

# Tk'emlúps Council Highlights

December 12, 2023 and December 19, 2023

*Chief and Council are committed to continuous improvement in communications between Chief and Council, staff, and membership. Chief and Council will be releasing regular updates to ensure staff and members are aware of the work of Council. This is not intended as a comprehensive update, but rather a high-level overview of Council discussions. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any Council members.*



This covers the Dec. 12 and 19<sup>th</sup> Chief and Council meeting.

There was one set of minutes adopted.

There was an action item update provided.

Council budget update was provided.

There were 7 permits, locatee and taxation documents presented.

**Council Travel** – Please note that while the Councillor initials are by each travel request, sometimes that means that they are the one that submitted the information, rather than the one requesting to go to the meeting. DM - National Gathering on Unmarked Burials – Northern Voices - Iqaluit, NU - January 30 - February 1, 2024, TB - First Nations Resource Charge (FNRC) - Vancouver - January 23 - 24 2024, JAG - Grand Opening ALIB Health Clinic - Multi-Use Building - December 13, 2023, Travel Rescind - DM - Introductory Meeting with DNA Experts - Vancouver - January 07, 2023, - MB submits- National Rail Forum - January 30, 2024, MB - First Nation Land in the Land Title Office – January 2024, CNCL - SSN Title Case Workshop - February 05, 2024, RC - Task Force Meeting - January 25, 2024

**TteS Communications** - Charity Exemption for the Daily Facilities Rent of the Arbor - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), FNPSS - First Nations Well Being Fund, BN - LOS - Increased Treatment and Recovery Per Diem Rates, SCFSA Annual Winter Gathering Traditional Powwow.

Rules Governing General Band Meetings (RG-GBM)

January 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. – Engagement Session - RG GBM Question and Answer with David Hughes

Custom Election Regulations (CER)

February 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. – Engagement Session - CER Question and Answer with David Hughes

**General Band Meeting –**

January 31, 2024 – Quarterly Meeting at 5:00 at MSG -

February 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. – GBM Vote on proposed Amendments to RG-GBM

February 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. – GBM Vote on amendments to CER. –

March 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. – GBM Vote (If required) on amendments to CER.

**Intergovernmental Affairs** – internal review of protocol for meeting with BC Hydro, meeting with BC Hydro re heritage contact and relationship protocol, reviewed BC Hydro’s UNDRIP implementation plan, AFN meeting, review of resolutions for Kukpi7, congratulations letter to new National Chief, Council Highlights, distribution of information from AFN meeting, BCAFN Annual Report, reviewed Provincial government distinction based approach, federal Indigenous Partnership Fund, drafted correspondence to CN Rail, review of Fire Agreement with Chief and Council and technical working group, prep for corporate meeting with Council.

**Business Economic Development Department** - BN - New Name for Corporate Entity

**Community Services** - Oath of Office Membership Committee, Indigenous Justice Strategy - Engagement Session

**Education** - BN - BCR - Apply for First Nations Well Being Funding for a Training Program at Spiyu7ullucw Ranch

**Human Resources** - Lunch and Learn - For Council information.

**Housing** - Housing Resources Service Steering Committee – ToR

**Language and Culture** - BN - Permission Sought by Harvard Kennedy School to Use Photos from Kamloops Museum and Archives with Acknowledgement from Secwépemc Museum

**Legal** - RCMP Reports for August, September and October 2023

**Natural Resources** - Expression of Interest for Capacity Funding 2023-2024 Old Growth Engagement, LGL – Delegation

**Planning and Engineering** - BN - BCR - Support Application for National Active Transportation Grant Program Funding to Construct E Shuswap Multi-Use Path Facility

## **Chief Administrative Officer, Tammy Robertson**

### **Housing Update:**

- Received Confirmation for Renovations Slippage From CMHC. Although we requested enough funds for (13 roofs & 8 furnaces) we were not approved for the full amount. We will be receiving \$126,000.
- We installed 3 new furnaces this week.
- Started renovations in 2 rental units as well as starting 2 deck replacements. (External Funding)
- Reviewed all bids for CMHC Transition Shelter (5 applicants). Have created a contract (CCDC-2) that will be used and is currently with the lawyer for review.

### **Human Resources:**

- Working on the meeting with C&C to review the Org Chart
- Working on the presentation for the GBM
- Put all new job postings/interviews on hold until the New Year
- Success with getting staff signed up for the “Be more than a Bystander” hosted by JR Larose from the BC Lions and the lunch and learns.

### **Communications Update:**

#### **Economic Development Video Communication:**

Video messaging responses were produced and distributed for the Economic Development team, handling questions raised by band members during the November 22 General Band Meeting (GBM).

#### **Year-End Assistance:**

We collaborated across multiple departments to facilitate the completion of projects before the Christmas break. This included assisting in the finalization of closure notices, on-call lists, year-end messaging, and Christmas greetings.

#### **Member Communication Enhancement:**

Continuing our efforts to support our band members, we assisted dozens with mailing address updates and communication on-boarding. This involved guiding members through the Communications App, email sign-up and the members portal for effective engagement and information dissemination.

