

**SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND  
MEETING AGENDA for REGULAR BAND MEETING**

The regular meeting of the membership of Shuswap Indian Band will be held in the Band Hall Meeting Room on **Sunday, December 17, 2017** starting at 1:00 p.m.

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS:</b>	<b>ROLE</b>
Chief Barb Cote	Chair
Councillor Tim Eugene	
Councillor Rosalita Pascal	
<b>STAFF:</b>	
Wendy Rockafellow Director of Operations	Recorder of Minutes

1. **PRAYER**
2. **CHIEF BARB COTE WILL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 17, 2017**
4. **ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**
6. **DELEGATIONS – NONE**
7. **CHIEF AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

7A. Chief Barb Cote, Councillor Tim Eugene, Councillor Rosalita Pascal and the staff of the Shuswap Indian Band with members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

*Merry Christmas*



7B. **CHRISTMAS BONUS CHEQUES** were distributed on December 13, 2017. Elders (65 years and over) received \$500, adults and youth received \$250. There were no babies born in 2017 (would have received \$1,000).

7C. **HOUSING**

(1) The Housing Committee welcomes Victoria Stevens and Tisha Tardif. The work ahead includes: updating policies for all types of housing on the reserve, concluding the selection process for the new On Reserve Non-Profit Housing units being built in the Village and making recommendations to Council for the disposition of homes, and clarity on property assignments outstanding through a collaborative process with occupants.

- (2) The construction of the two duplexes in the Village area will meet the deadline of March 31, 2018. The Housing Committee is co-led by Dolores Nicholas, Housing Manager, Sierra Stump, Lands Clerk and Wendy Rockafellow, Director of Operations.
  - (3) The five projects that qualified under the CMHC Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program On Reserve (RRAP) for persons with disabilities is progressing on schedule. The Shuswap Indian Band hired two maintenance personnel - Hayden Hemlock and Zachary McCluskie - in part to assist with these renovation projects.
  - (4) CMHC Housing Program Mentorship Program – Funds were received to support the mentorship and training of our intern in the Housing Program, Zachary McCluskie.
  - (5) The Columbia Basin Trust has formed a Columbia Valley Housing Support working table, which Shuswap Indian Band staff have been participating in that will address funding for current projects as well as future initiatives and construction programs.
- 7D. **COMMUNITY FIREWOOD PROGRAM** employed four band members to cut and deliver fire wood donated by CANFOR. Access to the log pile and/or requests for additional firewood can be arranged by contacting Dolores Nicholas.
- 7E. **SNOWPLOWING AND WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES** contract was awarded to David Wing operating as DWM Services that utilizes two trucks equipped with a plow and sand/salt capability. The roads are plowed when snow accumulates over 2 inches and the trucks start at north and south ends of the reserve, working to the middle and ensuring priority driveways are cleared. Concerns? Contact Sierra Stump, Land Clerk
- 7F. **KINBASKET WATER AND SEWER COMPANY**
- (1) Implementation of robust collections processes on overdue utility bills is complete.
  - (2) A complete review of the billing parity has concluded; new rate schedules will be implemented as of January 2018 which creates fairness for our customers.
  - (3) The staff and contractor team continue to work collaboratively to improve our customer experience and to upgrade the existing infrastructure while the new water system is being planned and engineered.
- 7G. **SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND LOCAL REVENUE ACCOUNT (TAXATION) –**  
Collections and enforcement of unpaid taxes will be instituted in accordance with the Tax Laws.
- 7H. **LANDS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** continues to be a prime focus of Band Administration and the newly struck **LANDS COMMITTEE**.
- (1) Future Highway 93/95 Widening (Section 35) – Work continues on negotiations with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), both valuation of the lands to be appropriated and for the replacement lands selection/valuation.
  - (2) The Land Code Committee will be presenting the Land Use Plan last reviewed and approved by Council on July 16, 2016 in preparation for a ratification vote. The Committee has set two community presentations in early 2018 to precede the ratification vote schedule for March 17, 2018. The extension for this work has been granted by the funder, the First Nations Market Housing Fund. [See page 7 for the details].

