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Report to Membership Faro Burgoyne September 2026		
Council Meeting Highlights	Date	Summary: Activity/Decision
C&C	Sep 9 th	- Nasʔukin reported on his meeting with ISC in regard to membership and second generation cut off - Appointed Nasʔukin as chair of the Finance Audit and Investment Committee - Received report from the Director of Finance - Met with ʔaqam Council and discussed several items in regard to mining, nationhood, nation to nation relationships, and KNC governance - Authorized letter to be sent to DFO in regard to our dissatisfaction with their communication efforts and lack of meaningful consultation - Discussed speed limit signs on KR #3 and the potential of adding streetlights on reserve.
Meetings Attended:		
Salmon Festival Planning Date: September 1 st Travel: Y ☐ N ☒		Discussed Columbia Tourism's offer to provide funding for a photographer. One of the conditions is that they would have ownership of the content, so we denied the offer. We successfully recruited Bonney Harvey be the story teller. Susap Nana will be drumming for a round dance, owl dance and potato dance. Rocky River Grill will be providing salmon for lunch.
Golden Adventure Race Date: September 3 rd Travel: Y ☐ N ☒		I met with a couple of organizers for an adventure race that is being planned to place in the golden area. These races are best described as a marathon that can traverse over several mountain ranges and can be from 100 to 500 km long and often done in teams of 4. They are going through their permitting process and are looking to engage with us. I will be linking them up with our Land and Resources manager.
Change Makers Cranbrook Session Date: September 9 th Travel: Y ☒ N ☐		We conducted our Council meeting at St. Eugene Mission with the intent to both meet with ʔaqam and to have the Change Makers member engagement session for members living in the Cranbrook area. Only a few members came but we had good discussion regarding communication and supports for members living away from community.
Ktunaxa Legacy Trust Date: September 10 th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒		The committee met with Your Wayfinders to review and comment on their draft engagement plan.



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Ktunaxa Government Ecdev Committee Meeting Date: September 14th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	The Committee members took turns giving reports from their community's current economic endeavors. We discussed information sharing, employment opportunities and the possibilities of collaboration. Shane from LKB mentioned a million dollar grant for FN's to acquire land. I will be following up with Rob Thomas to make sure he is aware of it.
AFNE Board Meeting Date: Sept 15th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	• Discussed STRAT planning • Received update on HR • Update on BC Govt building smell issue (solved) • Received general update on our operating businesses • Reviewed building plans for Ktunaxa Crossing (Windermere property) • Discussed an investment opportunity and moved to have the GM continue to work on it • Reviewed due diligence being done on a purchase opportunity, more to come
Change Makers Kelowna Session Date: September 17th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	Council joined Change Makers for another member engagement session for communications. This session took place in Kelowna for member residing in the Okanogan. There was a decent turn out with productive convocation. One comment that stuck with me is that community meetings always feel like work and that they used to be more fun and inviting.
Cell Service Conversations Date: September 22nd Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	I spoke with both Gerry Taft and Theresa Wood about DOI's recent history in regard to a cell tower proposal in Invermere. This came from AFN's motion to improve cell service on the reserve. Both Councillors were able to provide valuable context and point me in the right direction on how to move forward.
KNCS Leadership Meeting Dates: September 24th 25th Travel: Y ☐ N ☒	• Provided verbal update on AFN matters and initiatives and received updates from the other KFN's • Received updates from the Social Sector, the Columbia Basin Trust Board, Interim CAO, Governance Lead, and Aknusti • Discussed barriers with the current Indigenous Policing unit and the desire for something better • The Economic Sector director shared that work is being done on addressing the current issue with Ktunaxa owned business competing with each other • Nasʔukin Cheryl Casimer informed us about the upcoming First Nations Ministers Meeting that will be taking place in Ottawa • Received report from the CEO of SEM and the Chair of the SEM board of directors in regard to their efforts to negotiate a better commission structure • Received presentation from Canadian Critical Minerals



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C2C2C Meeting

Date: September 29th

Travel: Y ☐ N ☒

Council met with Council members from both the Shuswap Band and The District of Invermere to discuss DOI's proposal to improve the boat launch in Athelmere. AFN and SB had indicated that we are both in opposition to the development due to environmental concerns. Our main concern is that the location in is perhaps the worst place to have concentrated boat traffic and launching on the entire lake. We are also not supportive of providing infrastructure that would enable the same boat problem that we are trying to address with the provincial government. The three groups discussed the situation thoroughly and agreed to move forward with the boat launch upgrade under the conditions that the upgrade will be removable, temporary, and that we will work together and commit to finding a better spot within a certain time line. DOI also committed to working with us on establishing appropriate management measures of the current boat launch.