

**Regular Council Meeting Executive Summary
September 16, 2021**

Attendance	
Elected Chief & Council	Ken Watts (Chair), Bella Fred, Deb Foxcroft, Eunice Joe, Jennifer Gallic, Leisa Hassall, Natasha Marshall
Administration Staff	Vicky White, Executive Director Virginia Shrimpton, Executive Assistant Darrel Ross, Manager Natural Resources Len Watts, (insert title)
Guests	USMA Child & Family Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Edgar DGW Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Devlin SD70 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Thomas, Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker • Mr. Behnke, (insert title) • Robert S. Watts, cultural support

Tseshah Elected Council held the September 16, 2021, Regular Council Meeting in the Great Room. The Council meeting had a guest presentation from USMA Child & Family Services, DGW Law, and SD70.

USMA Child & Family Services

Kelly Edgar provided an overview of the USMA program, prevention funding allocations and Tseshah children in care statistics. There was discussion on supports for members who live away from home (in other urban centres). Council discussed the topic of program expansion to support urban/away from home members that was raised that the Nuu-chah-nulth Directors table. Further information is needed to identify involvement of other Delegated Agencies with Nuu-chah-nulth children within their service areas. Concern was raised regarding building and operating within another Nations territory. Further discussion noted the need to finalize the Tseshah-USMA Protocol Agreement to ensure more frequent connection. Tseshah interest is to invest more dedicated resources to children and families.

DGW Law

Christopher Devlin provided a summary of discussion regarding a fiber cable and proposed 10-year agreement. Darrell Ross and Len Watts provided an overview of their engagement with Topaz and the opportunity to share Tseshah history with Topaz. Motion passed to approve signing of the funding agreement with Topaz as presented September 16, 2021.

SD70

Mr. Behnke and Jean Thomas along with cultural support from Robert S. Watts attended to extend a formal cultural invitation to Tseshah elected Council, Executive Director and Executive Assistant to attend the September 29, 2021 (10:00 am) ceremony to mark the re-naming of AW Neill School to Tsuma-as Elementary School.

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Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) Board Appointment

Tseshah received notification of board member appointment term expiration. Following review of appointment documentation decision was made to appoint Natasha Marshall as the representative for Tseshah First Nation, with recommendation for formal acknowledgment of previous representative.

Governance & Communications

Ongoing work to develop a Communications Policy and ensure alignment with the Governance Manual and Strategic Plan. Recommendation was brought forward to coordinate a media and communications workshop. A brief discussion was had on proposed community committee restructuring. Further assessment will continue to bring forward recommendations at the October Annual General Meeting.

Administration

Discussion was brought forward regarding Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) for staff. Council supported the recommendation as presented by the Executive Director

Emergency Preparedness

An update was provided on current positive cases in community and supports in place. Council will work with staff to re-circulate communication material on identifying symptoms and testing. Further recommendation was made to work with NTC to organize a vaccine clinic. Executive Director is working with NTC on emergency response planning and supports. It was noted that Port Alberni is now out of the Extreme Danger rating and staff are working closely with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) on fire risk assessment, training opportunities and preparations for flooding season. The EOC Coordinator position was reposted due to limited response. Tseshah Council passed a formal motion to end the State of Emergency in consideration of the dissolution of the EOC and in acknowledgement of the end to the Provincial State of Emergency.

Housing

Update was provided on Housing Committee discussions recommending assessment of current selection process, response to condemned home, and the role of the committee.

Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS) Project

Project Management and Research staff have been hired to lead the work on investigations related to the former Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS):

- Nene Krenvelt, Project Planning /Mentorship
- Melissa Gus, Project Coordinator
- Sherry Reading, Sr. Researcher
- Dave Watts Sr., Research Assistant
- Tamara Watts, Administration Support

Ceremony and blanketing was held for project staff to start the work off in a cultural way and provide grounding for them as the step into this difficult work.

Other Business

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- Report was brought forward noting security breaches within the Broken Group Islands cabins. Three members broke into the cabin on Keith Island as well as the cabin on Nettle Island where the cabin was left a mess with garbage strewn all around. Further staff discussion to take place with staff develop recommendations for council consideration.
- Orange Shirt Day event planning is under way. A walk will take place September 30th (10:00 am) from Harbour Quay to Maht Mahs.

Band Council Resolutions (BCR's):

Council Considered and supported two (2) BCR's:

1. (insert wording for BCR ammendment to add physical address to previously passed BCR for W. Gallic home.)
2. Tseshaht appointment of Natasha Marshall to the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) Board.