

FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the Strathcona Regional District offices located at 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, B.C.

A quorum having been confirmed the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with the following directors physically in attendance or participating electronically:

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| Chair: | K. Jules | Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations |
| Directors: | J. Colborne | Village of Zeballos |
| | K. Dahl | City of Campbell River |
| | M. Davis | Village of Tahsis |
| | R. Mawhinney | Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets (Electoral Area C) |
| | M. Vonesch | Cortes Island (Electoral Area B) |

ADOPTION OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Mawhinney/Colborne: FNRC 22/23

THAT the agenda for the April 26, 2023 regular meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Chair acknowledged that he is presiding over the meeting from the traditional territory of the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 23/23

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee held on February 22, 2023 be adopted. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

First Nations Cultural Awareness Training Plan

Colborne/Davis: FNRC 24/23

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Vonesch/Davis: FNRC 25/23

THAT the Committee recommend that the Regional District move forward on implementing the 2023 First Nations Training and Awareness Program as outlined in the April 20, 2023 report from the Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

Development of First Nations Consultation Policy

Colborne/Mawhinney: FNRC 26/23

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received. [\[Item\]](#)
CARRIED

Mawhinney/Colborne: FNRC 27/23

THAT the Committee work toward developing a First Nations consultation policy that aligns with the UNDRIP and DRIPA framework for the Regional District.

CARRIED

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities - Reconcili-Action

Colborne/Davis: FNRC 28/23

THAT the April 20, 2023 report from Director Mawhinney regarding the Reconcili-Action session at the April 2023 Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities convention be received. [\[Item\]](#)

CARRIED

Vonesch/Colborne: FNRC 29/23

THAT a staff report be prepared on how the regional district can meaningfully engage First Nations given the capacity issues they face, including compensation for their time; and

THAT staff provide an outline of the requirements to create an advisory group at the regional district.

CARRIED

First Nation Engagement in Tahsis

Director Davis advised of the First Nation engagement in Tahsis, including:

- a totem awakening ceremony held at the Coast Guard building in Tahsis;
- the creation of a joint economic development plan with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation; and
- the first formal invitation to the Mayor to Yuquot Summerfest.

Colborne/Mawhinney: FNRC 30/23

THAT the verbal report be received.

CARRIED

TERMINATION

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 31/23

THAT the April 26, 2023 regular meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee be terminated.

CARRIED

Time: 9:57 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer