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Report to Council		
Councillor: Janice Alpine		
Nov 2025		
Council Meeting Highlights	Date	Summary: Activity/Decision
C&C	Nov 26	Many discussions taking place on cleaning up process, from historic financial records, to transparency from KNCS, and Governance training and policy updates.
		We also discussed the decrease in coal that has and will continue to affect our budgets
Other Meeting Highlights	Date	Summary: Activity/Decision
L Aquino	Oct 10	Travel advance for WIPCE
C Richards	Nov 7	Recap on EJLCS matters to bring to C&Cs attention
L Aquino	Nov 24	Travel claim clarification
L Aquino	Nov 28	Request further docs for claim and clarification of Funeral policy
In Office		
Nov 2025	Travelling	
Meetings Attended:		
<b>Our Children Our Way</b> Date:11/2/2025 Travel Required: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	4 day event Nasu?kin Cheryl Casimer, ?a?am was honoured for many years for her services to Child protection.	
	Many break out sessions offered leaving me to focus my attention on Jurisdiction, Law Making, Duty to Report, Jordan Principle and Nation Based Prevention. I was also able to sit with both Tom our KKCFSS CAO and Bart Knutsgaard for a quick. I relayed a principle that was offered at a session 'Don't become paralyzed in you goals'. In other words there are a lot opportunities out there, and we should not focus only on one, and if something didn't work in the past, we need to analyze why that was so.	
<b>BCFN &amp; BC Cabinet</b> Date:11/3/2025 Travel Required: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	4 day event This was the same time as the OCOW but I managed to make every meeting with Cabinet.	
	We lead in discussions with eight Ministers that connect directly with tasks we are currently engaged in. The goal was to provide a statement on where we need changes in our relationship and continue the conversation.	
	Ministry roster: PSSG, EPCC, MIRR, MF, MH, MTACS, MAH, MWLRS	
<b>C&amp;C Start Session - BC Cabinet</b> Date:11/4/2025 Travel Required: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	The day prior to the BCAF-Cabinet meetings a caucus was held to address some on the areas of concern the FNs are faced with, one topic was Racism and other was Land encroachment which Ktunaxa brought forward.	
<b>Certain Teed</b> Date:11/5/2025 Travel Required: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A quick chat with Lorne on the steps to move our conversation forward. It was decided that AFN will take the lead with Lorne Shovar, LD and Team to begin steps to move this agreement forward. I believe a briefing note needs to be presented to KNCS before the end of 2025.	



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<b>CMP Discussion</b> Date:11/7/2025 Travel Required: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>CMP is an entity that can offer AFN support on matters on cross boundary environmental impacts. They currently have a multiyear agreement with CSKT. I have been in touch with a biologist that serves CMP to see how they can support Ktunaxa. This also requires effort from KNCS Lands/TKL. Is on going</p>
<b>SD6 Touch Base</b> Date:11/7/2025 Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Met with SD5 Superintendent to follow up on previous discussions regarding the Cultural Awareness session. This is in the works and need to Kevin Morrall, Education Coor to provide progress update</p> <p>We are still waiting on the process of how Ktunaxa resources are accessed by all teachers/Support workers; to ensure the have received the recently approved LEA</p>
<b>IBE Next steps</b> Date:11/10/2025 Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>We made it clear not only do we require legal options but we also need business case options to bring forward complete analysis of options to members to make a well-informed decision. A date was not determined when this is to be complete</p>
<b>WIPCE</b> Date:11/12/2025 Travel: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>9 day event This took place in New Zealand, Polynesian culture and the Moir the main tribe.</p> <p>Given the timeline for the event we were able to recruit an Elder and two youth to attend along with myself. Many nations were represented. This conference took place in Ottawa in 2022, the next will take place in Hawaii in 2028. I hope the Nation will bring a larger delegation next event.</p> <p>The event focussed on Education: Day 1 Technology; Day 2 Health &amp; Wellness; Day 3 Youth, Day 4 Politics.</p> <p>First day was a parade of Nations from all over the world, we joined the Canadian tribes in the line up representing the Ktunaxa. We walked up Queen St to the AOET centre and each nation was greeted by the Moir</p> <p>Break out sessions were offered and my focus was comparing how large nations address the same challenge we face as small nation. I was intrigued to learn that we all have the same values and we can actually say 'us and we' when we talk to each other. I also noticed that we are at different levels when talking with the governments but have the same messages. The Moir use the term Capitalism while we use colonialism.</p> <p>A couple of statements that stuck with me from key note speakers: Every time we sit at the table to talk with government it takes a little piece of us, so we need to be wise who we have discussion with; Decolonization starts within ourself; We need to stretch as far as we can, not to break but to make us stronger.</p> <p>I will reach out to the contacts I made to discuss curriculum development models.</p>
<b>Encroachment Response</b> Date:11/19/2025 Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Progress on signage and mentioned that we have signs that can be placed now.</p>