- (3) The Land Code sets out the development and permitting processes for all new development on all lands. The Gas Bar project has been issued a Stop Work Order until the required development documents have been received and approved by the Lands Department.
- (4) The Land Code also guides lease and permit processes. All parties interested in conducting business on Shuswap Land must also be in good standing with documentation, utility billings (Kinbasket Water & Sewer Company) and Taxation Laws in order to lease lands or buildings on reserve.

7I. TERRITORIAL STEWARDSHIP OFFICES – Diana Cote has been promoted to the role of Manager, Territorial Stewardship and Intergovernmental Relations, taking the lead on the day-to-day coordination and working in coordination with Chief and Council on the major files impacting rights and title for the Shuswap Indian Band and Secwepemc Nation at large. And from the desk of Diana Cote:

*Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. I have taken on several new initiatives for the benefit of our Community. We, as the team at the Territorial Stewardship Office, are negotiating new and revised Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs and developing Impact Benefit Agreements (IBAs) with all levels of government, as well as industry, non-profit agencies and major corporations. A large part of my work is furthering relationships with our community partners and key agencies, like Columbia Basin Trust, Climate Action Group, Parks Canada and local businesses and associations.*

*Our focus and commitments are the strengthening our Title and Rights and becoming more active in the Stewardship of our Lands. Ensuring the inclusion of our Community in planning and uses of our Lands all the while protecting our Cultural ways. We look forward to sharing this work with you in early 2018. For now, I wish for you a safe and wonderful Christmas Season.*

7J. SPECIFIC CLAIM WORK/THE SHUSWAP BAND MAP – In early 2018, the researchers from Donovan & Company will be concluding research, including interviews with community, that informs the specific claim over territory outside of the reserve. This claim also includes acquiring mapped data being housed at the Ktunaxa Treaty Society relevant to the strength of claim for the Shuswap Indian Band. Canada has a fiduciary obligation to negotiation land settlements that does not extinguish the rights of other first Nations, for example, the Ktunaxa Treaty Process, and overlap with all other Secwepemc.

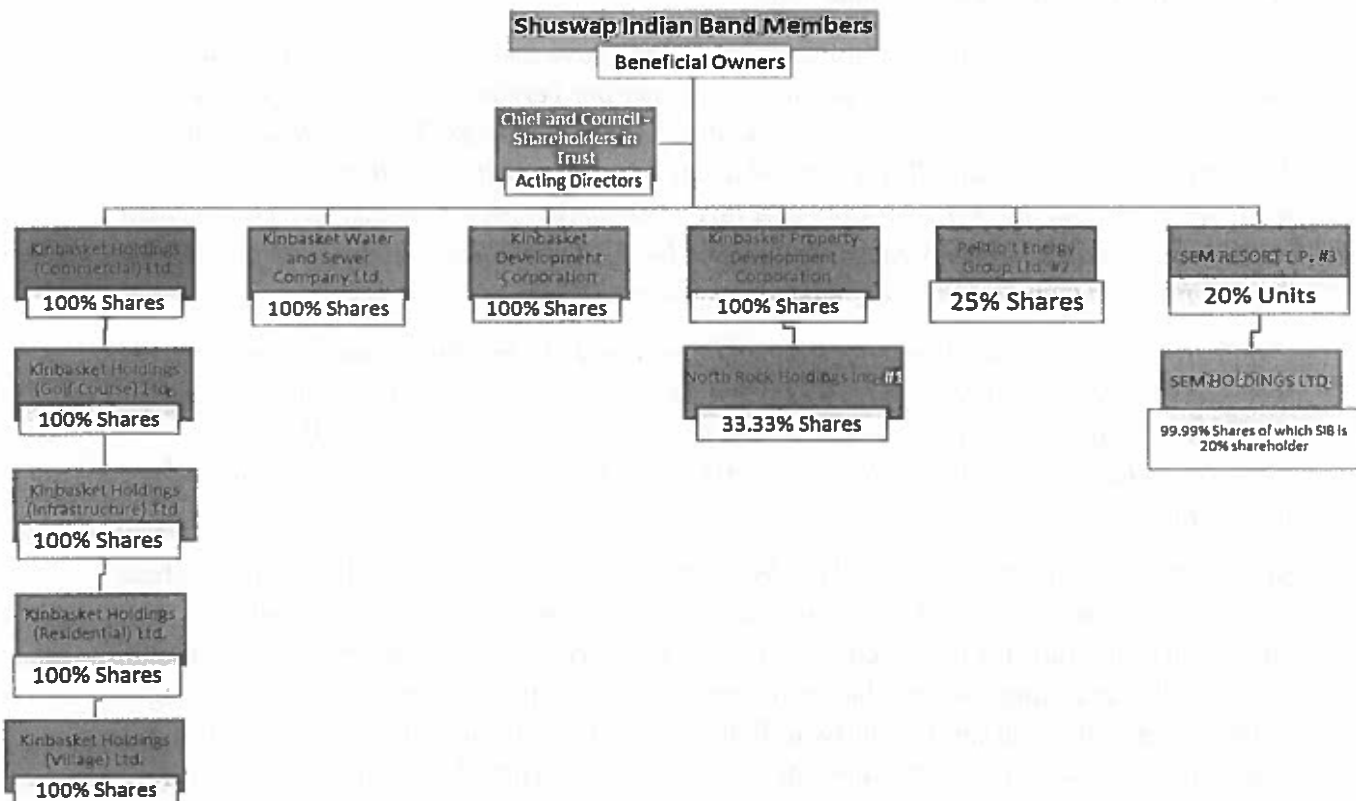
7K. MAJOR PROJECTS – There are a number of major projects that are currently active or have recently concluded creating income, jobs and excellent reputation in project and contract management for the Shuswap Indian Band, and they are in summary:

