

Minutes to August 10, 2012 Stsmémelt Project Working Group Meeting Held at the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council, Kamloops, BC

Present: Chief Mike Archie, Kukpi7 Wayne Christian and Chief Ann Louie, Shawna Sellars, Crystal Camille, Barb Mclean, Doreen Johnson, Gord Keener, Jody Beckett and Kelly Conner.

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am

Chair: Crystal Camille

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

♦ Discussion/Decision:

- ♦ An action item was delegated to Doreen during the Indigenous Approaches meeting held on June 13 & 14, 2012 to set up a meeting of the lawyers working for the organizations to look at a provincial framework. This meeting will be held in Victoria on September 7, 2012. We have confirmed 8 lawyers attending as well as representatives from some of the Indigenous approaches.
- ♦ MCFD has requested to attend the lawyers meeting, but were declined. We have referred them to Chief Maureen Chapman for their request to attend the next Indigenous Approaches meeting being hosted by ACFC.
- ♦ The contract with MCFD expired on June 30th. Doreen is working with Brenda Lewis on a contract for the remainder of the fiscal year. The project will not request further funding to continue after March 31, 2013 as MCFD has stipulated that to qualify for further funding that all 17 bands have to be united and also that the project must move into service delivery and be a stand-alone project not be under any tribal council's direction. Funding from INAC would also require that the 17 bands be united and supportive of the goals and mandate of the project. Chief Mike Archie has suggested that we look at a self-government agreement by the end of the fiscal year end.

ACTION ITEM: Chiefs will bring forward next steps/newest Unity Protocol at the all Chief's meeting being held on August 17/18th, 2012.

- ♦ We are currently working on the cost analysis for a Nation-based child and family wellness plan. No information has been received from SCFS despite numerous attempts to gather information on the costs associated with Secwepemc children in their care as well as their operational costs. The project will move forward with the information collected from Splotsin's Stsmamlt Services, Ktunaxa and Knucwentwecw Society to develop the cost analysis.
- ♦ Amy Sandy has resigned from her position as the Northern Community Engagement Facilitator. The communities she was working with will now be taken on by Barb McLean and Doreen Johnson to develop their community plans.
- ♦ Kukpi7 Wayne Christian has organized the Unity Walk to coincide with the start of the Secwepemc Gathering being held in Simpc on the weekend of August 17, 18 and 19th. The poster, map other relevant information

has been distributed through Kukpi7 Wayne's facebook page, the Stsmémelt Project's facebook page as well as delivered to bands, health centres, and newspapers. The ride will start in Chase BC, on August 14th and end with the youth leading the riders into Simpcw on August 17th to begin the opening ceremonies of the Secwepemc Gathering.

2. **Research** – Kelly Connor:

♦ **Discussion/Decision:**

- ♦ Has not contacted SCES for information as directed because she is not sure what the Stsmémelt Project's relationship with them is at this point. She is working with Ron and Marianne Ignace on the storytelling research and using their documented stories as well as those documented by James Teit.
- ♦ Kelly has completed 3 storytelling workshops as well as the storytelling course through SFU. She is using the information collected to do case briefs and develop a Tribal Case Law book which will be based on the seven (7) sacred laws. The first draft, up to section 4, will be completed by the end of September. A copy of the draft table of contents is attached as Appendix A.
- ♦ Collection of oral accounts has been done by various groups. Kelly will request the information from the groups that have conducted interviews to document oral history. Some may not be available due to ongoing legal cases.

3. **Community Engagement** – Barb McLean:

♦ **Discussion/Decision:**

- ♦ A copy of the Community Engagement report from Barb McLean is attached as Appendix B.

4. **Language Update** – Amy Sandy:

♦ **Discussion/Decision:**

- ♦ The glossary to define terms in Secwepemctsin and find out the historical governance structure is not complete yet.
- ♦ Doreen wants to continue on a contract basis with Amy to complete the language glossary. The chiefs present have agreed that the work should be done by a Secwepemc who can speak, read and write fluently in the language.

ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	TARGET DATE
All Chief's Meeting – Discuss next steps/ Unity Protocol for Stsmémelt Project after March 31, 2012	Chiefs	August 17/18
All Chief's Meeting – Discuss how/where the research and project material will be stored/accessed after project ends	Chiefs	August 17/18
Work with Delegated Agencies on stats, processes, cost analysis and governance model	Doreen	In progress
Develop a Tribal Case Law Book	Kelly	Draft 1 up to section 4 by September 30, 2012
Contact SCES for information and stories for Tek'wémiple7	Kelly	
Organize Unity Walk/ride/canoe	Kukpi7 Christian/Randy Sam/Chief Fred Robbins	Done. August 14-17

Appendix A

DRAFT Table of Contents for Tribal Case Book

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Secwepemc Overview
- 1.2 Stsmémelt Tek'wemiple7 Overview
- 1.3 Pillars of Jurisdiction
- 1.4 Seven Sacred Laws

2.0 Secwepemc Traditional Laws

- 2.1 Legal Processes
- 2.2 Legal Responses and Resolutions
- 2.3 Legal Obligations
- 2.4 Legal Rights
- 2.5 General Underlying Principles

3.0 Table Summary of Stories

4.0 Stories with Case Briefs

- 4.1 The Story of Owl
 - 4.1.1 "The Story of Owl" – Case Brief
- 4.2 White Arrow of Peace
 - 4.2.1 "White Arrow of Peace" – Case Brief
- 4.3 Trout Children
 - 4.3.1 "Trout Children" – Case Brief
- 4.4 Coyote and his Hosts
(Also includes: "Coyote and the Grouse Children"
& "How Coyote Broke the Ice Dam")
 - 4.4.1 "Coyote and his Hosts" – Case Brief
 - 4.4.2 "Coyote and the Grouse Children" – Case Brief
 - 4.4.3 "How Coyote Broke the Ice Dam" – Case Brief
- 4.5 Story of Hu'pken
 - 4.5.1 "Story of Hu'pken" – Case Brief
- 4.6 Spider and Otter
 - 4.6.1 "Spider and Otter" – Case Brief
- 4.7 Story of Tsôlenü'et's Son
 - 4.7.1 "Story of Tsôlenü'et's Son" – Case Brief
- 4.8 Coyote Juggles his Eyes (AKA: Coyote and Holxolī'p)
 - 4.8.1 "Coyote Juggles his Eyes" – Case Brief
- 4.9 The Story of Grisly Bear's and Beaver's Children
 - 4.9.1 "Grisly Bear's and Beaver's Children" – Case Brief
- 4.10 Story of Sésq'em
 - 4.10.1 "Story of Sésq'em"

4.11 Tleē'sa and his Brothers

4.11.1 "Tleē'sa and his Brothers" – Case Brief

4.12 Foundational Story

4.12.1 "Foundational Story" – Case Brief

5.0 Application of Law

5.1 Context (then and now)

5.2 Jurisdiction

5.3 Recognizing, Breaking, and Changing Laws

5.4 Responsibilities

5.5 Applicable Situations

6.0 Precedent

6.1 Samuel Black (HBC)

6.2 Green Lake Accord

6.3 ...oral histories, etc (e.g., Interviews)

Appendix B

Stsmémelt Project Southern Community Engagement Facilitator June-July 2012 Updates Barb McLean, CEF

Community Updates:

Bonaparte:

May Update: May 22 meeting with Mary Porter. Mary has taken over as community lead in the Stsmemelt Project. The previous working group has folded as staff have moved on, the community survey has not be distributed and momentum seems to have drop in their process. We discussed options to move forward and how other communities are progressing. May 28 & 29 meeting with the Social Development committee- I was to present at this committee starting on Monday with an introductory session and move into a SWOT analysis but the attendance was low (Mary and 1 councillor- Dave Antoine). We reviewed the SP with Dave and he brought the information to C&C meeting that evening. May 29 meeting had limited attendance as well, with Mary, Dave and another person. We discussed hiring a community coordinator and I would take a mentorship role. Mary will put in an action plan to Doreen on how they plan to complete their 1st Community Draft by Aug 31. Sample job description was sent.

June-July Update:

Misty Antoine has been hired as the community coordinator with a July 30th start date.

Neskonlith:

May Update: May 23 meeting with George Johnston. He submitted a summary of his survey and needs assessment. He is meeting with his working group in the near future to decide on what path they will take for the community plan. The summary is thorough and provides strong direction for their plan. The C & C have submitted a BCR to SCFS requesting a social worker to be in their community 3 days per week. The social worker will spend 1 day in Salmon Arm location and 2 days in Neskonlith location.

