

# Minutes to April 13, 2012 Stsmémelt Project Working Group Meeting Held at Secwepemc Child and Family Services, Kamloops, BC

**Present:** Chiefs Mike Archie (Tsq'ésceen) and Bev Sellars (Xats'úll), Councillor Daniel Joe (Splatsín), Shawna Sellars, Minnie Kenoras, Crystal Camille, Barb McLean, Doreen Johnson, Amy Sandy, Bonnie Leonard, Kelly Connor and Jody Beckett

**Meeting was called to order at 10:06 am**

**Chair:** Chief Bev Sellars

Minnie Kenoras lead with Prayer

## 1. **Stsmémelt Project Director's Report** – Doreen Johnson:

### ♦ **Discussion/Decision:**

- ♦ Presented Project timeline for 2012/13
- ♦ 15 Indigenous Approaches in BC will be meeting in Kamloops on June 13-14. The project will host and provide the venue and lunch.
- ♦ Chief's Special Forum will occur in February 2013
- ♦ Stsmémelt Project has partnered with Simon Fraser University to do a three-credit course on Secwepemc Storytelling led by instructors Dr.'s Marianne and Ron Ignace.
- ♦ Bonnie is meeting with Jay Nelson, Woodward and Company, in Victoria to develop legal framework that will work in conjunction with the Project's Research and Language components.
- ♦ The budget this year does not allow for further funding for the Community Plan Coordinators. For the past 2 years, the Project was allowed to carry forward surplus but this year, 35K surplus was withheld.
- ♦ Communications: Continue to use Facebook and Newsletter are being published monthly in the northern and southern papers
- ♦ Attempts to partner with Health and Education have been unsuccessful to date. A request to have Chiefs facilitate a partnership between project, health and education to share information was made
- ♦ Protocol Agreement between Secwepemc Nation, Provincial and Federal Governments – Doreen will work with David Stevenson and Peter Cunningham from MARR on this

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## 2. **Community Engagement** – Barb McLean and Amy Sandy:

### ♦ **Discussion/Decision:**

- ♦ Currently there are 12 bands working on their community plans
- ♦ First draft plans are due on May 31, 2012
- ♦ Amy is completing the first draft of the Glossary by end of June

## 3. **Research Update** – Kelly Connor:

### ♦ **Discussion/Decision:**

- ♦ Working on literature review of child welfare
- ♦ Statistics are revealing an increase in member numbers but a decline in number of children between 0-18 years.
- ♦ Kelly is going to attend the SFU Storytelling course on an audit basis.

ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	TARGET DATE
Draft a political accord between Secwepemc Nation, Provincial and Federal Governments	Doreen	
Draft Letter to National Chief and delegates from Provincial and Federal Governments requesting meeting date with EC	Chair of Executive Committee	February 11, 2010 Incomplete
Work with Delegated Agencies on stats, processes, cost analysis and governance model	Doreen	In progress
Contact SCES for information and stories for Tek'wémiple7	Kelly	
Organize Unity Walk/ride/canoe	Kukpi7 Christian/Randy Sam/Chief Fred Robbins	June 2012
Operational Protocol with Delegated Agencies	Doreen	June 30, 2012
Chiefs to facilitate working with Health and Education to share information	Chiefs	April 20, 2012
Send Chief Bev Sellars information on Chehalis	Barb	Done
Meet with Jay Nelson about legal framework	Bonnie/Kelly	Done