

MINUTES TSESHAHT FIRST NATION COMMUNITY MEETING

October 10, 2023 6:30-9:00 PM Great Room / Zoom Snacks provided

In Attendance

COUNCIL:

Ken Watts (Chair) Eunice Joe Natasha Marshall Harley Wylie Leisa Hassall Deb Foxcroft

STAFF:

Vicky White Melissa Bigmore

MEMBERSHIP:

IN PERSON: Claudine Watts Connie Sam Darlene Watts E. Darlene Taylor Erma Robinson **Esther Thomas** Gloria Ross Jame Ross Jean Thomas Linsey Haggard Liz Bos Marlene Dick Matilda Atleo Naomi Nicholson Robert S. Watts Tom Watts

ONLINE: Alfred Shewish **Andy Dick Annie Watts** C. Anne Robinson Camille Hamel Cecilia Jensen Christine Fred Claudette Watts Cliff Braker Darrell Ross Jr. Dave Watts Sr. David A. Watts Jr. **Esther Thomas** Holly McLaughlin Jon Watts

Leona Dick
Linda Pelech
Liz Bos
Melissa Gus
Mike Lambert
Myra Mack
Pam Moussa
Patricia Rivard
Sophie Braker
Tasha Sam
Ted Haggard
Theresa Burnip
Vicki Charles
Victoria Wilson

Kathleen Fraser

CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome and opening comments

- Remembering those who are struggling, suffering or grieving today.
- Thanks to those who are joining us and thanks to those who stepped up to help on September 30 at the event and hosting people in a good way.

2. Adopt Draft Agenda

Committee elections tabled to next meeting. All vacant positions are alternate seats.

MOTION 1: To adopt draft agenda of October 10, 2023 with amendments:

9a) Hotel

9b) Housing renovations

9c) Language update

9d) AGM and 2022/2023 audit

9e) Land Claims Panel

(20231010-01)

MOVED: Naomi Nicholson SECONDED: Erma Robinson

QUESTION MOTION CARRIED

3. Adoption of minutes

- Discussed from page 5 of the minutes where it states there are challenges in implementing the Business Licensing Policy and that essention elements of the policy would be implemented until adequate resources are available for implementation. The pieces of the policy that will be implemented are those pertaining to infrastructure such as new connections to water and sewer, and the need for the nation to be informed of new builds so that we comply with our water and sewer and fire protection agreement with the City of Port Alberni as well as insurance requirements.
- Questions arose regarding the absence of a business policy licensing fee for non-band members entering the reserve.
- Executive Director will follow up with member Naomi Nicholson within two weeks with regards to questions and comments on the Business Licensing Policy.
- An infrastructure policy will be developed.
- A member raised concerns questioning the receipt of another member's application to the Economic Development Board.
- Chief Councillor/staff will follow up on status of member's application tomorrow.

MOTION 2: To adopt the draft minutes of June 13, 2023.

(20231010-02)

MOVED: Matilda Atleo SECONDED: Camille Hamel

QUESTION MOTION CARRIED

4. Business arising from minutes/motions

Minutes and motions from the June 13, 2023 meeting reviewed.

5. Committee elections

- STRATEGIC GOAL 2: Governance & Communications
- Committee elections postponed until next meeting.
- Administration will review records for committee applications that have been received prior to the meeting.

6. Maht Mahs gym and new community centre presentation

- STRATEGIC GOAL 3: Housing & Infrastructure
- Briefing note reviewed.
- Tseshaht faces challenges with buildings left in their territory by the residential school without consent, particularly the deteriorating Maht Mahs gymnasium. There are numerous health and safety concerns with this building. The community seeks to address this issue and explore the potential for a new community centre.

- Canada has agreed to fund the demolition of Caldwell Hall/SEEDS, but Maht Mahs is
 deteriorating rapidly with renovations that may cost tens of millions of dollars. The building is
 estimated to have a lifespan of only 10 more years.
- Meetings with Canada have been held to secure support for tearing down AIRS buildings and building new ones.
- Canada verbally commits to supporting a new community centre but insists on tearing down Maht Mahs afterward to resolve all AIRS building issues.
- Funding is available, and Tseshaht may receive a significant amount if we build new.
- A draft design for a new facility is prepared that will also be reviewed with community at engagements. Feasibility studies ongoing for potential locations.
- The choice between renovating Maht Mahs and building new hinges on Canada's commitment.
- The recommendation is to commit to tearing down Maht Mahs if Canada fully funds a new community centre/multiplex, including operation and maintenance.
- Funding applications have been submitted for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program.
- Tseshaht members would be engaged in the design process of a new multiplex and be constructed to net-zero energy standards.
- Four potential sites have been investigated for feasibility, with preliminary results suggesting viability.
- A new multiplex would also be a backup location for the community if there was ever a disaster, providing power, food, and shelter.
- RECORDING AT 36:26

MOTION 1: Tseshaht First Nation community supports moving ahead with building a new community centre/multi-plex once the Government of Canada provides formal written commitment to fully fund construction of a new community centre/multiplex; and Tseshaht First Nation community further commits to tear down of the current Maht Mahs gymnasium once a new community centre/multi-plex has been constructed. Tseshaht First Nation Community also calls upon the Government of Canada to fully fund all future and ongoing Operating & Maintenance costs of the new community centre/multi-plex. (20231010-02)

MOVED: Marlene Dick SECONDED: Jean Thomas

ABSTAINED: Annie Watts, Dave Watts

QUESTION MOTION CARRIED

7. Council fall update

- STRATEGIC GOAL 2: Governance & Communications
- Tabled to AGM.

8. Administration fall update

- STRATEGIC GOAL 2: Governance & Communications
- Tabled to AGM.

9. Other

9a. Hotel

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9b. Housing renovations

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9c. Language update

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9d. AGM and 2022/2023 audit

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• Concern with the lack of details in the audit presentations in the last number of years and wanting more information broken down in each department.

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9e. Land Claims Panel

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Youth representative

MOTION #: TFN Community supports the appointment of Lainey L'Heureux as a youth rep on the

Land Claims panel. (wording not exact) Time around 9:00 pm, Ken read it out loud

(20231010-02)

MOVED: Robert S. Watts SECONDED: Linsey Haggard

OPPOSED: 1

QUESTION MOTION CARRIED

10. Closing

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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Number	Motion	Moved by	Seconded by
20231010-01	To adopt draft agenda of October 10, 2023 with	Naomi	Erma Robinson
	amendments:	Nicholson	
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STRATEGIC GOAL 1: Economic Development



STRATEGIC GOAL 3: Housing & Infrastructure



STRATEGIC GOAL 5: Health, Wellness & Safety



STRATEGIC GOAL 2: Governance & Communications



STRATEGIC GOAL 4: Culture & Language



STRATEGIC GOAL 6: Title & Rights