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Report to Membership Faro Burgoyne July 2026		
Council Meeting Highlights	Date	
C&C	July 8 th	- Received update about the Columbia River Treaty from Jaime Vienneau (Lands and Resources Director at KNC) - Received Report from our Health Director Rachel Bach - Appointed Nasʔukin Sam to the Finance Audit and Investment Committee - Received Presentations from both the Columbia Shuswap Reginal District Parks and Rec. and the BC First Nations Justice Council - Received update form Change Makers - Update from the General Manager of AFNE - Update on VORR application
	July 29 th	- Received update form Lands and Resources - Approved funding application for Guardians - Discussed our relationship with Parks Canada - Val updated us on the upcoming AGA agenda - Band meeting debrief
Meetings Attended:		
Ktunaxa Legacy Trust Date: July 8 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The group reviewed and edited the draft Policy Investment Statement. Your Way Finders Engagement team has been contracted to help us do engagement sessions throughout the Nation. We met with them for the first time to go over a plan. To get started one of their communication coordinators will be reaching out to schedule a meeting with AFN.	
Ktunaxa Nation Governments Meeting Date: July 9 th Travel: Y ☒ N ☐	Government reps from all 6 Ktunaxa First Nations came together primarily to discuss water quality issues. We went over a table of desired outcomes (what Ktunaxa want to achieve) and actions (how are we going to get there). We also received an update on the International Joint Commission, and updates from the different sub committees created at the last meeting.	
Phone Call with Frank Date: July 13 Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	I had a chat with Frank Purschwitz a Swiss Film maker that once lived in the valley years ago. He has returned to make a film about the Columbia valley wetlands. Frank had reached out to gain insight from local First Nations and expressed his desire to join and film AFN on any field days if we have any projects in the wetlands this summer.	
St. Eugene Mission Resort AGM Date: June 14 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	- The resort profited over 1 million this year! - Operating costs were down significantly, contributing the record profit - Introduced Pro Line Sports Book Lounge which has shown success	

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	• RV Park has been dealing with weed challenges • Discussion in regard to KFN's taking leftovers from buffet style meals provided at Nation lead banquets • Discussion in regard to future renovations and Ktunaxa representation • Next year SEM will be hosing the 104th PGA Championship of Canada
Meeting With MLA Date: June 14th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Council, and select Lands staff met with MLA Scott McInnis to discuss our lake stewardship initiatives. Scott has upcoming meetings with a couple local society's that have been challenging our actions. This was a good opportunity for us to inform our MLA of our current process so he can relay relevant information. The meeting went well. Scott said he would be an ally in regard to our initiative. Scott is also the Critic for Indigenous Relations at the Provincial level. It is important to keep a close relationship with him.
KNC AGA Date: July 16th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	This Year's Annual General Assembly for the Ktunaxa Nation Council was hosted by Yaqan Nuʔkiy at the Creston and District Community Complex. The location was chosen partially due to their capacity and event size but also as a statement that Lower Kootenay Band and the Ktunaxa are economic forces and have the ability to bring significant business our neighboring municipalities. There was a large turn out this year. I had herd attendance numbers greater than 400. The presentations from the different KNC sectors were very informative as per usual. I found great value in the vendors area networking with KEL reps, Ecdev staff and various industry partners and of course catching up with Ktunaxanintik from our sister Nations. I would recommend the KNC AGA to all ʔAkisq̓nuknik.
Band Meeting Date: July 21st Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Council Provided updates on our guiding territory and both the Wilder Bros Specific Claim and the Madias Tatley Specific Claim. There was discussion on AFN hiring practices and the Membership Code. Members in attendance expressed that the work on the membership code needs to be continued.
CVED Energy Project Date: July 27th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Members of the Columbia Valley Economic Development Commission met with Doug to further discuss the work he has done on a potential community owned energy project. The high-level summary is for all the local communities to band together and generate energy via solar, mini hydro, and bio carbon with the intent to sell the energy locally for a favorable rate. This project relays on many factors to be make economic sense. If the project is feasible the one of the biggest benefits would be having another source of energy that is reliant on the grid. CVED staff are going to take it from here and we will see what happens.
Audit Presentation Date: July 28th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Our third-party accounting firm MNP presented the draft audit to the Finance Audit and Investment Committee. Council was invited to observe.



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CCP Working Group Date: 28 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The group discussed ways to engage with youth, the idea of inviting mentors Dr. Sherly Pat and Vickie Thomas to meet with the group as a refresh and ideas for the CCP booth at the upcoming AFN AGA.
Territory Stewardship Date: July 29 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The group was introduced to the new AFN Communications Manager Sean Tonelli. We spent most of the meeting catching him up on the convocation over the past year.
Council Portfolio Appointment Meeting Date: July 31 st Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Council met to re appoint portfolios in reaction to the change in leadership. I will be staying with Economic Development and am an alternate for Lands and Resources Stewardship.