

Council Report

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August 2025

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AFNE purchase opportunity

August 5th

The AFNE board was presented an opportunity to purchase commercial property within Amakis Ktunaxa. This opportunity looked like a good deal and was proposed with the emphasis on a reasonable price in relation the current rental numbers. The board had concerns about the current renter's relationship with their current landlord and how the lease agreements would have to be changed moving forward. The board also questioned the location in regard to Amakis Ktunaxa. The board felt that AFNE should look into similar properties in the northern part of the territory. This property was inspected and based on the findings as well as the boards concerns it was not pursued any further. This convocation also sparked discussion about the need for an investment policy and perhaps a strategic planning session to make sure future opportunities presented fit our vision and goals.

Chief & Council meeting highlights

August 6th

- Discussed CertainTeed IMBA. Lorne to keep on it and keep us informed
- The CEO of St Eugene Mission joined us in person to report on how things are going. She stated that the hotel, golf course and campground were performing well. SEM secured a large grant to help pay for room renovations to bring the resort to a more modern look. We discussed the potential to acquire a larger commission from the gaming revenue that is sent to BCLC. We also discussed the desire for citizen focused events like a pow wow or stick games tournament.
- Reviewed a letter of support from the Columbia Valley Boaters Association
- Revived update from David Farrell about his policy development plan

Ktunaxa Legacy Trust Committee

August 7th

This Committee is to develop the trust legacy agreement. With the KNC receiving 10% of our mineral tax distribution and other united revenues going into the nation. There is a surplus of money that is restricted and essentially doing little. The goal is to preserve our current capital and grow it by investing and adding to it every year using the trust. This was an initial introduction meeting to go over the terms of reference, appoint a chair, and look at next steps. Sophie Pierre accepted her nomination as chair. At our next meeting we will receive our first training session with JFL Investments who already looks after some of KNCs investments.

Indian Beach Estates Membership Engagement

August 7th

Following discussions with our Lawyer and FNHA. We had this engagement to update our membership on some of the option we are considering to move forward with the lease. Some of the feedback and concerns from the members present were:

- Concerns about the team that is involved renegotiating the lease including Council and current layer.
- Concerns about the gate restricting members from entering the area
- Concerns about the marina
- Concerns about the lack of acknowledgment being on ?AKISQNUK land
- Concerns about the one-sided trespassing expectations including Naked Sands
- Requests for more information
- Requests for more frequent engagement on this matter
- Request that more of our people be involved with what ever the outcome may be
- Request that we have an engagement session on Lake Shore
- Recommendation that the current people involved take lands training.
- Request that we present A B or C options with flow charts on expected outcomes.
- Request for summary of how this lease has benefitted AFN to date

Council Remuneration Membership Engagement

August 8th

Council with oversight from Nasukin, the CAO, an external contractor and two different Governance Directors have been working on position profiles to fit the direction set out by the custom election regulations to make the council positions full time. This work has been a slow process mostly due to Councils' attention being directed to urgent matters. Council presented a

power point of some of the work that has been done and opened the floor for feedback from members. Below are some of the points raised by members in attendance.

- Members in attendance wanted to ensure that meet again on this topic. And that we provide choices to help guide the conversation vs just asking what do you think?
- There was a question about Nas?ukins contract and how it came to be. Don and Allan spoke to this.
- One member stated that the 2021 paid chief position should be reviewed. Was this successful? are there any improvements to be made? They would like a report on this as something to gauge off for this upcoming change in council remuneration.
- There was discussion about past remuneration amounts over previous years. It was expressed that this information is in our financial statements and easy to find online. Members in attendance requested that this information be compiled and shared with in an easy to access way. This sparked up a conversation about the use of the member portal on the website and potential improvements or use of other software.
- There was a suggestion to change governance structure to 5 Nas?ukin all paid equally.
- One member commented that the current annual salary presented may be on the low end.
- Membership in attendance expressed that they would like a few choices to vote on in regard to salary amounts
- One member suggested to change leadership terms to 7 years vs 4
- One member had several suggestions: Timeline for written reports in a standard format with evidence provided. Process for what happens when a councilor does not perform. Request for one measurable measure per quarter. Request for a definition of community engagement. An online report card per Councilor and calendar transparency.
- One member stated that there should be a duly convened meeting for final decision.
- There was a suggestion that some of the Ottawa restricted funds be allocated to C&C

