



BONAPARTE FIRST NATION TÁKWEM7ÍPLE7S RE QELMÚCW MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 9TH 2024

Present:

- Kukpi7 Frank Antione
- TÁkwem7íple7 Tammy Brown (Zoom)
- TÁkwem7íple7 Matilda Morgan
- TÁkwem7íple7 Dr. Verna Billy Minnabarriet (Zoom)
- TÁkwem7íple7 Ace Stewart-Perry
- Roy Seriousa – Economic Development
- Nicole Goforth – Executive Assistant BSLP
- Brenda Antoine – Referrals BSLP
- Dave Antoine – Elder
- Dean Morgan – Elder
- Gerald Etienne – Elder
- Cindy Etienne -Elder
- Percy Casper – Elder
- Sierra Loewen – Housing Manager (Zoom)
- Jamie Porter – Education (Zoom)
- Kyle Minnabarriet – Land Manager (In person & Zoom)
- Kala Morgan – Patient Travel (Zoom)
- Heidi Billy Greenman -Health Director (Zoom)
- Marilyn Porter – Governance (In person & Zoom)

Chairperson: Kukpi7 Frank Antoine

1) Opening prayer

Elder Cindy Etienne gave the opening prayer.

2) Call to Order

The TÁkwem7íple7s re qelmúcw Meeting was called to order at 9:31AM by Kukpi7 Frank Antoine.

3) Approval of Agenda

Attachment 1, December 9th, 2024, TÁkwem7íple7s re qelmúcw Agenda, was reviewed and is attached to these minutes.

Add:

5 f) 2:00pm – 2:30pm Tim Pierro & family with Marilyn Porter – Governance – In-Camera



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MOTION 2024-12-09-001 to approve Agenda with amendments for December 9th, 2024, Tkwm7íple7s re qelmúcw Meeting Tkwm7íple7s re qelmúcw Meeting. Moved by Tkwenem7íple7 Ace Stewart-Perry. Seconded by Tkwenem7íple7 Dr. Verna Billy Minnabarriet All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED at 9:35AM**

MOTION 2024-12-09-002 to approve Minutes as presented for November 18th, 2023. Moved by Tkwenem7íple7 Dr. Verna Billy Minnabarriet. Seconded by Tkwenem7íple7 Ace Stewart-Perry. All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED at 9:36AM.**

Kukpi7 Frank read out loud BCR 024-062 Yecweminem Board as follows:

MOTION 2024-12-09-003 to approve BCR 024-062 as follows:

WHEREAS

1. The Leadership of participating Secwepemc Bands have approved the establishment of a legal entity Yeqminte re Xqwillint to be utilized to advance the exercised of Secwepemc jurisdiction over Secwepemc child and families pursuant to the Stsmemelt and Kweselten Law (the Law), by administering, delivery of services under and enforcing the Law.
2. The Bylaws and Terms of Reference have been approved by the participating Secwepemc leadership and the entity is ready to apply to the Registrar under the British Columbia Societies Act.
3. The entity bylaws require that each participating community select an individual to be the Sku7pecan (Director) and an alternate to be members of the Yecweminem (Board).
4. The Stsmemelt Technical Working Group members have developed a list of qualifications for consideration in the selection process and this is attached.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Chief and Council of Bonaparte First Nation (the “First Nation”) hereby selects _____ to be a Sku7pecan (Director) and _____ to be the alternate Sku7pecan (Director) to serve on the entities Yecweminem (Board) and provide direction that will advance the implementation of Secwepemc jurisdiction over Secwepemc children and families.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purposes of exercising Secwepemc jurisdiction under Stsmemelt and Kweselten Law, the Yecweminem of the legal entity shall be the Indigenous Governing Body as defined under *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis, children, youth*



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and families. This authority is limited to the implementation of the Stsmemelt and Kweselten Law.

Before signing will need to find out who will be director Marilyn or Matilda? **Tabled** 9:39AM.

