



Chiefs and Council Notes

For September 10, 2024

The following notes summarize the Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting held in Council Chambers at Úlúus Community Complex on September 10, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

External Boards and Committees

Wanostsa7 Dr. Lorna Williams September 30 Speaking Event

Natalie Langmann of Aligned Creative, Contracting & Consulting appeared before Council for input on a Truth and Reconciliation Day event in Pemberton.

Langmann has been retained by the Village of Pemberton and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District to produce a speaking event with Wanostsa7 Dr. Lorna Williams.

It was noted by Council that there were events taking place in Lílwat throughout the day including:

- *Taking Care of Ourselves* at Tšzil Learning Centre from 12 pm - 4 pm
- *Hand Drumming and Feast* at Úlúus Community Complex from 5 - 8pm

Community Services

Tšzil Learning Centre Partnership Agreements Approved

Council voted to approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Tšzil, its partnering institutes and an Affiliation Agreement between Tšzil and Capilano

University. Nadine Pascal Director of Tšzil, Language and Culture (TLC) spoke to the two agreements and the role they would play in the future.

“This MOU is for our partners to understand where we are coming from, how we want to conduct our programs, through our lived experiences and our beliefs,” said Pascal.

Council noted that while the MOU was not legally binding, it was a commitment to working together in good faith. Tšzil’s current and future educational partners will be expected to comply with the terms of the MOU ensuring students can learn in a culturally safe environment.

“This will let students know we did our due diligence, trying to decolonize that this is a safe place,” said *Kik7ak* Councillor Helena Edmonds.

The significance of the two agreements was enshrined within the motion, which describe the MOU as “an assertion with Partner Institutions that Lílwat Nation is taking significant steps towards Self-Determination with Tšzil Learning Center’s strategic plans and goals.”

The motion also approved Political Chief *Skalúlmecw*, Dean Nelson, to sign the MOU at a future ceremony at Tšzil Learning Centre.

The Affiliation Agreement with Capilano University was also approved, with Political Chief *Skalúlmecw* assigned the role of signatory of the agreement for 2024 - 2029.

Primary Care Society BCR Approved

Council approved a BCR in support of the newly formed es zúmin' Primary Care Society that will be guiding the development of the new es zúmin' Primary Care Centre.

The new society will manage all aspects of the First Nations-led Primary Care Initiative, including implementing the Primary Care Centre Service Plan. A relationship agreement to support this work will be negotiated between the society and the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA).

The new society's board of directors consists of five voting members representing N'Quatqua, Lílwat, Samahquam, Skatin and Xa'xtsa and three non-voting members who work as health directors. Lílwat is represented by *Sik Sik* Councillor Josh Anderson and Jessica Frank, director of Lílwat Health & Healing.

The BCR anticipates that the es zúmin' Primary Care Society will assume full management of the es zúmin' Primary Care Centre by June 21, 2026. It also commits Lílwat Nation to having Political Chief Skalúlmecw as part of an es zúmin' Chiefs Council to provide community support, political support, and guidance to the society.

- Held to two off-reserve presentations in Vancouver
- Held a youth engagement
- Launched a survey that has received 98 responses so far

Burnside spoke to need for Council to approve a formal process to integrate community feedback into a formal law development and approval process. This would be a significant step in moving the project forward.

He also noted CFSP Working Group has discussed various methods of ratification of BCRs outlining the process and believes that a "two-reading model" will be best to thoroughly engage with community members and ensure that the process remains Nation-driven.

Council, dissatisfied with the 50%+1 of voter turnout constituting approval, would like electronic voting made an option. As well, it was noted that they would like door-to-door consultation with members to be considered as a communications method.

Council will take all information provided by the VP of Political Intelligence, including the proposed BCRs, in to consideration and reply as soon as possible.

Council Business

Bill C-92 Children & Family Services Project Update

Speaker Dennis Burnside, Vice-President and Indigenous Practice Lead at Political Intelligence, updated Council on the Children & Family Services Project (CFSP), listing several new developments. To date, the project has:

- Hired a communications team (Justin Leo and Senaqwila Wyss) to help ensure effective community communication and engagement
- Held community engagements including at two General Assemblies

LBG Quarterly Report Accepted

Lílwat Business Group's (LBG) FY2025 Q1 report was accepted by council as presented. CEO *Tsekonámus Losí* Rosemary Stager was joined by CFO Dwayne Stanshall and Klay Tindall, General Manager of Lílwat Forestry Ventures (LFV) in addressing Council.

Overall, operations were strong in the first quarter of FY2025, with both LFV and Lílwat Retail Operations operating profitably, and Construction Enterprises making significant progress. LBG noted that aggregate sales were

lower than anticipated due to a slowdown in construction and local competition.

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Gathering Place Initiative

Lhpatq Councillor Maxine Bruce and *Nímtsvq* James Williams presented on the Gathering Place Initiative. “A new gathering place is a much needed amenity. We look forward to working towards making this happen. There’s much to do such to get this project to fruition,” said *Lhpatq*.

The Gathering Place Initiative is in early development, with design and capacity of the facility, modelled on a ceremonial *s7ístken*, yet to be determined.

In order to apply for funding to move the initiative forward, a BCR is needed to demonstrate the Nation’s commitment.

The September 10, 2024, Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.