Financial Management Board Training

August 8th

The FMB is the body that provides First Nations with tools for financial management and capacity development enabling them us to access financing at rates comparable to other governments. By achieving the Financial Management System (FMS) certification and showing that we follow good governance practices that align with our financial administrative law (FAL) we will be able to borrow from the First Nations Finance Authority. We are currently in the process of completing the FMS certification. The FMB will review our Finance, Governance, HR and IT policies and procedures to confirm that they meet their standards. We must also update our FAL to the latest version.

Governance Strategy Session

August 18th

- Discussed opportunity to collaborate with the District of Invermere and Shuswap Indian Band to take over the control and maintenance of James Chabot provincial park.
- Discussed looking for a way to care for our vulnerable members such as independent living and/or care home which sparked further discussion about our housing strategy and where it's at. One question was how can we use CCP principles but in a timely manor/
- Governance policy has been sent to MLTA with Council's comments and it has been sent back with proposed amendments. We set a date for a meeting with MLTA and will be sending questions and comments to David Farrell.
- Discussed both the IBE and Council remuneration engagement session set out a plan to prepare for the next meetings

Audit Review

August 21st

Council met with MNP to go over the financial audit from the last fiscal year end. Council approved the audit and it will be ready for the ʔakisqnnuk AGA next week.

ʔAKISQNUK Annual General Assembly

August 22nd, 23rd, 24th

This year's AGA went well. A Committee of ʔakisqnnuknik had created the schedule and format. The weekend started with open houses at Wiyu Lodge and the Community Garden followed by dinner and entertainment at Lake Shore Campground. On Saturday we had the grand entry and Nasuʔkin Sam received a war bonnet through ceremony. Saturday's focus was on AFN matters with reports from council and presentations on Finances, lands, band meeting protocol, CCP and language. Sunday was dedicated to being on the land connecting to it and each other. After breakfast every one had a chance to sign up for either a hike on Columbia Lake's east side, a pontoon boat ride around Lake Windermere, or participate in a research session about wildlife health and food sovereignty. After the excursions all groups were to gather back at the rec center for lunch and Q&A with council and the CAO. The group I was with was very late and made it back for the end of the Q&A. We had miscalculated our hike on a very hot day and needed assistance getting back from the pictographs.

Meeting with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

August 26th

Council met with MIRR Minister Spencer Chandra Herbert. We began the meeting with insight on Ktunaxa creation and AFN history followed by a briefing on the current state of the Columbia Valley watershed highlighting the issues our valley is facing with Lake Windermere. We discussed the need for Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation (VORR) and a Lake Stewardship plan. The minister responded with recognizing our rights and title over the area and acknowledging that BC is far behind in recognizing indigenous rights. He also explained how MIRR is in charge of everything and nothing at the same time. They have influence in much of the province's matters but don't have full jurisdiction over them either. Our concerns were heard and hopefully they can play their part in relation to our endeavors. Council and MIRR then went to Lot 48 and met up with representatives from Nature Conservancy of Canada where we talked about their organization and the work being done in that area.

Community Garden Open House

August 27

Over the summer our Health department built and planted a community garden. One week after the open house for AFN members, we hosted an open house for the public. The event was well attended. There was remarks from our Director of Health, our CAO, the Head Gardener, the Mayor of Invermere and I spoke on behalf of Council. I like the location of the garden being at Wiyu Lodge, and am excited to see this step towards food sovereignty be taken.