#### **Projects with NRD:**

Actively collaborated with the Natural Resources Department (NRD) on various initiatives. Notable contributions include the distribution of archaeology videos, development of a new

webpage, and creation of bear-aware messaging, enhancing the department's outreach and communication efforts.

### **Events Update:**

As the curtain falls on the 2023 season, all events have successfully concluded. The Elder Christmas on December 6th had a fantastic turnout, and attendees thoroughly enjoying the festivities. The Community Christmas Dinner on December 7th was a resounding success, boasting a packed venue and bringing joy to children who delighted in receiving gifts from Santa.

### **Planning & Engineering Update:**

- December 18, Temporary modular office - Pad construction, water, electrical servicing continues.
- December 18, CLC Road Realignment Project – 2024 project delivery review with Urban Systems, Dawson-Senle7.
- December 18, Sanitary Sewer Agreement update – meet with City of Kamloops.
- December 22, C&C Christmas Open House

### **Chief Financial Officer Report, Travis Anderson**

#### **Finance Update:**

- TteS Consolidated Audits with BDO, CMHC and BC Gaming now completed.
- Band Xmas cheques were processed and mailed.
- Payroll position has been posted and interviews will take place early Jan 2024.
- Corporate and TteS budget templates have been sent to management. Working with Manager's on their FY24-25 1<sup>st</sup> draft budgets.
- Finance Dept and HR are looking into different Employee Benefit solutions to maximize our coverage and lower costs.

#### **Economic Development Update:**

- Finalize Highway Signage for Chief Louis Crossing
- Governance/Brand discussion with consultant
- TteS Logo use & clarification with communications
- Sweláps Market Marketing plan for 2024 fiscal
- Attend Chamber Social at Kamloops Food Bank
- Azure presentation to CNCL
- Strategic Meetings and Host Azure & Savage rail
- Ec. Dev Holiday social/business appreciation
- New Admin Building Feasibility Study – office space planning questionnaire, summarizing manager responses, completed 75%,

- Tk'emlúps Transload-Arrow/Tk'emlúps, discussed 5-month financial forecast-for propane transload business, railcar to truck
- Monthly Joint Venture Meeting with Stswékstem
- Met with Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG) regarding their Zero Waste Program
- RAM Remediation business introduction
- Reviewed Pharmacy LOI
- New Admin Building - familiarization tour of ALIB's new Health Admin Building and funding strategies
- SFU Agrivoltaics study - confirm project scope for site location and pre-FEED for 100 MW solar energy project and agriculture capacity
- Presented KIBDC 1st reading budget - approved
- Presented Business Case to add capacity to KIBDC; the addition of a new Development Officer will take place in 2024
- Attended Venture Kamloops Economic Development's Holiday Gathering
- Met with Language and Culture to review Chief Louis Centre's vision and history
- Met with CCP consultants to review proposals and set engagement strategy
- Met with BC Ministry of Environment re: grant funding for Eco Depot at the Landfill.
- Viewed the Tk'emlúps Transload site and viewed the operation of propane offloading for distribution. Safety is first priority in this operation and extensive safety steps are taken to mitigate any risk.
- Met with Tk'emlúps BDO, Vision Quest, Travis Anderson and Claude Julien to discuss overall legal structure and reconciliation of loan portfolio for the new Sweláps Market.
- Partook in the Enbridge discussion with personnel from numerous First Nations to discuss the equity offering from Enbridge on the new West Coast BC Pipeline project.
- Tourism Chilliwack - "Find Your Call to Action" Workshop
- Chief Louis Crossing - Tenant strategy, Website Design, Marketing Plan
- E-Newsletter Creation
- Pharmacy LOI Review

### **PTAX Update:**

- Taxation day to day operations ongoing
- LLTD Achievements submission on December 5
- Finance meeting on December 6
- Locatee & Land Services Working Committee Meeting on December 7
- FNTC meeting on December 7
- LLTD Staff Christmas Luncheon on December 8, 2023
- Internal fire protection agreement / chart review with Council
- LVB Group presenting to Council the BC Hydro CDF presentation rescheduled to January 17, 2024

- Motion approved by Council by BCR to approve a QHS grant and letter at C&C meeting on Dec 12
- CFO Managers Meeting on December 14
- Fire Protection meeting with Council on December 15:
  - Fiscal Realities ‘TteS Fire Services Agreement Costing Analysis’ presentation.
  - ISC – FNESS “TteS Fire Safety Assessment” presentation
  - Internal fire protection agreement / chart review with Council

### **Lands & Leasing Update:**

#### **Registration**

- 15 Documents were registered
- 14 Documents were uploaded (Modification, Rent review, Discharge, Assignment, Mortgage, Court order
- 1 Brief note & BCR for next week CNCL

#### **Industrial Subdivision**

- Notice to Vacate: x 1 (in progress)
- Briefing Notes:
- Leases
  - Assignment x 2
- Documents in progress x 2
- File Review & or Arrears Follow Up: x 4
- Meetings/Site Visits: x 1

