



Binche Whut'en
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2021
10:00 AM

Minute Recorder: Kayla Pierre

Council Present: Jarrod Tom, Stanly Tom, Davis Monk, Dwayne Martin,
Theresa Morris, Tracy Anatole.

Staff Present: Diana Martinson

Delegations: Rodney Hynes, ISC and Marilyn Johnny, FNHIC-BC

Guests: Rodney Hynes, Marilyn Johnny and Lory

I. Called to Order at 10AM by Chair

II. Opening Prayer

- i. Dwayne Martin opened with a prayer. Dwayne thanked the Lord for this gracious day and he wanted to say a prayer for everyone that is affected by Covid. He sends out prayers that Chief and Council have a good meeting and that everyone can work together.

III. Approval of Minutes /Agenda

- a) Motion for Approval of the March 8, 2021 Chief & Council Meeting Minutes.
- b) Motion for approval of the Administration / Chief & Council Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021 as presented.

Motion to approve Minutes of March 8, 2021 & March 23, 2021 04.06.2021-01

Moved	Dwayne Martin
Seconded	Jarrold Tom

IV. Delegations to Council

- a) Rodney Hynes is updating chief and council about Indigenous Services Canada
- b) Marilyn Johnny the Regional Engagement Coordinator of FNHIC-BC will be sharing an update on Phase 3 engagement of the Pathways towards Transformations. Marilyn will also like to share info about phase 4 strategy towards the transfer of housing and infrastructure from the federal government to a made in BC Housing & Infrastructure Authority

V. Unfinished Business

NONE

VI. Correspondence

Incoming

- a. Nezul Be Hunuyeh Child & Family Services Society re: Binche Request for Membership for Nezul Be Hunuyeh Child & Family Services Society
- b. Fort St. James RCMP, S. Wadelius – Letter of Congratulations Binche Chief.
- c. Catherine Lappe, Regional Director General position updates.
- d. Letter dated March 22, 2021 from FNHA re Northern Land-based Treatment and Healing Grants – Binche Whut’en to receive this grant and payment in the amount of \$19,528.37.

Motion to receive 04.06.2021-03

Moved	Jarrold Tom
Seconded	Stanly Tom

Outgoing

- a. Agenda Motion of Direction MD-BCR 76-23.02.2021
- b. Appointment of Councilor Martin to John Prince Research Forest
- c. Appointment of Councilor Morris to Nezul Be Hunnuyeh and Family Services Society.

VII. New business

- a) BCR 77-06.04.2021 Letter of Direction for the Royal Bank.

Motion of approval 04.06.2021-03

Moved	Stanly Tom
Seconded	Jarrold Tom

- b) BCR IC23.03.2021 – 001 Binche Whut’en’s Support to Retain MNP Canada for 2019 -2020 Financial Records Remediation.
- c) Motion of direction for admin to write a direct proposal to the Ministry of Highways asking to clear a walking path along Tache Highway.
 - i. Stanly Tom had a question of who brought this request for a walking trail along the highway.
 - ii. Kelley Williams responded to Stanly Tom’s question and had told him that Health staff had requested that a letter should be sent to Ministry of Highways to make a walking trail for the elders and other community members that walk this loop on a daily basis. Kelley had told Dwayne Martin that the Admin will be drafting up the letter and getting Chief and Councils approval on the drafted letter and once it is approved than it will be sent off to Ministry of Highways.
 - iii. Dwayne Martin had a question as well for Kelley Williams. He asked who will be drafting up this letter that will be going to Ministry of Highways.

Motion of direction 04.06.2021-03

Moved	Stanly Tom
Seconded	Dwayne Martin

VIII. Discussion Point

- a) Chief Anatole to question Council as to whether or not they want an Opening Prayer at each meeting.
 - i. Tracy Anatole asked Chief and Council if anyone is apposed to having the opening prayer as we depend on Councilor Dwayne Martin to do the opening prayer. After Dwayne Martins opinion about keeping or eliminating the opening prayer, she had asked the Councilors if they had changed their mind after listening to Dwayne’s thoughts on keeping the opening prayer. After hearing all Councilors opinions, she had announced that the opening prayer is eliminated out the regular Chief and Council meetings as the meetings will go quicker.
 - ii. Theresa Morris, Stanly Tom, Jarrod Tom and Davis Monk all agreed that they did not mind either way before and after listening to Dwayne’s thoughts on keeping the opening prayer.

