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Report to Membership Faro Burgoyne August 2026		
Council Meeting Highlights	Date	Summary: Activity/Decision
C&C	Aug 12	- Received report from the Director of Work Place & Culture - Set date to adjust and confirm Council portfolios - Discussed upcoming Change Makers engagement sessions that council will attend in person - Debriefed power outage - Directed staff to start work on improving local cell reception
	Aug 26	- Motion to requested an engagement meeting with ISC in regard to second generation cut off. Nasukin to draft letter and reach out to Council members 1 on 1 to comment - Approved a Home Matching Grant application - Discussed the development of a program and service evaluation framework to be extended to all departments - Received report from the Director of Core Services - Discussed a private matter with a member - Followed up on another private matter with another member
Meetings Attended:		
Member Convocation Date: August 3 rd Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Following the power outage, I reached out to a member regarding their concerns about AFN's response. We talked about planning, communication and challenges.	
CCP working group Date: Aug 4 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	I filled in as Chair for this meeting. The group prepared for the upcoming AGA. We will have a 15-minute presentation at the meeting as well as a booth in the vendor area. There was a lateral violence incident involving a member and staff the matter was addressed immediately. Further discussions are warranted.	
CCP Incident Debrief Date: August 4 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Discussed the Incident with staff that were involved as well as those that were not in attendance.	
AFNE Board Meeting Date: August 4 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The Board discussed information shared about a group of businesses AFNE is considering purchasing. The group has range of entities that complement each other but are quite different in function so there is a lot to consider.	

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JTBA Date: August 5th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The Jay Treaty Border Alliance Executive Committee, discussed hiring a new administrator to support the group. the contract for our current support is ending and she has indicated that she will not be able to continue with us at her current capacity. We also did some work on planning the JTBA Summit scheduled for October 27th in Calgary.
Beaver Habitat Enhancement Project Date: August 6th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Wild Sight is partnering with AFN Guardians and lands team to restore abandoned beaver dams in an effort to bring the beaver back into several higher elevation locations. By flooding the areas that were once wet lands they hope it will be attractive for beavers to move back which will benefit the ecological diversity of the areas. This was a field trip to see the actual areas identified, our Guardians, select Lands staff an Akisqnuq knowledge keeper and my self-joined Wild Sight in Golden.
IBE Working Group Date: August 10th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	We decided on incorporating an AFN owned business called Hamsiki to be the Lease holder for the Headlease. We discussed the scope of the 7 year review and process, and weighed our options on how we establish the annual rent calculations.
RDCK Community Planning Date: August 11 Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The Reginal of the Central Kootenays had reached out to us for input on their land use planning project. We talked about impacts from foresting and farming on private lands and long-standing issues that LKB has raised on the riparian zones on Kootenay Lake.
CCP Working Group Date: August 10th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The group worked again on planning for the AGA. We established who will be presenting, who will be creating the presentation, and what we will have at the vendor booth.
OSR discussion Date: August 11th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Council met with the Elders than again with membership of all ages to discuss important measures taken to manage the future of our Own Source Revenue. The decision was not taken lightly and the discussion with members was heavy. I do believe there was an understanding at the end of the sessions. Our financial management will always be evolving and there will be more updates to come.
Commission Structure Update Date: August 12 Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	St Eugene Resort and Casino leadership called a meeting to update us on the efforts to negotiate a better Commission structure between us and the BCLC. They will be drafting a letter to request a meeting in Victoria as well as keeping an eye on the federal bill that is being moved that will affirm indigenous rights to take on jurisdiction of gaming with in their homelands.
Emergency Response Debrief Date: August 13 Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	I joined AFN staff that were involved with responding to the power outage. We took turns describing our individual experiences during the outage and discussed areas for improvement ie. communication, equipment, education and managing expectations.



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Ktunaxa Legacy Trust Date: August 13th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	An LKB representative joined the committee and Joel from JFL had left the firm so we met the new staff member assigned to our file. We moved to accept the Investment Policy Statement and discussed planning for the upcoming community engagement sessions.
IBE Working Group Date: August 14th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Received update on surveying, and the current condition report that are ongoing. We discussed end of term conditions and reviewed some research done on possible rent calculating formulas. We have some more questions in regard to the current formula and further due diligence to complete before making a decision.
Legacy trust 1-1 Date: August 17 Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	I met with a couple of members from the Your Wayfinders team that will be facilitating the community engagement sessions. They will be conducting sessions in each community. They had some questions about Akisqnuq to help tailor their presentations and approach.
EVR Leadership Meeting Date: Aug 17th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	We met with the CEO of EVR and other senior leadership. We discussed the current water quality status and future projections, land offsets and economics. One key note that came from this meeting is that we brought up the idea of exploring other options in regard to financial compensation that would not be subject to their tax planning ie. royalties. The CEO said that we could look into that as an option.
CCP Working group Date: August 18th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The group reviewed the draft presentation for the aga and provided comments.
Economic Development update Date: August 20th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	I met with our Economic Development Coordinator to be update on the department's initiatives. We talked about work being done on IBE, the Small Business Grant Policy, Labor Market Study, Guide Outfitting Territory and supports to other departments with grant applications.
AGA and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Dates: August 21st-23rd Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The weekend started off with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the new building which had a much bigger turn out than I anticipated. There were some speeches followed by refreshments and socializing in the atrium. On the Saturday we held the meeting in the atrium and had the vendors set up at the rec center, Council updated on portfolios which I found to be more productive than doing general reports like in the past. I also supported Theresa with the CCP presentation. In summary it was a successful meeting and a great way to break in the new building. On Sunday members were invited to either go up to Wiyu Lodge for craft making or go on a pontoon boat ride on Lake Windermere. I enjoyed a pontoon boat ride with family and some members I had never met before.



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OSR Communications Date: August 18 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Council met with Change Makers to go over a communication release in regard to AFN's OSR as a follow up and informer to any one that had missed the meetings last week.
Territory Stewardship Date: August 26 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	We have a new Communications Manager Sean Tonelli. To get him caught up on what this group has been doing, we reviewed our work plan and provided updates on all matters.
Salmon Festival Planning Committee Date: August 27 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The committee up dated on progress made securing equipment presenters, staff and volunteers. We still need a story teller so I will be reaching out to nation members to see if there is any interest.