#### **Environment**

- *Links to Learning*

#### **Meetings, Other:**

- TteS & MoTI Section 35 Negotiation
- Douglas Reserve Initiative Meeting
- Fire Protection

### **Natural Resources & Forestry Update:**

- Completing Fuel Mgmt on Reserve, waiting for venting before commencing burning again.
- Looking at burnt wood permit with Arrow.
- Setting up planting program for next year’s seeding.
- Culvert Trap is set at the subdivision to try to capture a problem bear.
- Predator program starting on the reserve to help with Sheep survival.
- Forest Services Mgmt Committee meetings next week.
- Membership firewood.
- TFLP & TFDC completed 1<sup>st</sup> draft FY24-25 budget and 1<sup>st</sup> readings at the FAC.

- Logging of burnt wood timber permits to commence January 2024.
- Moving forward with TMX reforestation project in the new year.
- Predator control: Bears and Coyotes.
- Managing some nuisance beavers on the territory.
- Completed the FNESS (fire prevention) project at Gottfriedson estates.
- Working on permit approvals & volume-splits with Skeetchestn.

### **Archaeology Update:**

- Archaeological crews conducting fieldwork at the CLC for the temporary office install. Archaeological site recorded yesterday during the fire hydrant removal. Team will remain onsite this week to assess and record during construction.
- City of Kamloops archaeological assessments ongoing. Scoping and planning for 2024 season.
- CRM meeting with KIBDC this morning to discuss scope of work for 7 mile (Charlie Wall) development and develop archaeological work plan for 2024
- TRU Archaeological assessment for Indigenous Education Centre scheduled for today. TteS arch team will be onsite.
- TMEP 2023 archaeological fieldwork complete. Analysis and reporting ongoing. Scoping for 2024 and drafting contract Change Order Request to submit to TM by end of December.
- Contract and permit obtained for MoTI East Shuswap Road slough in November. Fieldwork scheduled for March 2024.
- Site inspections at Kipp Road Sacred Site ongoing. Scoping for Phase 2 recovery ongoing.
- Participation in SSN New Gold and HVC Cultural Heritage Working Groups this week for year end.
- Resigned archaeological seasonal staff contracts. To expire March 31, 2024. Anticipate posting new positions January 2024 to build additional capacity. Business cases forthcoming for senior staff positions.
- Heritage contract discussion scheduled with BC Hydro Operations on Thursday December 14th with Jeremy Shelford and Chris Mowbray.
- Funding application drafted to update TteS Heritage Bylaw. Submission scheduled for December 15th for first ISC intake. Anticipate funding to be awarded April 2024.
- RISC Archaeology Training is scheduled for February 2024 to train and hire TteS members for 2024 field season. MoTI is sponsoring the course and there will be 10 seats available. Information to be distributed to the community once classroom is booked.
- CRM staff members completed skid steer and mini excavator training course on November 30-Dec 1st for safety certification and to assist with internal operations.

### **QSG2G Update:**

- **QSO Open House;** will take place December 21, 2023, 10am-2pm

- **KTSA Apportionment;** An engagement session with Jamie Jeffreys of BC and other key south area reps took place December 7th. Discussions on the dispossession process are to occur in the new year.
- **Agreement in Principle (AIP) Stewardship: Collective Stewardship Meeting;** QSO Met with Justin Calof, BC MoF Chief Negotiator, to plan and gauge what a re-engagement strategy can look like for BC and the new role the QSO can play to support the need to change the purpose of collective meetings and further emphasize campfire engagement.

### **Spiyu7ullucw Ranch Update:**

- Completed 1<sup>st</sup> draft FY24-25 budgets and 1<sup>st</sup> readings at the FAC.
- Will be working with CS to distribute pork and beef to community elders in the coming weeks.
- The Ranch is reviewing the Dyno Noble, Rogers leases for renewal and negotiating new leases that will increase the ranch revenues.
- The Ranch is working on rebuilding the Schiedam Dam to bring the dam up to safety working specs.
- 2 of the Ranch staff are completing their Road Building course and moving on into the Heavy Equipment Operators training this coming April 2024. The Ranch Cow Boss is taking/upgrading his training with Animal Husbandry certification this Feb 2024.
- Working on designing and upgrades for a gravity fed irrigation system.

### **S.E.I. Update:**

- Short listing candidates for the Economic Development Officer position.
- CIMS, one of our new Revenue Share partners, has won a contract with Krueger. Work to commence soon.
- Bi-weekly procurement meeting with Luke Holdstock of New Gold December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board of Directors meeting set for the evening of December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Met with partner last night regarding the wrap-up of TMEP work out near Jacko Lake.
- Q3 Board of Directors Meeting to be held the evening of December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting with Luke Holdstock of New Gold this afternoon to discuss procurement opportunities.

### **Petro-Can:**

- Completed 1<sup>st</sup> draft FY24-25 budget and 1<sup>st</sup> readings at the FAC.