- iii. Dwayne Martin responded with that he would like to keep the opening prayer in as it will help everyone heal, that every band has an opening prayer at there Chief and Council meetings, every meeting he has attended in his carrier he has done had an opening prayer and as well Josh Hallman and himself have an opening prayer at each Binche Bu Socitey meeting. Dwayne brought up that he is just trying to do the right thing by having an opening prayer at the Chief and Council meetings.
- b) Chief Anatole to discuss the importance of keeping your scheduled appointments and meetings.
 - i. Chief Tracy Anatole announced that Councilors and including the Chief should keep their commitment's on attending any meeting they agreed on going to. Particularly when a councilor had agreed to go to a meeting with Nezul Bey and had told Nezul Bey and the band member that he/she will be there for that meeting, several days go by and Councilor decides that he/she has another meeting to go to and at the last-minute changes he/she's plans and tells band member and Nezul Bey that he/she can not attend. Tracy told the councilors that band members are every bit important as any other meeting that they agree to attend so it is very important that you as Councilors keep your commitments to any meeting that you will agree to attend. Another example is when Chief and Council wanted a meeting with Tek for and update on there progress and that she understands that 8:00 AM is a very early time for a meeting and that hopefully in the future there won't be anymore 8:00 AM meetings. Tracy expressed that only Councilor Theresa Morris and herself attended the very important Tech meeting. Tracy also expressed her thanks to Theresa Morris for doing most of the talking as she is more educated more about tech than she is. Tracy declared that Chief and Council as a whole is not working against each other as everyone gets an email regarding any meeting that Chief and Council need to attend and once you see that email maybe put into your calendar.
 - ii. Councilor Davis Monk announced that if you do reschedule to just get someone else to cover for you at the meeting that you had agreed to attend
 - iii. Councilor Stanley Tom and commented on what Tracy Anatole said about the Tech meeting that he was not aware of this Tech meeting that happened. He would have attended this meeting if someone had just given him a call or even texted him that there was a meeting happening. Stanley told Chief and Council that he wanted to be a part of that meeting as a councilor and as a member as my trapline is part that was the main topic at the Tek meeting. Stanly expressed that

Chief and Council should work together with reminding each other about meetings and not work against each other.

- iv. Councilor Dwayne Martin responded to the conversation topic Tracy Anatole reviewed with the councilors and he responded with a comment stating that he is feeling like he is getting pointed out in this discussion point. He explained to Chief and Council that he had told Admin Staff that he had a prior meeting to go to before he excepted the Family Services meeting and someone had told him that one of the Councilors was going to go to this meeting for him as he had told everyone though via email that he had planned this meeting before the Family Services one. He had told Chief and Council that with telling Admin staff and Chief and Council that he had another meeting to go to that it is not his fault. Dwayne had agreed with Stanly on his view points about the Tech meeting that he did not receive an email about the zoom meeting with Tech until the morning of the meeting. Dwayne had brought up that he has been having internet issues so he did not be able to get through the link to join in via zoom until after 8:00 Am and by that time everyone who had joined the tech meeting was already signed off. He had told Admin staff that he had not yet received those minutes for the Tech meeting. Dwayne brought up the fact the communication at this table is terrible and that everyone needs to know what is going on at the same time. Dwayne talked to Chief and Council after listening to Kayla Pierre's and Kelley's comments on the communication error that occurred with the Tech meeting. Dwayne brought up with moving forward he suggests that with any updates or separate meetings that happen outside of the regular chief and council dates should all happen on the same day as their Regular Chief and Council meetings as that day is the only day that all Chief and Council are together.
- v. Kayla Pierre the Administrative assistant wanted to comment on what Tracy Anatole, Stanley Tom and Dwayne Martin had to say about the communication problem that had happened with regarding the Tek meeting. Kayla had told Chief and Council that she has been updating everyone through Via email and Google Calendar and she made sure that she updated everyone on any type event or meeting that will be happening in office or out in the community before she took two weeks off for medical. Kayla brought up that Stanly does have a hard time emails and that she does her best with updating Stanly when ever she sees him in the community or the office with any type of event or meeting. Kayla had told Chief and Council that day before the regular Chief and Council meetings she gives Stanley a call to remind him and as well day of the meeting she calls Stanly to let him know. Kayla expressed that this situation should be no one's fault as there was a lot happening in office while she was gone and that for future references that when she is gone that Chief and Council should work