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<b>KNCS Finance Brd</b> Date:11/24/2025 Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nasuʔkin Don and I co-chaired, next meeting I will be left on my own.
	This board allows for all Directors and CAO to present their budgets and address any discrepancies.
	A couple of highlights; to recommend to KNCS that the FB recommends TKLES Brd to dissolve the Society as it has run its course; and send a letter to both COTR and Selkirk stating they are within the homelands of Ktunaxa
	Met with Nasuʔkin Barb, Councillor Mark and Councillor Richard to discuss some of the observations we have been making in relation to signage and improve our communication and bring forward once again our stand on Qatmuk.
<b>Shuswap Relationship Protocol</b> Date:11/25/2025 Travel: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Kerri Garner was available to offer the conversations around Qatmuk and a KNCS protocol with SIB. It was decided that they will work with on our concerns and that we will meet on a quarterly basis. We will touch base in Jan to see where we are. Our lead staff in this process are our CAOs
	Lead by Lorne Shovar Lands Director. The session offered membership updates on the many initiatives that are in progress as well as to offer feedback on initiatives that are in development. Great work Team!
<b>AFN Lands Info Session</b> Date:11/25/2025 Travel: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	I will review the FAQ and get back to Angela with my comments,
<b>Encroachment Response</b> Date:11/26/2025 Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CBT appointment – Jared Basil
<b>KNCS Leadership Mtg</b> Date:11/27/2025 Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CRTLSC ToR in draft and will get comments to Troy Hunter by mid Jan
	TKLES Board was provided a unanimous decision to be dissolution process of the Enrichment Society
	FNHA Interior Region Nation Executive we instructed by unanimous vote from the '25 fall caucus leadership to change the bylaws to ensure all seven nations are represented at the IRNE Brd. As it stands, three seats remain unoccupied under the direction of the ERNI.
	EVR Compliance Agreement remains to be under review
	Nation Healing Strategy delivered by Urban Matters is coming to a completion.
	Met with Angela and David and decided that the document will be primer and could expand into other compositions of the Ktunaxa Land Declaration. Will be reported at the next ER meeting.
<b>FAQ Review</b> Date:11/28/2025 Travel: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Met with Angela and David and decided that the document will be primer and could expand into other compositions of the Ktunaxa Land Declaration. Will be reported at the next ER meeting.



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Other: Events/Activities attended	
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Celebration - Invermere
Upcoming meetings	
Dec 1	7NSETCS Brd Mtg
Dec 1	Governance Training Working Dinner
Dec 1	FNHA Survey
Dec 2 - 3	Governance Training
Dec 5	CAO Evaluation
Dec 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation Cut-off
Dec 9	Changemakers
Dec 9	CMP Admin
Dec 9	Task Mtg - ʔaǰam
Dec 10	Encroachment Response
Dec 10	C&C
Dec 10	IJC Elk-Kootenay Watershed Study Brd
Dec 11	Elk Kootenai/y Reference Gov Body
Dec 11	Budget Impacts
Dec 12	KKCFSS Brd Mtg
Dec 12	EJLCS Xmas Dinner
Dec 14 - 16	C&C Strat Session
Dec 17	Encroachment Response
Dec 17	Review Policy Governance
Dec 18	KNCS Leadership Mtg
Dec 23	CMP
Dec 24 - Jan 2	Office closure