

FIRST NATIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at the Strathcona Regional District offices located at 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, B.C.

A quorum having been confirmed the Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

Vice Chair:	M. Davis	Village of Tahsis
Directors:	J. Colborne	Village of Zeballos
	K. Dahl	City of Campbell River
	R. Mawhinney	Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets (Electoral Area C)
	M. Vonesch	Cortes Island (Electoral Area B)

ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR

Vonesch/: FNRC 32/23

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

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 33/23

THAT the First Nations Relations Committee proceed with an election to fill the position of Chair for the remainder of 2023.

FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice Chair acknowledged that we are located on the traditional territory of the Laichwiltach people.

ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR (con't)

The Vice Chair called for nominations for the position of Committee Chair.

Director Vonesch nominated Director Mawhinney. Director Mawhinney accepted the nomination with thanks.

The Vice Chair called a second and third time for nominations and there were none.

Director Mawhinney was declared elected by acclamation to the position of First Nations Relations Committee Chair.

Director Mawhinney in the Chair.

ADOPTION OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 33/23

THAT the agenda for the June 28, 2023 regular meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 34/23

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee held on April 26, 2023 be adopted. [\[Item\]](#)

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

First Nations Territorial Acknowledgement - Kwiakah First Nation

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 35/23

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

Vonesch/Davis: FNRC 36/23

That the Kwiakah First Nation be added to the written territorial acknowledgment and the verbal territorial acknowledgment for Area C.

A proposed change to the Area C- Sonora Island, Stuart Island, Bute Inlet & Toba Inlet, verbal territorial acknowledgment is in blue below:

"I would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional territories of the Homalco and Kwiakah First Nations."

A proposed change to the SRD written territorial acknowledgement is in blue below:

"The Strathcona Regional District respectfully acknowledges that our corporate office and the Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex are located on the traditional unceded territory of the Laichwiltach people."

"We also recognize that we operate within the traditional, treaty and unceded territories of the Ehattesaht, Homalco, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/ Che: k't1es7et'h', Klahoose, K'omoks, Kwiakah, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tlowitsis, We Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nations."

CARRIED

First Nations Territorial Acknowledgement - Tla'amin First Nation

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 37/23

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

CARRIED

Davis/Colborne: FNRC 38/23

THAT the Tla'amin First Nation be added to the written territorial acknowledgment, including the Electoral Area B verbal territorial acknowledgment, and

THAT the Electoral Areas C and D territorial acknowledgements be revisited following further consultation.

CARRIED

Northern Regional Games - SRD Support and Participation

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 39/23

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

CARRIED

Proposed Board Meeting and C2C Event in Kyuquot

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 40/23

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

CARRIED

Colborne/Dahl: FNRC 41/23

THAT the Committee recommend moving forward in principle with holding a C2C event in Kyuquot between the Regional District and the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations in conjunction with the October 11, 2023 Board meeting.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Damage to Tlowitsis First Nation Property

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 42/23

THAT the June 17, 2023 news release from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding destruction of property at the Tlowitsis First Nations Village be received. [[Item](#)]

CARRIED

Vonesch/Dahl: FNRC 43/23

THAT staff work with local First Nations in a press release supporting development and welcoming growth.

CARRIED

Colborne/Dahl: FNRC 44/23

THAT staff reach out to the Tlowitsis First Nation with the offer of a partial financial contribution towards site safety to be paid for from the Growing Communities Fund.

CARRIED

TERMINATION

Colborne/Vonesch: FNRC 45/23

THAT the June 28, 2023 regular meeting of the First Nations Relations Committee be terminated.

Director Davis advised that as Mayor, he has been invited to attend the August 5, 2023 Yuquot Summerfest.

A vote was held on the pending motion and it was...

CARRIED

Time: 10:08 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer