**Council Meeting Minutes:** **November 1, 2023 4:30 PM**

**Attendance: Jen Sampare, Tony Sampare, Michael Sampson, Brandon Campbell, Rob Sampson**

**Staff: Velma Sutherland, Cameron Gogag**

**Opening Prayer: TS**

1. **Review of Agenda for November 1, 2023**

**Motion made to accept the Agenda for November 1, 2023, with additions.**

**Moved, Seconded, Carried Unanimously**

1. **Review of the minutes of October 3, 2023**

**Motion made to accept the minutes of October 3, 2023, with additions.**

**Moved, Seconded, Carried Unanimously**

1. **Review of Finances for November 1, 2023**

**Motion made to accept the finances for November 1, 2023.**

**Moved, Seconded, Carried Unanimously**

1. **Band Manager and Staff Reports for November 1, 2023**

**Motion made to accept the finances for November 1, 2023.**

**Moved, Seconded, Carried Unanimously**

**Agenda items:**

1. **5:00 AW- CP- Burn Salvage Update- in camera-5:40 - not in agreement with being required to have a rpf forest report and stumpage fees as per the ISC Timber Permits. CP says he has enough experience to do it himself. What would the long term benefits be to the community, etc. where questions that need to be answered.**
2. **LW-Granny’s House- yesterday evening informed about alleged words exchanged with BM and GCFSS to not go ahead with the Granny’s House renovations because Band is taking the house back. Needs a letter saying that the band does not have any issue with GCFSS renovating her CP. Has many issues with Band Manager.**
3. **Staffing Update- Will know next week if CB will return to work. Will do an Education/Soc Dev position if CB decides not to return. SW is new BFI youth assistant.**
4. **1655 Peter Brown Drive- BCR completed to sell the house to GW.**
5. **Finance Policy-—Will update the finance policy to remove the most economical travel method reimbursement clause, so that individual travel needs will be recognized.**
6. **Vehicle Update—Ford 450 has been purchased from Gitxsan Government Commission. We will look at putting the sander on it if possible.**
7. **HSS Letter- Review response from HSS about C & C letter of concern over X block. HSS did not recognize the concerns and feels that X block is very beneficial and will not change the schedule or plans at this time.**
8. **Holiday Bonus/Closure—Dec 15 -Jan1, Back to work on Jan 2, 2024. Bonuses will be distributed to all staff before the closure. Council will have their bonus added on to the December honoraria.**
9. **Tower Road Culvert update—There will be work to install a new culvert as part of the creek restoration project.**
10. **GCFSS Meeting/Meetings—Please confirm with GCFSS if you will be attending the meetings in Prince George. So far 3 Council are confirmed.**

**Positive Moments: 4 X 4 is moving along, farm school is going well, lots of progress**

 Next Meeting Date: **January 3, 2024**