



Yuutu?it?ath

HITACU ASSEMBLY

July 12, 2021 | 6:00pm | Cixwatin Centre/Zoom

Meeting Record

Participants

- Chairperson: Shana Thomas
- Citizens: Anita Charleson Touchie; Ashley McCarthy; Asya Touchie; Bernice Touchie; Brenda Jack; Catherine Taylor; Daniel Joseph (service); Daniel Touchie; Darren Williams (service); Debbie Mundy; Debbie Touchie (service); Donna Jack; Evan Touchie; Geraldine Touchie; Gertrude Touchie (tootis); Gloria Valentine; Gordon A. Taylor; Gordon Taylor III; Jack Touchie; Jada Touchie; James Walten (service); Kaleena George; Karen Severinson (service); Kenneth Miller; Lance Tate; Larry Baird; Marjorie Touchie; Pearl Touchie; Richard Mundy Sr.; Sheila Touchie; Skylene Touchie; Tia Touchie; Tyson Touchie; Vi Mundy.
- Members of Legislature: Chuck McCarthy, President; Alan McCarthy, Executive of Lands and Resources; Jeneva Touchie, Executive of Culture, Language and Heritage; Jenny Touchie, Executive of Assets; Kimberly Touchie; Wilson Jack, Ha'wiih.
- Support Staff/other: Suzanne Williams, Director of Operations; Melissa Boucha, Managers of Communications and Public Relations; Dr. Rohan Ghatak, Director of Health and Social Services; John Rankin, CFO; Carey Cunneyworth, Manager of Culture, Language and Heritage; Zoltan Schafer, Director of Lands and Resources; Corey Rich, Economic Development Officer; Spencer Touchie, Manager of Assets; Rose Aday-McCarthy, Communications Coordinator; Jill Hamilton, Law Clerk; Brent Lehmann, Legal Counsel; Mike Watts, Audio/Visual Support; Cst. Yannick Harry, RCMP; Woitek.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.
2. Opening ceremonies and welcoming remarks by Charles McCarthy and Jeneva Touchie.
3. Review and adoption of the agenda

Additions to Agenda

Security and outreach, 50 fish incident, patient travel, acknowledgements and uplifting members, Mount Ozzard and Ucluelet Territory, Little Ukee Green Referendum, trauma and addictions, and ball field.

Motion: to adopt the agenda as amended.

Moved by Tyson Touchie. Seconded by Vi Mundy. Motion carried by majority.

4. Executive Reports

Assets Executive Report presented by Jenny Touchie.

Community Services Executive Report presented by Director of Operations, Suzanne Williams.

Patient Travel

The cost to travel to meet appointments is greater than what citizens are receiving to assist them with travel. The government was asked to advocate on behalf of citizens in this regard. It was suggested that Government vans be used.

Action: Portfolio holder to investigate other options to assist citizens with patient travel and report back on their findings at the next Assembly.

Trauma and addictions

There is a desire for intergenerational trauma support, addictions work focusing in community (here at home), including grief and loss support and to ensure cultural practices are incorporated in any of those methods used. It was heard that more cultural programs are needed for our children, including a youth centre. Concerns were raised with child services being in the hands of MCFD. Government needs to ensure that families involved with MCFD are supported. Suggestion for Government to look at implementing PTSD/trauma programs for residential school survivors.

Lands and Resources Executive Report presented by Alan McCarthy.

Finance Executive Report presented by Richard Mundy.

Culture, Language and Heritage Executive Report presented by Jeneva Touchie.

President's Executive Report presented by Charles McCarthy.

Leadership was encouraged to ensure any future development is done sustainably and that the community is informed of any large land dispositions, especially in sacred areas (e.g., Mt. Ozzard). The importance of Yuułu?iŋ?ath cultural presence at Wya Point and at the junction was highlighted. There is a desire to have more engagement and support from Economic Development for entrepreneurs.

5. General Q&A

6. Other

a. Security and Outreach

There were concerns raised with alcohol and hard drug use within community. It was recommended that the Government consider implementing an outreach group in the community.

b. 50 Fish Incident

Action: Executive to discuss issue in meeting and provide an update.

c. Ball field

There is a desire to see a ball field in community which could create training opportunities for Citizens.

d. Acknowledgments and uplifting of members in community

e. Little Ukee Green Referendum

Citizen feels there is an overstretching of the jurisdiction that BC marijuana and liquor licensing has over treaty lands. Government cautioned to not enter into an agreement on the TMX pipeline.

7. Adjournment

Next assembly tentatively set for October 25, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.