Kukpi7 read out loud BCR 024-063 SNTC Child and Family Services:

MOTION 2024-12-09-004 to approve BCR 024-063 as follows:

WHEREAS:

1. The Shuswap Nation Tribal Council has been leading the work within the Secwepemc Nation to revitalize our traditional Secwepemc laws in the area of child and families for over 15 years.
2. The Shuswap Nation Tribal Council has developed a draft law, the Stsmemelt and Kweselten Law (the Law) reflecting this work, through which Secwepemc Bands and the Secwepemc Nation can and will exercise Secwepemc jurisdiction over child and families;
3. Each participating Secwepemc Band has appointed a technical representative to advise and implement the work required to finalize the law. The Stsmemelt Technical Working Group members have engaged in training utilizing the 10th draft of the law and have identified areas for the improvements and we are recommending amendments to the law.
4. Amendments to the draft Law have been made, replying on the recommendations of the Stsmemelt Technical Working Group and the 11th draft has been finalized.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chief and Council of Bonapart First Nation (the “First Nation”) hereby adopts the Stsmemelt and Kweselten Law as amended as the final version of the law to be implemented in the exercise of Secwepemc jurisdiction for our community.

BCR is a follow up with previous BCR. To be **tabled**.

5 a) Roy Seriosa

Wood production continues to deliver wood for those needing supply. Received a request for wood from Pavilion. Preparing sandbags for spring, will prepare over 3,000 but will fill only when needed. Sandbags will be stored at Water treatment.

Two phone numbers will be available for road maintenance and garbage collection. Garbage collection will depend on road conditions, if roads are deemed undrivable, garbage will not be picked up. Information will be in the BSLP newsletter.



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Some concerns were raised about the wood delivered is green. Members have the option to decline the delivery if they prefer not to accept it. Homeowners must be present at the time of delivery. Logs may arrive dirty and chipped due to skidding. Efforts are being made to clean the wood as best as possible before delivery.

Submitted grants for two houses at the hatchery intended for sure as transitional housing. Refurbish the houses before housing any occupants. Awaiting funding approval, expected this week.

Aim to complete the build by March 31, will have to look into the structural and consulting programs for the next 4 -5 years, with a key update scheduled for January 6th to finalize funding strategies.

A grant is being submitted to support architectural fundamentals at Hat Creek Ranch for the community. Submission is due within 3-4 days. The program will run for 2-3 years. Discussions are underway to decide who will participate. Awaiting the results of the grant application, the Education department will be needed to support participants in the program.

Dean raised concerns about the BSLP semi-trucks and why they are not currently in operation. Trucks are undergoing necessary refits to ensure they are ready for use. The incident involving one of the trucks caused delays in deployment.

Dave suggested the Chief and Council draft a letter to Air Quality Control regarding fine dust from machinery near the mine. A directive was given to Roy to set up a meeting to discuss it further.

Brenda noted the speed of trucks coming down the road, particularly near the school bus. To be more considerate in areas frequented by children and families.

Verna asked about the Four Pillars Funding of \$400K, and how the hunting camp fits into this initiative. To have a discussion with Jamie N. and Angie for more clarity.

There is a discussion about the original former BC Hydro agreement that has not reflected any recent updates. Concerns raised about BC Hydro charges being too excessive. To update agreements and alignment with BC Hydro, TELUS, Highway/Roads, and the mines.

To bring BC Hydro to the table to address terms of agreements and any necessary adjustments for agreements.

Schedule a meeting with Dawson to discuss past discussions with Sean Bennett and explore the possibility of incorporating BSLP's trucks into their operations.

To address a specific project on HWY 99 located at the Williams that has been a persistent issue for 7 years especially during flood season.



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Confirm if Roy has had consultations with BC Hydro regarding the Highland Valley 2040 expansion. Review existing agreements with BC Hydro and TELUS regarding payments or compensations for using the territory.

TELUS made significant progress with fiber optic installations in I.R # 1 and # 2 and are now seeking engagement with the community about their services and inspect infrastructure on I.R # 3 in the new year.

