



Chiefs and Council Notes

For June 4, 2024

The following notes summarize the Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting held in Council Chambers at Úlúus Community Complex on June 4, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Presentations to Council

Housing Loan Program



Erika van der Grinten,
Senior Program Officer with
First Nations Market Housing

Fund (FNMHF) presented on the difference between a Schedule C approvals and Ministerial Loan Guarantees (MLGs) as pathways to home ownership. The presentation was in response to questions that arose earlier this year, when the Nation's Infrastructure Department, which oversees Housing, was seeking a Schedule C approval.

Provided a First Nation is signed up and working with FNMHF, its members may be eligible for financial counselling support to help them access a loan to **build, purchase, renovate or refinance** a home on reserve using an approved bank or credit union.

The FNMHF representative explained that the MLG works through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). The loan for the mortgage is made by a lender and backed by ISC and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). In the event there is a problem with mortgage repayment, other funding sources can be attached to ensure repayment.

Van der Grinten noted that Bank of Montreal (BMO) does not require mortgages be attached to ISC. Instead, BMO evaluates markers such as

an applicant's income and credit history, when applying for a mortgage.

Community members may continue to apply for mortgage subsidies under Schedule C. Mortgages obtained through Schedule C funding are subject to being reviewed by the Nation's Housing Department, which receives reports on how these mortgages are performing. In the event of default, it would be possible to convert the mortgage into a loan to the Nation or have another Nation member purchase the home.

Currently, Council can determine whether an applicant seeking a Schedule C subsidy, currently capped at \$500,000, needs to contribute their own funds to secure a mortgage. Council has the authority to change the terms of Schedule C funding at any time.

Nation-to-Nation Gathering



Edwin (Buckshot) Bikadi
and Harlan Pruden from
Chee Mamuk, the BC
Centre for Disease
Control (BCCDC)

Indigenous Health program, presented on a Nation-to-Nation Gathering it would like Lilwat Nation to consider hosting sometime in 2025.

The Chee Mamuk program works with Indigenous men on health promotion, knowledge sharing and skills-based learning. This program addresses health and wellbeing

for Indigenous men in culturally rooted and Indigenous ways.

Supported by their Chee Mamuk colleagues Jessica Henry, Jakob Knudsen, Saqa7 Kage Thevarge, and Naomi Dover, Bikadi and Pruden shared their vision for a Territory-based event that would use the Klháka7min (Outdoor School) site, and potentially the new Pow Wow arbor in Kwétsa7, to create an atmosphere for cultural exchange anchored in health and wellness, showcasing the bounty of Lílwat Territory.

Similar events hosted by Chee Mamuk have attracted up to 110 participants. The programming and agenda for these gatherings comes from the Territory on which they are held.

Chee Mamuk does not have funding for these Nation-to-Nation events, they can assist with grant writing and fundraising to offset the costs the Nation would incur in hosting the gathering. As well, Chee Mamuk could provide facilitation for the planning of the gathering, which would also see community members invited to participate on the final day.

Chiefs and Council were unanimously in favour of moving this project forward. A planning committee for the Chee Mamuk Nation-to-Nation Gathering will be struck and will include a Council liaison. *(Update: Tara Smith, Director of Community Programs, will also be involved in the planning.)*

Council Business

Ministerial Loan Guarantee Application Approved

Housing Manager Gayle Andrews spoke on behalf of Nation member Kimela Wallace who intends, under the Housing Department's

Rent-to-Own policy, to purchase a manufactured home to be placed on a serviced lot in the Xetólacw community. Council passed a motion to approve the application process for a Ministerial Loan Guarantee of \$170,000.00 with Royal Bank of Canada, and \$95,790 in ISC housing subsidies.

Payments Over \$100,000 Approved

Council approved four Infrastructure Department payments that were over the Director of Infrastructure and CAO the authorization limits. These payments related to three invoices received by Murphy Construction May 2024 totaling \$1,013,266.60 and a September 2023 invoice received from School District #48 for \$537,782.

Canada Day Parade

CAO Kerry Mehaffey informed Council of a request to provide feedback for Canada Day parades in Pemberton and Whistler. It was noted that the Lands & Resources Department are having a float in the Pemberton Parade and that the Nation's culture is present at the celebrations through the distribution of craft kits and other items obtained through the Lílwat7úl Culture Centre.

New Strategic Plan Approved

Council approved the *2024-2030 Lílwat Nation Strategic Plan* pending minor language edits and copyediting. *(Update: 2024-2030 Lílwat Nation Strategic Plan was shared at the General Assembly held June 11, 2024.)*

The June 4, 2024, Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.