

**Minutes**  
**Kispiox Band Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2016**

Time: 5:30 pm      Actual Start time: 6 pm

**A. Call to order/Opening prayer:** Charlie Hillis

**B. Present:**

<b>Robert Barnes -Chief</b>		<b>Maxwell Stevens</b>	
<b>Charlie Hillis</b>		<b>Cheryl Williams</b>	
<b>Louise Johnson</b>		<b>Ryan Muldoe</b>	
<b>Carrie Nyce</b>		<b>Rosaline Starr</b>	
<b>Fred Starr</b>		<b>Rodney Harris</b>	
<b>Regrets:</b>		<b>Staff:</b>	
<b>Louise Johnson</b>		<b>Recorder: Gwen Johnson, Secretary</b>	
		<b>Finance Manager: Blanka Jecminkova</b>	

**Dinner at 5:30pm**

**B. First Nations Leadership Council-** B.C. First Nations Forum RE: Children and Families. On Monday, May 30 and Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

- Reimbursements for travel and accommodations will be provided for one delegate from each First Nation, as well as for one representative from each invited agency or organization.

Going: Melanie Stevens, Kispiox Social Development Coordinator

**C) Kispiox School LEA Agreement:** Tabled until next meeting. Max S. will bring a copy to next meeting.

**D) Fire Department:** Over several years Kispiox Band invested \$200,000.00 in purchase, all repairs to the Fire Hall, Fire truck and firefighting equipment to make the fire emergency services fully functional. Action Plan for the Kispiox Volunteer Fire Department

\* Recruit new fire crew and provide basic firefighting orientation training

- Train 4-6 additional new firefighters who are on social assistance.
- Blanka J. talked to Reno Johnson.
- Kispiox O&M staff involved during the day.
- Fire Hall locks changed, Only 5 new keys were made, Reno J., Barney S., Charlie M and Chris B. and 1 for the Kispiox Band Office.
- Gitxsan Government Commission is funding \$1,676.00 per month for operating the Fire Hall and for fire safety.

**E) Kispiox Gas Bar:** Barney S. and Wanda B. worked on getting the Insurance money back from the Kispiox Gas Bar fire. Additional \$135,000.00 was recovered from the insurance company (A total of \$434,850 was recovered as Fire Proof of Loss for Kispiox Bar fire).

**F) First Nations Preparedness fund:** Blanka is working getting a grant for \$20,000.00 for Kispiox Band Fire Department from FNESS (First nation Emergency Services Society)

**G) Gitxsan Government Commission monthly meeting:** Kispiox Band Council representative allowed attending the monthly meeting. Reminder about the Kispiox Band Council motion from last meeting.

**H) Kispiox School Board:** Task Blanka to Invite the Kispiox School Board to the next Council meeting.

**I) Gitxsan Government Commission** has given Kispiox Band short term training dollars in the amount of \$50,000.00 to upgrade their employable skills. Task: set up a committee to select members and criteria.

**J) Indian and Northern Affairs** sent a short call for a proposal for 77 million allocated to First Nations Band over two years starting 2016-2017 for building a Cultural center and indoor and/or outdoor recreational facilities to enhance healthier lifestyle. Blanka will submit several proposals by May 11, 2016.

**K) Kelly N:** Report next KBC meeting from the Gitxsan Health Society strategic meeting that Kelly attended. Next meeting will be in Prince Rupert, B.C. and Ryan Muldoe will be attending on May 10 and May 11, 2016.

**L) Sandi R:** Letter from Kispiox Band Council to congratulate her on her completion of the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association and certifies that Sandra Reviakin successfully completed the requirements for the Professional Lands Management Certification Program Level two: Technical Training.

**M) Sandi R. Membership and Lands:** Receive two applications for the same lot. Advised Jim Leschuck and Council but have not had a response from Council regarding Barry Heit's application for this lot. On April 22, 2016 we received an application for this lot from Chuck Heit. Tabled until next meeting. **Task: Blanka** meet with Sandi R. to get more information.

**N) AGM:** Meeting: Tabled until next meeting.

**O) Band Manager Position:** Personnel committee: Ryan Muldoe, Kelly Nyce and Bob Barnes and Brandi Gawa. Meeting on Friday, May 6, 2016 to review applicants and set up an interview date. Update Council at next meeting.

**P) Kispiox Band Council Workshop:** Governance workshop with Scott Graham. Set up workshop in June and include strategic planning. Task: Kelly N. Update Council at next meeting.

**Q) Yolanda Stevens:** Requesting a copy of the Kispiox Band Council Policy and Human resource policy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> question:** Who does the housing selections and my daughter is the only one who was not placed after the 6-plex fire. My daughter was told that she partied too much. No reply after applying for a rental unit and she has applied 3 times.

Task: Housing Coordinator: Response letter to Vanessa Stevens.

**R) Tanya Gawa:** Task: Finance Manager meet with Tanya G. in regards to her rent.

**S) Band Manager:** Interim Band Manager Blanka J.

Vote: All in favor                      1 Abstained

Passed and Carried

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 5:30pm.**

11) Closing Prayer: Max Stevens

Adjournment Time: 9:00pm