



## Monthly Council Report

Faro Burgoyne

May 2025

- C&C Meeting
- Status of Specific Claims meeting with lawyers
- Indian Beach Estates Meeting with Lawyers
- Indian Beach Estates Meeting with FNHA
- CVED Advisory Commission
- C&C Meeting
- AFNE Bord Meeting
- KNCS Meeting

### Chief & Council Meeting Highlights

May 5<sup>th</sup>

- Moved budget amendments
- Approved a housing grant
- Discussed professional development
- Discussed remuneration of Council process
- Discussed territory encroachment issues

### Status of Specific Claims Meeting with Lawyers

May 12<sup>th</sup>

We met with Darwin Hanna to discuss the current status of our specific claims:

Madias Tatley – ongoing, one appraisal including unimproved market value, loss of use and timber has been complete, identifying the disturbance damages is to be worked on. And another appraisal is recommended.

Wilder Brothers timber- Canada has submitted an offer for AFN to consider.

Kootenay Columbia highway- Canada has accepted the claim for negotiation historic study's to be conducted by AFN to support case.

## Indian Beach Estates meeting with Lawyers

May 13<sup>th</sup>

We met with Darwin Hanna again to discuss renewing the head lease with Indian Beach estates. Darwin identified some specific aspect of the draft headlease renewal that should be worked on. Alternative options were discussed and we had another meeting with FNHA regarding the infrastructure in IBE. There will be another community meeting in regard to this matter coming up in the near future.

## Columbia Valley Economic Development Advisory Commission

May 27<sup>th</sup>

The CVED Advisory Commission is similar to a board of directors for the Economic development team for the entire valley. It is composed of political leaders from the individual municipalities and RDEK as well as business owners. There was a presentation about renewable energy solutions and community energy. The goal would be that each community generates their own power via solar or mini hydro (turbines in existing water supply systems) as well as partnering with industry such as Canfor which could do biomass generation. With all the power generated we could sell it to ourselves for cheap creating savings for all residents. There is an opportunity for AFN to get involved more info and and assessment would have to be done to see if this is a viable option for us. There is a film scheduled to be captured in the valley over the next couple years. *Stranger in Town*. There is also some scouting to be taking place soon for another film. To me this is exciting because I had the opportunity years ago to work on *The Mountain between us*. Which was filmed up the horse thief. I can say first hand these films bring a lot of money to the area and provide a lot of opportunity for people that want to get involved. There is a campaign to attract and retain physicians to our valley to address the shortage of family DRs. It was mentioned that the local boating society has put out a request to conduct an economic impact assessment for the lake. The advisory commission decided that we do not want any thing to do with it. In relation to that discussion RDEK stated that they had started tagging buoys on Lake Windermere. Either in compliance or not or grandfathered and that they are creating a registry.

## Chief & Council Meeting Highlights

May 28<sup>th</sup>

- Review of Radium strategic plan.
- Confirmed dates for next Band meeting June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Approved the creation and recruitment of and Aquatics Specialist position
- Approved letter of moratorium to go to legal then be sent to BC govt in regard to Lake Windermere
- Approved Lake Windermere Groyne report

## AFNE Board Meeting

May 15

We went through our regular agenda. Rob presented his GM report which touched on all ongoing and potential future projects: Rec center, Lake Shore, Invermere project, Heritage Heights, Glulam production, and power generation. Some highlights were that the Lake Shore was up and running with a full staff roster as well as a new booking software. Potential development opportunities in Invermere. Grant application sent for Heritage Heights project to help offset engineering and environmental assessment and business planning costs. And continued conversations about the potential investment in a glulam mass timber production facility. There was discussion about possible investment in power generation but the proposed sight in mind would conflict with AFNs environmental concerns. We discussed honoraria and have left it to the shareholders to set the rate to avoid a conflict of interest which I also did not participate in as a shareholder of course because of the conflict of interest.

## KNCS Leadership meeting highlights

May 29

- Continued discussion on the Nation Chair position job description and hiring process. This will be ongoing
- Letters to both PBS and FNESS to be sent in regard to missing information about Ktunaxa
- Discussed Ktunaxa Land Declaration format
- Rescinded COVID policy for KNC employees
- Discussed KNCS strategic planning report
- Discussed a gap in the correctional system which does not support the incarcerated with mental health issues