

# Stz'uminus First Nation



Chief and Council Meeting Minutes  
October 27, 2009 4:30 – 7:20 p.m.

## ATTENDEES

**Chief: John Elliott**

**Council: Harvey Seymour Sr., Kevin Frenchy, Terry Sampson, Edward Seymour Sr., Charlotte Elliott, John Vincent, Herb Seymour, Peter Seymour, Tim Harris**

**Stephen Olson – Administrator**

**Teoni Jameson – Executive Assistant**

**Guest: Charlotte Dunfield – Architect, David Nairne & Associates (DNA)**

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

- Add Education re: update on new high school to first on the agenda
- Add HTG Governance Constitution meeting to the agenda

**It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended.**

**Motion carried.**

### 2. Education

#### a. New school update

- Councillor Elliott introduces Charlotte Dunfield, lead architect from DNA. The minutes from the October 14, 2009 architect meeting were handed out and reviewed with council. The school is being built for 144 students. The school will be a steel frame building with metal siding on the majority of the school, except for the walls of the lecture hall, which DNA is suggesting to side with wood.
- The preliminary budget was also handed out to council. We are 552.5 m<sup>2</sup> over what INAC will fund, which equals \$1,721,036. The education department has \$900,000 to contribute to the costs and is requesting that Council consider matching that amount..
- What money is available? Ottawa Trust or we could take out a loan.
- Could do a 50-50 split between a loan and the trust.
- We are not asking the table for the money right now, but are asking if the table is willing to look for the additional money for the additional space because if we don't approve this, we will have to go back to the design stage to re-design and take out 552.5 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Council supports trying to find a way to keep the school as planned. Council requests that Stephen look into the possibility of getting a loan and find out if there are any strings attached to the money in the trust. He will bring it back to the table.

### 3. Adoption of the Chief and Council meeting minutes

#### a. October 8, 2009 minutes

**It was moved and seconded to approve the October 8, 2009 Chief and Council meeting minutes as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

#### b. October 13, 2009 minutes

**It was moved and seconded to approve the October 13, 2009 Chief and Council meeting minutes as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

### 4. Administration

#### a. Ratify BCR re: BCCI Funding application

**It was moved and seconded to support an Economic Development funding application to the BC Capacity Initiative for the purposes of obtaining funds for the amount of \$75,000.**

**Motion carried.**

b. Memo/BCR re: Coast Salish Community Network Project

**It was moved and seconded to support that Chemainus First Nation participate in the development of a Coast Salish Community Network sponsored by Tseycum First Nation.**

**Motion carried.**

c. Set date for the AGM

- Since we currently don't have a Finance Manager and finance is the main part of the AGM, we should hold off on the AGM until after we have someone in place.
- Council requests that Stephen put something in the newsletter to let the community know.

d. First Nations Summit – November 25 – 27, 2009

- Who would like to go? Terry, Tim, John V and John

**It was moved and seconded that John Elliott, Terry Sampson, Tim Harris and John Vincent attend the First Nations Summit November 25 – 27, 2009.**

**Motion carried.**

e. Quotes from Nickel Brothers Houses

- At the last council meeting, council asked Stephen to see what buildings Nickel Brothers have for sale. The quotes are included in the package and are over our budget. So the options are either the sugar shack or the old HTG communications building.
- Council agrees to move the old HTG communication building to number 11.
- Also, Ladysmith is getting rid of the Kinsmen park and there may be some material that could be reused in a park for us.

**It was moved and seconded to move the old HTG Communications Building to IR 11 to be used as a community building.**

**Motion carried.**

f. Letter from Snuneymuxw First Nation

- Included in the package is a letter to BC Hydro from Snuneymuxw First Nation basically stating that Gabriola Island is in their core territory and not Stz'uminus and therefore all consultation should only be with Snuneymuxw.
- Stating we have no rights to Gabriola Island is absurd and we could provide information that shows that we do. Once we have all of the information we should meet with Snuneymuxw regarding this before we start speaking of protocol. We could consult with HTG and elders to back our claim/history. We need someone like Dan Marshall to document our history.
- Council directs Stephen to find someone who can do this research for us. Hold off on the meeting until we have all of the information.

5. Councillor Kevin Frenchy

a. Report from Elders meeting, October 14<sup>th</sup> – handout

b. Discussion on reorganization

- Council is looking to better service the community and the committee is looking for direction on how deep you want us to go into the organization because positions may be lost. Council is requesting a total re-organization. They are looking for quality vs. quantity.
- There is a governance coordinator (Nicole Hajash) in the Tribal council who may be able to help. Could also look at models of other nations.
- Once a draft is complete, the committee will bring it to the table.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**