- (1) Cultural Heritage Study (INAC Funded) – to continue the training and contribution of the Knowledge Keepers in the Community Based Monitoring and GeoKeeper work. The majority of this training and project work will be completed January to March 2018. Stay tuned for opportunities to participate.
- (2) First Nations Emergency Services Society / Strategic Wildfire Protection Initiative (FNESS/SWPI) – late in fall additional funding was awarded for on-reserve fuel

treatment that follows the Shuswap Indian Band's Community Wildfire Protection Plan priorities. This funding created employment for band members in December.

- (3) Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI) Debris Removal on the #1 Hwy (Donald East to Forde Station) –completed in December 2017.
- (4) Policy Development – Available on the website in January 2018 & in print.

7L. **CORPORATE HOLDINGS AND GOVERNANCE** – Shuswap Indian Band Council and Administration are committing time and resources properly cataloguing and accounting for all current assets, liabilities and forward-looking obligations, as well as reorganizing for cost effectiveness and maximum returns. All the corporations listed here were incorporate before 2014.



7M. SECWPEMC RECONCILIATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT



*Secwepemc Reconciliation Framework Agreement*  
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*Adams Lake Indian Band, Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band, Shuswap Indian Band, Skeetchestn Indian Band, Tk'emlups te Secwepemc*

Chief and Council and the Territorial Stewardship Office is at the table for the support of the renegotiation of the Reconciliation Framework Agreement (RFA). The priorities for the Shuswap Indian Band at this table are: (1) strength of claim to be supported by title, archaeology (including carbon dating and accurate mapping), and recognizing overlap of territory; (2) water rights and sustainability, (3) forestry, (4) wildlife management, and (5) salmon restoration.

- 7N. WATER USE AND THE COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY 101 – The Columbia Basin Trust presented their “Columbia River Treaty 101” information session to Chief & Council, and key staff on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The information can be obtained from their website at [www.cbt.org](http://www.cbt.org). Stay tuned for a community presentation in the first quarter of 2018. A summary document can be obtained from our offices or found at: <https://thebasin.ourtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/delightful-downloads/CRT-brochure.pdf>

We will continue to work with the Nation (SNTC) on the Columbia River treaty. Canada and British Columbia can not make decisions that affect first Nations with their inherent right to their land. Canada must work with the First Nations affected by the Columbia River Treaty. We will work with the Simpcw Band, Chief Nathan Matthews, and the Shuswap Nation to establish the modernization of the Columbia River Treaty (CRT).