June-July Update:

George is currently finished his contract with Neskonlith. The Social Development Committee has not met as yet.

ALIB:

May Update: May 7, 14, 24, 28 meeting with Community SP WG to complete gap analysis, set priorities and develop first draft of community plan. Support entailed recording for meetings and adding information as requested by the group. The 1st draft of the community plan will be a framework with draft goals. They are looking at joining this group with a new social development group that has just started to meeting to develop another community plan. The goal is to get the 2nd draft solid by Aug 31 by meeting at least 2 times a month and once the 2nd draft is complete this will go to the community to get input and feedback for the final plan.

Pavilion:

May Update: A presentation on SP was provided for Chief and Council and Band Manager in April. Robert Shintah is the new Chief of Pavilion and Councillors included

Carrie Bob, Dennis Ned, Katrina McDonald, Justin Kane. C & C wanted a meeting for the community to re-introduce the SP and to complete the PATH process. The first community meeting was held May 17 and we had 10 people in attendance. We only got about ½ through the process so the next meeting was scheduled for May 31. All council and Chief participated in the second session and there were 11 people at this meeting. The PATH process was complete and the next step is to hire a community coordinator who will complete a community survey over the summer and establish a working group to develop the 1st draft community plan by Aug 31. This community still has \$5,000 left of their allocation and cheque will be delivered next meeting. I sent out a sample job description for the coordinator position and they were hoping to have it posted by June 4.

June-July update: Clay Harmon has replaced Lillian Saultier as the band administrator. With the transition in administrators the community coordinator position has not been recruited. We, Doreen and Barb, meet with Clay, Councillor Members Justin Kane and Katrina McDonald on July 26 to get and give an update on the project. Clay confirmed that they were still planning to hire a community coordinator ASAP. Barb will mentor the new coordinator once hired.

Shuswap:

May Update: There was a death in the community- one of the band councillors- so everything has been put on hold. They did establish their working group which will include all participants from the PATH process meeting in April. No indication or plans for a follow up meeting have been shared.

June-July update: Met with Clarissa Stevens July 18 and discussed how they would like to proceed. The Elders who attended the PATH session will be the community working group. I will be attending the working group Aug 8 & 9 to facilitate the discussion and develop plans on how they will engage the community to gather input for the community plan. At this point Clarissa is suggesting a questionnaire and a community meeting that the working group will host in August or September. We plan to develop the questionnaire at the Aug 8&9 meeting. The band administration is operating on a skeletal crew as they have had some illness and deaths in council and staff.

Simpco:

May Update: Louisa has submitted the community's first draft. They are planning to host another forum with their community throughout the summer. They are hoping for further feedback from the community at that time.

June-July Update: The second forum did not happen to date but they are still planning a meeting mid July to plan and gather feedback for planning the next forum. Twelve people have put their name forward to form a planning committee for Stsmemelt Holding Jurisdiction.

Xats'ull:

June-July Update: Connected with Sandra Sellars by phone regarding support of Xats'ull. Sandra is working on a secondment for Sheri Sellars to take the community coordinator role and then has requested that we meet.

Other Events:

May update: Critical Issues in Policy and Legislature workshop: This workshop was facilitated by Marcia Dawson Attend this workshop for ½ day

June-July update: Participated in the Indigenous Approaches Gathering June 13 & 14 and participated in our Stsmemelt Team presentation with my focus being on the Community Engagement process to date.

Participated ½ day in Health Caucus meeting with a focus on traditional medicines June 27.

Action Items for August 2012

Action Item	Target Date
Community Working Group meeting Shuswap Band; set date for a community meeting at this time	Aug 8,9
Begin mentorship of Community Coordinator for Bonaparte, Misty	Ongoing
Begin mentorship with Community Coordinator from Pavilion as soon as they get that position filled.	tbc
Collect and Correlate Information of Final Report in Jan	ongoing
Meeting with Xat'sull	Aug 17
Participate in meetings with Canoe Creek, Canim Lake, Esk'et & WLIB for support	Aug 14-16
Follow up to 2 nd draft Community Plans to be submitted Aug 31	Aug 31