



# Chiefs and Council Notes

## For December 3, 2024

The following notes summarize the Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting held at Xetólacw Community School on December 3, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### Administration

#### Ceremonial S7ístken Project

Nímtsvq Councillor James Williams presented on the Ceremonial S7ístken Project focusing on awarding the design/build contract to Lilwat Construction Enterprises. Nímtsvq's presentation was supported by the report *Ceremonial S7ístken: Path to Shovel Ready*, developed in consultation with the Lilwat Business Group (LBG) Board of Directors. The cost for this initial phase of the project is \$2.358 million and includes pre-construction, early works, and construction management fees. This money would come from the Lilwat Nation's Own Source Revenues (OSR), making the project 100% Lilwat7úl.

#### Comments/Questions:

Sawt Councillor Martina Pierre asked if the Arch Diocese would be putting funding into the project. Nímtsvq said that this source of potential funding had not been explored as this project was different in that it would be entirely Lilwat7úl, from funding to construction.

Qaqawam Councillor Christopher Wells voiced his support for the project, noting that the much-needed amenity had come a long way.

Lhpatq Councillor Maxine Bruce noted the idea for the project had first been discussed in summer 2023, and that Bill C-92 had presented an opportunity to move forward. Lhpatq, who is also the President of LBG, stated that building this valuable community space was the reason behind developing Lilwat Construction Enterprises (LCE). She would like to see the negotiating team reworked based on this proposed negotiating framework. Lhpatq also expressed confidence in the skill level at LCE and having Nímtsvq and Xzúmalus Councillor Roxanne Joe working on behalf of council to move the Ceremonial S7ístken Project forward.

#### Motion:

Moved by Qaqawam Christopher Wells  
Seconded by Xzúmalus Roxanne Joe

That the Lilwat Nation and Chiefs and Council hereby acknowledge the high priority of the Ceremonial S7ístken Project and official award the design-build contract to Lilwat Construction Enterprises LP, and that the Lilwat Chiefs and Council confirm the allocation from OSR funds in the amount of \$2.358 million for the pre-construction, early works, and construction management contract to Lilwat Construction Enterprises, as detailed in the report to Chiefs and Council on December 3, 2024 (*Ceremonial S7ístken: Path to shovel ready*).

Carried

## Hydrogen Energy Project IBA Negotiating Team Appointment

CAO Rolf de Bruin spoke to the appointment of the Nation's Impact Benefit Agreement Negotiating Team that will negotiate with the Meager Creek Development Corporation regarding its hydrogen energy project being developed in the Nation's Traditional Territory. De Bruin reported that the energy project will be smaller in scope than initially planned, noting that Lílwat Nation was not in charge of project scope.

### Comments/Questions:

**Lhpatq** Councillor Maxine Bruce asked the report on this project be revised to include that a negotiating framework will be built to allow everything referenced in the Aboriginal Use Study. **Lhpatq** also noted that she wants a negotiating framework that takes into consideration how this unlimited energy can directly benefit Lílwat Nation members.

### Motion:

Moved by **Xzúmalus** Roxanne Joe  
Seconded by **Qaqawam** Christopher Wells

That the Lílwat Nation and Chiefs and Council appoint the following people to the Negotiating Team for negotiating an Impact Benefit Agreement with the Meager Creek Development Corporation with the objective to reach an agreement on the terms for Lílwat Nation to support the proposed Meager Creek Geothermal Project:

- **Skalúlmecw** Chief Dean Nelson (Political Chief)
- **Nímtsvq** Councillor James Williams (Finance, Governance and Holdings Board)
- **Kík7ak** Councillor Helena Edmonds (Territory Land Use Referrals Board)
- **Rolf de Bruin** (CAO)
- **Casey Gonzalez** (Director of Lands and Resources)

Carried

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## Infrastructure, Public Works and Housing

### Lake Road Watermain Replacement Project BCR

David Ward, Capital Projects Manager, spoke to the Lake Road Watermain Project, noting that during this process the department would continue trying to get water to kwétsa7, a separate ongoing project.

### Comments/Questions:

**Xzúmalus** Councillor Roxanne Joe asked if there would be jobs for Nation members. Ward verified that this would be a requirement of the RFP. She also asked if Capital Projects was working with the Land Use Referrals at Lands and Resources department. Noting that this was a new process for his department, Ward confirmed that he had met with Land Use Referrals at the end of November 2024.

**Níteqwkw** Councillor Troy Bikadi requested more information about the easement relating to the project. The Capital Project Manager explained that easements typically have no construction elements, such as fences, do not convey ownership, but rather they allow for access to a parcel of land. The easement would exist on a map showing how Lílwat Nation's Public Works department could access the land when required.

**Lhpatq** Councillor Maxine Bruce strongly suggested that a communications and community engagement plan for the project be drafted and brought back to the council table for support. **Lhpatq** also noted that she would like to see communications and engagement plans as part of presentations on large projects.

### Motion:

Moved by **Lhpatq** Maxine Bruce  
Seconded by **Háma7** Alphonse Wallace

That the Lílwat Nation and Chiefs and Council support the Lake Road Watermain Replacement Project as it moves from design to construction and approve BCR #LN 010 Public Work Agr. 2024 Lake Road Watermain Replacement Project.

Carried

## PAYMENTS OVER \$100,000

Chiefs and Council approved the payments of invoices in excess of \$100,000 from the Murphy Construction Corporation, Anser Power Systems, and Habitat Systems.

### Comments/Questions:

Concerns were raised regarding minor deficiencies found in two new housing units. The current payment process of direct award doesn't allow for holding back some funds to address these deficiencies.

Noting that there are systems that could help address this, **Nímtsvq** suggested working with LBG to develop a new process, as they are focusing on capital projects, which would keep the money in the community and move away from direct award.

CAO Rolf de Bruin stated that if Chiefs and Council want to direct staff to revisit the Murphy Construction Corp. contract that comes up for renewal in 2028, then staff would follow that redirection until such time that there is no action.

**Nímtsvq** expressed support for revisiting the agreement.

### Motion:

Moved by **Lhpatq** Maxine Bruce

Seconded by **Sneqwéma** Renee Wallace

That the Lílwat Nation and Chiefs and Council approve the payment of the following invoices over \$100,000 to Murphy Construction Corp. (LWH-1-HB-\$117,289.5—October 23, 2024, LTP-2-HB-\$319,561.45—October 23, 2024), and to Anser Power Systems (Invoice 191168-\$115,171.50—October 8, 2024) and to Habitat Systems (Invoice 25734-\$206,620.50—September 27, 2024).

Carried

**The December 3, 2024, Chiefs and Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.**