

Chiefs and Council Notes

For November 5, 2024

The following notes summarize the Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting held in Council Chambers at Úlius Community Complex on November 5, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

EXTERNAL BOARDS AND COMMITEES

Church Lands

Kimela Wallace and Priscilla Ritchie appeared before Chiefs and Council regarding the Church Lands. Wallace asked for the church to not be torn down and replaced with a residential school monument.

She was asked by Council if the letter presented last time she had been before Council on this matter has been sent to the Roman Catholic Dioceses in Kamloops. Wallace said that due to uncertainty about the building's future, she stopped the process.

INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS

Education

Council approved a motion to receive the Proposed Lílwat Nation Education Law.

Yvonne Wallace, Education Jurisdiction program Manager and Akmiń Verna Stager, Director of Education, presented on the amended Education Law that has been developed as part of Education Jurisdiction implementation. The law was developed by the Lílwat Nation Board of Education in consultation with its lawyer.

The proposed law was presented at a community meeting held May 23, 2024, in the hopes of receiving feedback. As no feedback was received, it was decided that the Education Law not be amended, and that instead it be taken to Council for approval.

Questions/Comments

Akmin noted that there had been several opportunities for community members to participate in the process, noting multiple Zoom during the pandemic meetings and the distribution of materials to households in the community.

CAO Rolf de Bruin noted that the next meeting will be held at Xetolacw Community School and the Education Law will be coming back to the Council table.

MOTION

Moved by Nteqwk Councillor Troy Bikadi Seconded by Qaqawam Councillor Christopher Wells

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lilwat Nation Chiefs and Council receives the Proposed Lilwat Nation Education Law for vote at the next duly convened meeting as the Xetólacw Community School Staff and the Lilwat Nation Board of Education have fulfilled their responsibilities as outlined in the Education Law-Making Protocol.

CARRIED

Infrastructure, Public Works and Housing

Council approved four invoices over \$100,000 at the November 5 meeting. Three of these invoices were from the Murphy Construction Corporation related

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to the Lílwat Small Homes and Townhomes projects, the Child and Family Services building that were received October 31, 2024.

An additional invoice presented related to an insurance renewal premium to be paid to AON Risk Solutions, a company that provides a range of insurance and risk consulting services for individuals, businesses and industries.

MOTION:

Moved by Sík Sík Joshua Anderson Seconded by Kík7ak Councillor Helena Edmonds

That the Lílwat Nation Chiefs and Council approve payment of the following invoices over \$100,000:

Murphy Construction Corp: \$172,531.60 Murphy Construction Corp: \$110,494.74 Murphy Construction Corp: \$391,933.65

and in principal, the AON Risk Solutions: Renewal

Premium -\$731,501.08

CARRIED

Líľwat Business Group

FY2025 Quarter 2 Reporting

Dwayne Stanshall, Chief Financial Officer for the Lílwat Business Group (LBG) presented the organization's FY2025 Q2 report. Stanshall noted that the LBG's net cash position is positive, that the restructuring of the Lílwat Forestry Ventures had yielded positive results and that a similar model

would be applied to Construction Enterprises, and that similar results were expected.

MOTION

Moved by Gélpcal Chief Ashley Joseph Seconded by Snegwéma Councillor Renee Wallace

That the Lílwat Nation Chiefs and Council accept the Lílwat Business Group FY2025 Quarter 3 report as presented.

CARRIED

Function Junction Development

Lílwat Business Group's CEO Tsekonámus Rosemary Stager-Wallace and CFO Dwayne Stanshall presented an update on the residential/commercial project at Function Junction. The focus of the presentation was LBG's plan for the project to become 100 per cent owned by LBG.

They were joined by LBG's lawyer Lana Nielsen from Munnings Law, Dan Azura, VP of Commercial Banking at First Nations Bank of Canada (FNBC), and representative from Hill Plain, an Indigenous construction management company based in Calgary.

LBG was not seeking a motion at the meeting but noted that it would like to move forward with the FNBC to acquire bridge financing and engage with the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) for the full amount of financing required. LBG will return for a follow-up meeting with Council.

CARRIED

The November 5, 2024, Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 p.m.