



Chiefs and Council Notes

For October 8, 2024

The following notes summarize the Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting held in Council Chambers at Úlílus Community Complex on October 8, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Department Reports

Lands and Resources

Council Approves Entering Negotiations on Meager Creek Geothermal Project

Lands and Resources Director Casey Gonzales, and Harriet Van Wart, Senior Consultant at Tetreault spoke to the impacts and benefits of the proposed Meager Creek Geothermal in the Aboriginal Interest and Use Study (AIUS).

Based on the information presented, Chiefs and Councils voted to support the project in principle and enter into the negotiation phase of an Impact Benefit Agreement with the Meager Creek Development Company (MCDC).

This proposed project has followed Lílwat Nation's Consultation Policy, with the negotiation of the Impact. MCDC has had two environmental studies, a socio-economic study, a Traditional Use Study, and archaeological preliminary field reconnaissance done. As well, MCDC undertook a three-month period of public engagement that included presentations, engagements specific to youth and Elders, a webinar and community open house.

MOTION:

Moved by *Lhpatq* Councillor Maxine Bruce
Seconded by *Kík7ak* Councillor Helena Edmonds

WHEREAS Lílwat Nation Chiefs and Council have reviewed the Meager Geothermal Project Aboriginal Interest and Use Study (AIUS) Final Report dated September 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS the AIUS Report provides sufficient information to determine whether the potential benefits to Lílwat Nation from the proposed Meager Geothermal Project outweigh the potential impacts.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Lílwat Nation Chiefs and Council support the proposed Meager Geothermal Project in principal and will negotiate an Impact Benefit Agreement with Meager Creek Development Corporation with the objective to reach an agreement on the terms for Lílwat Nation to support the proposed Meager Geothermal Project.

CARRIED

Tszil, Language and Culture

Four Pillars Funding Support

Chiefs and Council voted to sign a letter of support for Tszil, Language and Culture to receive Four Pillars Society funding. Tszil, Language and Culture Director Nadine Pascal made this request of Council. The "four pillars" refer to:

- Revival and protection of Indigenous languages
- Revival and protection of Indigenous cultures
- Protection and promotion of heritage
- Wellness for Indigenous communities and their members

FOUR PILLARS FUNDING SUPPORT (continued)

MOTION:

Moved by *Kík7ak* Councillor Helena Edmonds
Seconded by *Lhpatq* Councillor Maxine Bruce

That the Lílwat Chiefs and Council approve Political Chief Skalúlmechw Dean Nelson to sign the support letter of behalf of Lílwat Nation, T́zil Learning Centre Language & Programs to the Four Pillars Society.

CARRIED

SD48 Indigenous Education Council Appointments Approved

Nadine Pascal, director T́zil, Language and Culture, requested approval of the appointed representatives for the SD48 Indigenous Education Council.

MOTION:

Moved by *Níeqwk* Councillor Troy Bikadi
Seconded by *Qaqawam* Councillor Chris Wells

That the Lílwat Nation Chiefs and Council approve the appointed positions for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

CARRIED

Culture Advisory Board Appointments Approved

Chiefs and Council approved three appointees to the Culture Advisory Board as presented by Nadine Pascal, director T́zil, Language and Culture.

MOTION:

Moved by *Sík Sík* Councillor Joshua Anderson
Seconded by *Gélpcał* Chief Ashley Joseph

That the Lílwat Nation Chiefs and Council approve the three appointed community members at large (Sharyle Peters, Darla John, and Rick Joe, for a term of four years as approved by the Lílwat Nation Governance Committee.

CARRIED

Budget Amendments Tabled

Requests for approval of amendments to the Business Administration Program budget and the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC)/Indigenous Adult Higher Learning Association budget were tabled and will be going through the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) onto Quarterly Reporting.

Infrastructure, Public Works and Housing

Ministerial Loan Guarantee On Hold

Housing Manager Gayle Andrew provide an update on the Ministerial Loan Guarantee (MLG), noting that a land encumbrance needs to be cleared up at the Lands Board before the MLG can be signed.

Invoices Over \$100,000 Approved

Council passed a motion to approve four payments to Murphy Construction in excess of \$100,000 pertaining to four construction projects. The motion was moved by *Sawt* Councillor Martina Pierre and seconded by *Lhpatq* Councillor Maxine Bruce.

Ceremonial s7ístken Project

Nímstsvq Councillor James Williams will continue to provide monthly reports to council about the status of the Ceremonial s7ístken project. Any questions regarding finance will be taken to Director of Finance Karen Mallon and answered in Quarterly Reporting.

Administration

Communications & Engagement Policy

The presentation of a Communications and Engagement Policy by CAO Kerry Mehaffey was tabled as the report had not yet been received.

The October 8, 2024, Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.