Any decisions or discussions about services like those from BC Hydro should be formally routed through Chief and Council for approval or input. To clarify how BC Hydro or other entity projects might involve land or rights issues. Document all agreements, especially those relating to service upgrades and associated costs. Business opportunities will go through BSLP.

In the future we will need to decide on a structure for managing rights and title as a band.

Brenda reviews the referrals everyday who then reports to Roy. Kukpi7 is wanting to include the report of referrals in the weekly meetings between Roy and Chief and Council. Upon those reviewing of reports, Council will then delegate to BSLP any business entities resulting from the referrals.

Brenda mentioned a system called Acora, used for scanning documents and storing them in a centralized file area for easy access.

Draft formal agreement that outlines the roles and responsibilities and expectations between Bonaparte and BSLP for referrals, also understand BFN holds the lands, rights and titles. BSLP will hold the business entities from those referrals.

The sale of 88 ranch in Bonaparte's territory, overlapping with Fountain and Pavilion, is a great opportunity to assert rights and consider strategies for future land claims. There is a suggestion for Kukpi7 to collaborate with Fountain and Pavilion Chiefs to consider a joint title claim or shared governance framework for the territory.

Kukpi7 attended the AFN (Assembly of First Nation) meeting in Ottawa alongside other Chiefs, one of the topics being Tunkwa Lake in the Lower Nicola regarding land back.

There is a decision to address the land base overlap issues and algin meetings with other Chiefs and ministries in the new year.

Clint asked Brenda to connect with Roy to assign the task of snow removal and salting the entrance of the office.

There is an inquiry for the location of the past research documents. The former employee who worked in the archive department would have more information on where those are kept.



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Mention of documents possibly stored in the strong box at the Royal Bank and the transfer of documents to USBs.

Vernas' recollection of conducting leakage studies for Bonaparte while working for SNTC under Bob Manual. Suggestion to coordinate with SNTC to search their archives.

Search for internal and external archives to transfer documents into the Acura system. There is a suggestion to bring the former employee who worked in archives to start in the new year **10:41AM**. To create an agreement between BSLP and BFN regarding the referrals and archival collaboration.

To assign students to be a research team to seek historical documents regarding Bonaparte First Nation. Hoping to have this completed in a year.

The community hall and the former old band office were cleared of documents, much of the historical documents, maps, boxes were either destroyed or moved into a c-can.

Posting for the Human Resources position will go up in the new year. The need to post the Accounts Receivable position as the former employee is unable to return to work. This decision follows a physician's letter dated November 25th, which states the employee is not ready to return to work and will be reassessed in two months.

Letter of notice sent last week to the Elders Coordinator saying the current contract will be dissolved. A revised contract has been sent; a meeting to review the revised contract will be held today.

An Accounts Payables employee was hired in November to assist the Finance Manager with managing Christmas Bonuses.

Christmas staff will be held at the Quonset on December 20th; the office will be closed from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

There will be an emergency contact list created for the community over the holidays and post to the app and Facebook page.

Clint will be away in Alberta for the first half of his holidays and if there is anything needing to be signed to get a hold of Matilda. Housing, Health and Finance will have emergency contact information available to the community.

One of the topics that was discussed at the "On the Land" event in Edmonton Clint attended, was financing. There was an understanding of the money that's lent to the nations is more affordable than the banks.



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An issue was brought up regarding an attendee who disrupted a hockey game held on the 29th by throwing popcorn in the air and leaving a mess. There is suspicion that the individual may have been under the influence of drugs or alcohol. It is stated in Bonaparte policy all events are drug and alcohol-free zones.

There is a directive given to Clint to create signage for the bus stating it is an alcohol and drug-free zone.

Staff bonuses for the holiday season will be funded by their respective departments.

Percy stated his son has not received a Christmas bonus and to bring to membership he is on the list and finance for banking information.

To schedule Clints review for December 13th at 11:00AM.

