

Stz'uminus First Nation



Council Meeting Minutes June 23, 2009 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Attendee's:

Council: John Elliott; Harvey Seymour; Peter Seymour; Herb Seymour; John Vincent; Ed Seymour; Terry Sampson; Kevin Frenchy

Guests: Robert Morales HTG; George Harris SFN

Chief Councillor John Elliott introduced Robert Morales of HTG and George Harris, SFN Treaty Advisor. The meeting was then turned over to Robert.

Robert gave an overview of the treaty process to date. He focused on the chapters that are currently under negotiation. He suggested that, despite a perception to the contrary, negotiations between HTG and Canada and BC have been ongoing. He explained the organization, composition and function of the Common Table. The table was organized to address common issues affecting other First Nations in negotiation. These include taxation, private lands and fisheries. The purpose is to create momentum on these issues so that individual treaty tables can move forward. He also reviewed the HTG petition to the Organization of American States, which primarily focuses on the E&N Land Grant and the compensation owed to HTG Nations as a consequence of that grant.

Lastly, Robert focused on the future of negotiations. He suggested that any pressure individual First Nations could bring to bear would be useful.

After he completed his presentation, Council posed a series of questions in regards to the progress of negotiations.

When Robert's presentation was completed, George Harris gave a brief presentation. George has schedule three community meetings this year in which Robert will give interested community members an update on the progress of negotiations.

When George was finished, Chief Elliott thanked both presenters. Robert and George left the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Chief Elliott introduced two additional topics.

Community Engagement Meeting

HTG has scheduled a Community Engagement Meeting for July 2nd, 2009. The meeting will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Qwutsun Conference and Cultural Centre in Duncan.

Interested Councillors were invited to attend.

HTG Board Representation

The second item was SFN representation on the HTG Board. SFN needs to appoint a second delegate to the HTG Board of Directors.

Councillors were asked to volunteer if interested.

It was moved and seconded to appoint Councillor Terry Sampson to the 2nd SFN position on the HTG Board.

Motion Passed

Council decided to spend some additional time to discuss Robert's presentation. Stephen Olson, SFN Administrator, was excused at 5:30 and left the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.