



# MINUTES

## TSESHAHT FIRST NATION COMMUNITY MEETING

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

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### In Attendance

#### COUNCIL:

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

#### STAFF:

Vicky White	Melissa Bigmore
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#### 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

Kathleen Fraser  
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

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### CALL TO ORDER

#### 1. Welcome and opening comments

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- 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

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- 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  
**QUESTION**

**SECONDED:** Erma Robinson  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## 3. Adoption of minutes

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- Discussed from page 5 of the minutes where it states there are challenges in implementing the Business Licensing Policy and that essential 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  
**QUESTION**

**SECONDED:** Camille Hamel  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## 4. Business arising from minutes/motions

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

## 5. Committee elections

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- 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

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- 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.



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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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\* \* \* \* Meeting adjourned at ## \* \* \* \* \*

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

Number	Motion	Moved by	Seconded by
20231010-01	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	Naomi Nicholson	Erma Robinson