Kukpi7 read out loud the First Nations Wellbeing Fund, as follows:

Please accept this letter of support for the resubmission of the Stream 2 Wellness planning for the St'uxwtéws Mental Health and Wellness plan and our request for \$50,000.00 to support our project. Thank you for reaching out and clarifying the requirements for Stream 2, requesting an original proposal to be revised and submitted. Attached is a revised application as per your request.

Debroah Wilson-Green and Heidi Billy-Greenman are the contact staff members for this application. Please reach out to either one, if further information is required. Thank you.

Sincerely, Deborah Wilson- Green. 11:17AM

Kukpi7 spoke of the SNTC meeting he attended last week among the other Chiefs, the topic being the Columbia River Treaty.

Stsmemelt takes one-third of the funding. To send out invitations to Stsmemelt and Secwépemc Child and Family services to the next Chief and Council for more clarification on the jurisdiction topic and laws.

Bonaparte does not have as many children in care compared to other bands. One company is perceived to provide better support for children in care compared to the other. A question was raised as to why a new stream is being created when existing structures are in place.

Kukpi7 reports his attendance at the Assembly of First Nation regarding the Columbia River Treaty. 6 band formed together in September 2019 to address the treaty process collectively.

There were disagreements among bands, with some wanting to break away and manage funding independently. 6 Chiefs said no, 3 said yes, however, the vote was tabled. Next meeting is to be scheduled for January 23 & 24, 2025.



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Dave raised an important point regarding Canada being rewarded to monitor dams set to be dismantled over the next 4 years under the Columbia River Treaty. Will there be job opportunities surrounding this project for the nations involved in the monitoring process?

There is a need to review the agreement and clarify the terms and conditions.

Break for lunch at 12:00PM.

Reconvened at 1:05PM.

5 e) Gen7

Ace expresses gratitude for the support throughout his business process. Apologies his business partner cannot be here, he owns bakeries in the Okanagan Valley. Contributes millions of dollars to an End-Of-Life charity. Ace admires his commitment to giving back to his community, and community-focused drive.

Generation 7 was discovered through a close friend in Penticton. He strongly believes Gen7 aligns with the values and requirements needed to support the community effectively. The company is well-recognized and respected within First Nations communities.

Landan Miller appreciates the invitation to the territory. He is Mohawk from the Six Nations of the Grand River in Southern Ontario. His business career is deeply rooted in supporting and advocating for First Nation communities.

Landan has an extensive background in the fuel and tobacco industry. Cannabis is what brought him to BC, in which he helped develop cannabis laws for some of the communities.

Due to high business volume, monthly rebates are provided. Funds are directed toward supporting culture, education, and environmental initiatives. Gen7 is 100% Indigenous owned, making it the only such company in Canada. Store hours usually are standard, from 6AM to 11PM.

Garry William is the former Chief of Curve Lake First Nation, Matt McLoed is the Founder and Landan are the owners of Gen7. All owners are from reserves and possess an understanding of the unique needs and diversity of Indigenous communities.

The concept of a "tax-free process" stem from Section 87 of the Indian Act exempting "personal property of an Indian or a band situated on a reserve" from taxation. On reserve land taxes collected (ex: property tax or sales tax) often stay within the nation, as seen in Kamloops Indian Band. The funds are used to support community programs or infrastructure. Band Council Resolutions (BCRS) determine taxation policies and processes.

If the community would like certain groceries to be made available in the convenient store it can be accommodated. Construction is anticipated to start in the spring.



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2:01PM In-Camera.

2:48PM In-Camera ended.

Next Chief and Council will be held on January 27th, 2025.

Meeting adjourned.


MOTION 2024-12-09-005 to adjourn the December 9th, 2024, duly convened TÁKWEM7ÍPLE7S re qelmúcw Meeting. Moved by Ace Stewart-Perry. Seconded by Tammy Brown. All in favor. **MOTION PASSED** at 3:02PM

Approved and signed by

Kukpi7 Frank Antoine




TÁKWENEM7ÍPLE7 Dr. Verna Billy Minnabarriet



TÁKWENEM7ÍPLE7 Tammy Brown



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Motions

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Action Items

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