcy Fisher's Report: Councillor Fisher highlighted positive developments within the nation, including progress on the membership code and efforts to preserve language and cultural heritage. He emphasized the need for community engagement in decision-making processes and advocated for active participation from all members, especially in policy-making. Councillor Fisher also touched upon economic development initiatives and upcoming leadership meetings.

Councillor Allan Nicholas' Report: Councillor Nicholas provided insights into economic endeavors at the community level and emphasized the importance of engaging with the younger generation. He addressed challenges such as the opioid crisis and efforts to strengthen HR processes. Councillor Nicholas encouraged greater community involvement and highlighted preparations for upcoming elections.

Community Input and Discussion: Several community members expressed their perspectives and concerns during the meeting:

- Leona Daniels emphasized the need for a more active and accountable council, advocating for full-time dedication to community affairs and qualifications for council members.
- Alfred raised issues regarding historical preservation and community engagement, stressing the importance of fulfilling promises made to the community.
- Adrien Tenesse emphasized the balance between traditional values and engagement with the wider world, cautioning against hasty decisions regarding relationships with external entities like KNC.
- Pete Sanches highlighted environmental concerns and the importance of holistic decision-making, urging for increased community involvement in addressing pressing issues.
- Gina Claricoates underscored the significance of genealogy and cultural heritage, emphasizing the importance of passing down knowledge to future generations.

- Anna Hudson raised concerns about governance and accountability, urging for transparency and effective management practices.

Chief's Response and Closing Remarks: Chief Donald Sam acknowledged the concerns raised by community members and expressed a commitment to addressing them. He encouraged continued dialogue and collaboration to find solutions to existing challenges. KT echoed the importance of community engagement and pledged to follow up on raised issues. The meeting concluded with an invitation to afternoon breakout sessions for further discussion and action planning.

Adjourned Time: 12:00 PM