

Council Report

September

Faro Burgoyne

- Emergency Meeting
- C2C With DOI
- Ktunaxa Legacy Trust Committee
- Policy Review
- C&C
- Salmon Festival
- CVED Advisory Committee
- Film Chat with Theresa Wood
- Quarterly update with Directors

Emergency Meeting

September 8th

Council met to discuss a confidential HR matter.

Council 2 Council meeting with the District of Invermere

September 8th

Together the CAOs of both AFN and DOI organized a meeting of the two councils to discuss lake health and to see if we have alignment with our values and priorities. We started with introductions and a reminder of our creation, territory, rights and title over the area. DOI expressed their stance on lake health and that it is one of their strategic priorities. We split into two mixed groups for an activity to go over values. After the first session it was apparent that there is strong alignment. We discussed how we can work as a team and what the next steps should look like.

Ktunaxa Legacy Trust Committee

September 11th

The committee participated in our first session of trust and investment training presented by Jarislowsky Fraser Global Investment Management. We learned about trust basics, common structures, types of trustees, basics of a trust agreement, and required services depending on the type of trustee. We were shown a couple case studies on First Nations that this firm has worked with as well as projections on how well our trust can perform.

Salmon Festival

September 13th

I attended the Salmon festival at James Chabot beach hosted by SIB, AFN and KNC. There was a miscommunication regarding myself being a co-MC as I did last year. It was assumed that I would be again this year but I was not formally invited to. Therefore, I was not prepared to do so. Despite being one of the 3 hosts I did not see much AFN influence at this event and there should be some internal discussion on our involvement moving forward.

Policy Review

September 15th

As part of the transition to a full-time council there are some changes that need to be made to the governance policy to align with the mandate from the custom elections regulations. This is also an opportunity to review the entire policy and make changes that are a better representation of AFN Governance. We met with our legal team to go through the document page by page to make revisions. We completed about half the document in this first session. There will be another scheduled soon.

Columbia Valley Economic Development Advisory Commission Meeting

September 16th

- There was a presentation about an initiative to generate power locally for the purpose of selling it locally at a cheaper rate. This would include several local communities, AFN, SIB. And a couple industry partners. Power would be generated using solar, mini hydro, and biomass. If successful there would be benefits to our First Nation, local residents and potentially the forest. I am excited to see how this initiative progresses.
- The Physician recruitment has seen success with a Dr who has just started in Invermere and commitment from another as they are just finishing their education.
- The local Film Commission has received funding to start an office in Invermere. I am going to meet with Theresa Wood to chat about the local film industry and how AFN can be involved.

Chief & Council meeting highlights

September 17th

- Discussed the province's invite to talk about bi-lateral agreement. It was decided to consult with other Ktunaxa First Nations before continuing the conversation.
- We received a report on the policy framework. David Farrell was invited to the next meeting with legal regarding the governance policy.

- Discussed this year's annual strategic planning session. Facilitator and location.
- Discussed the salmon festival at James Chabot beach. How it went and what we should consider in regard to our involvement.
- Discussed the two ?akisqnuq monitor positions at the Rev 6 dam project.

Film Chat with Theresa Wood

September 19th

I met with Theresa to discuss the local film industry and what opportunities exist for AFN. We discussed training opportunities, opportunities to provide industry resources such as crafty cuts, toilets etc. There is some filming to be shot around the end of October in Canal Flats for about 2 weeks. Funding has been secured to start a film commission office in Invermere so hopefully their efforts will bring more movies to the valley and bring more opportunity for our involvement. We also discussed investment opportunities in funding projects like a loan and collecting interest as well as funding opportunities for grassroots films if AFN were to make our own feature whether it be a movie, short film, documentary, webcast series or even podcast.

Quarterly update with Directors

September 23rd

Council met with AFN directors to go over updates on their work plans and up to date financials. In this meeting we covered Core Services, Lands and Resources, Infrastructure, and Finance. We will have to meet again for the Health Department and Member Services.

Core Services:

- Getting ready for moving into the new building
- Working close with KNC in regard to IT
- Looking at Hawk app for communication
- Set out RFP for website development
- Working on styling new building in a way that membership see themselves
- Terminated the ongoing retainer with Salopek

Lands and Resources:

- Ongoing work with invasive species mitigation
- Worked on fishing camp with Education and Health
- Working on harvesting calendar and expressed potential for a future hunting camp
- Hired Guardian Program Manager
- Hired Water Stewardship Coordinator
- Progress made in regard to communication with the province about the Barite mine
- Change Makers to assist with engagement on VORR

- CBT block prescribed burn postponed until spring
- Wetland work around Golden
- Big Horn Sheep project by Canal Flats
- ATR work on Wiyu and Madias
- \$100,000 donated by an individual to support our work with the VORR and Lake Stewardship Plan

Infrastructure:

- Well work being done in 2 locations
- Receiving support from KNC to connect Wiyu with Wi Fi and surveillance.
- Engagement about location of new Arbor
- Looking for proper drivers training for employees or inventory of
- Generator for Rec Center installation was stalled due to construction of multi-purpose building in the area
- Discussing feasibility on the lagoon
- Discussing green spaces and mini projects like improving naked sands
- New vehicle purchases being put on hold

Finance:

- Upgrading accounting software from Sage 300 to Sage Intact
- Looking to hire accounting help
- Have been doing a lot of work get the organization caught up. Now with one year of experience with AFN Finance can dive deeper to find ways for improvement.