Canada, British Columbia, and the three other Nations, Okanagan, Ktunaxa, and Shuswap will be involved in the negotiation process to establish how Canada will benefit from the CRT. The Columbia River Treaty process will create a technical working group made up of representatives of The Secwepemc once representation has occurred Canada will work to ensure consultation will occur through continued meetings. The Shuswap Band has a long journey ahead in negotiating with the other three nations. The Shuswap Band will have to assert what we have lost in the Columbia River watershed.

The loss of salmon, limited benefits from B.C. Hydro, the flooding of our lands, and consultation with First Nations has just recently started. Canada and the Province of British Columbia benefit from the Columbia River treaty and it is up to us to assert our rights, and that Canada will share equally with all of the affected Nations the benefits that include financial and environmental issues because it is our land.

Councillor Tim Eugene is presenting on the Columbia River Treaty at the Gathering on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

70. **TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY WIDENING** – The goal of the Government-to-Government Establish a mandate with the Minister on a true Government to Government relationship with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI). Chiefs and Councillors of all five bands: Little Shuswap, Splatshin, Adams Lake, Nesconlith, and Shuswap Indian Band established an Executive Council to work with the Minister and his staff to work together on the Corridor Wide Agreement.

In part, the discussions will identify the footprint that the current highway has in our territory. Accommodation agreements in the future must include an assessment of the Land that the twinning of the road doubling of that footprint on the land has had within our territory. A meeting in early January with the legal council will give direction on issues that leadership has identified.

- 7P. **HIGHWAY WIDENING THROUGH THE NATIONAL PARKS (GLACIER, YOHO, BANFF)** - The Shuswap Indian Band will work with Parks Canada to establish a better working relationship. We are asserting that we never gave up the lands that Parks Canada manages; we will work together as a Nation to deal with the past infringements.

The Kicking Horse Pass corridor wide agreement will benefit the Shuswap Indian Band, and like the Corridor Wide Agreement, Parks Canada needs to work with the Shuswap Band to modernize a working relationship. Issues brought forth so far include;

1. Members exempt of Parks Canada User Fees
2. Hunting, fishing, gathering
3. Firewood

**8. 2018 BAND MEETINGS**

- **BAND STRATEGIC PLANNING EVENING:** January 23, 2018
- **BAND BUDGET PLANNING MEETING:** February 10, 2018
- **2017/2018 Q4 – QUARTERLY BAND MEETING:** March 24 or 25, 2018
- **2018/2019 Q1 – QUARTERLY BAND MEETING:** June 2018
- **2018/2019 Q2 - QUARTERLY BAND MEETING** September 2018
- **2018/2019 Q3 – QUARTERLY BAND MEETING** December 2018

**MEMO TO MEMBERSHIP FROM THE LAND COMMITTEE:**

Councillor Rosalita Pascal (nominated)  
Katherine Stevens (elected)  
Angela Eugene (elected)

*Introduction: The Land Use Plan has been developed with significant community development, and following the election of the Land Committee, the final document and ratification vote will be the first order of business for the Committee in early 2018. The work accomplished to date by our community is listed here. Copies of the Land Use Plan can be obtained from our website, a link on Facebook and printed copies can be mailed or picked up from our offices.*

**2015-2016: LAND USE PLAN COMMUNITY SESSIONS HELD TO DATE**

**April 24, 2015:** Intro meeting with staff and Chief and Council to receive initial feedback

**May 22, 2015:** First community meeting to receive initial feedback

**June 22, 2015:** Open House to review feedback to date and receive additional feedback and/or agree with comments suggested to date

**October 26, 2015:** Chief and Council Meeting to review First Draft of Land Use Plan based on previous three meetings

**December 3, 2015:** Community Meeting to present findings to date and seek additional feedback

**January 20, 2016:** Chief and Council meeting to review Second Draft Land Use Plan

**March 1, 2016:** First Nations Market Housing Fund suggested revisions

**March 16, 2016:** Final Community Meeting to review Final Draft Land Use Plan

**April 2016:** Final Land Use Plan submitted to SIB

**July 16, 2016:** BCR adopting Land Use Plan and the need to go to ratification vote

**2018: LAND USE PLAN COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**#1 – Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (dinner included)**

**#2 – Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. (lunch included)**

**LAND USE PLAN RATIFICATION VOTE****SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018****8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) – Electronic and In Person Voting**