together and make their own responsibility that Stanley who is an elder knows what is happening. Kayla communicated with Chief and Council that she does do her best with updating not only Chief and Council but as well as Admin and health with any staff that is away for leave of absence, taking messages as there busy with training or there in a meeting, or with any type of event that may be happening in community she also had brought up the fact that she makes sure that staff, Chief and Council know her schedule as she is very busy like everyone else in Admin.

- vi. Kelley Williams the band administrator had expressed to Chief and Council that she is greatly appreciative of Kayla Pierre and her hard work that she has been doing for everyone including Chief and Council. She agrees with Kayla that she does receive these Google Calendar updates from her and she thanked her for that. Kelley also expressed her gratitude for Diana Martinson for coming out of retirement to help Kelley, Chief and Council during the two weeks while Kayla was gone. Kelley had brought up a quote that Dwayne Martin had said in the past "It is time to move forward" It is very hard on staff with the year end work that everyone has to do so her suggestion is that Chief and Council should work together and that Kayla does do an amazing job updating Chief and Council on meetings, events or whatever the case may be as she does receive those emails as well. Kelley had also requested that Chief and Council she show their gratitude to all staff as they also do there best making sure you are updated with a monthly report at your regular Chief and Council meetings, and Paul for setting up via Google Meets for Councilors or guests that are attending also for sitting in each meeting to make sure that everything is running smoothly. Kelley also brought up the fact that staff do take time out of there busy work day to phone any Councilor member that is having a hard time with reading their emails. Kelley Responded to Dwayne's suggestion about having all Chief and Council business done on the one day of the month Chief and Council are together and that she agrees with this suggestion. Kelley had told Dwayne with moving forward with this suggestion that the end of handing in last minute changes including BCR's as well as asking support outside of any Chief and Council meetings. With having all Chief and Council business also help Binche be more transparent with the members. Kelley responded to Theresa's motion of direction to look back at the email that Kelley had sent out regarding the Tech meeting minutes that Councilor Dwayne Martin is included and if he is not, she will be sending it out to him straight away. Kelley had told Councilor Theresa Morris that the office is having issues with emails and Paul is working to getting it fixed

- vii. Councilor Theresa Morris had a comment on Kayla Pierre’s views on the communication problem that had occurred regarding the Tech meeting. Theresa explained the process of the emails regarding the updates Kayla sends to each member in Chief and Council and that process is that once you get the email from Kayla you click on accept to edit your Google Calendar and it pops up right onto your calendar that is directly on your phone. Theresa had told Chief and Council that if Kayla had not done this then she would have forgot herself and its just the matter of accepting those invites as is it not only reminds you but as well sends you a notification through your phone reminding you that there is a meeting you have to attend. Theresa had asked Kelley Williams to go back to the email of her sending the Tech meeting minutes and make sure Dwayne is included as she did not see him being included in that meeting.

VIII. Reports

a. Financials

Visa Reconciliation.
Revenue and Expense Report

Indigenous Claims Loan Agreement – Specific Claim relating to the June 19-1911 Stuart Lake Barricades Agreement Claim - \$56,900.00 (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021).

- a) **Administration** – Kelley Williams – Any Updates.
- b) **Health** – report from Tracy Baldwin.

Motion to Approve Reports 04.06.2021-04

Moved	Jarrold Tom
Seconded	Theresa Morris

IX. Open Forum

NONE

X. In Camera

- a) HR Update – Finance

Motion to go In-Camera 04.06.2021-05

Moved	Stanly Tom
Seconded	Jarrold Tom

XI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 12:31 PM

Motion 04.06.2021.06

Moved	Tracy Anatole
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