

Minutes to February 10, 2012 Stsmémelt Project Working Group Meeting Held at the Overlander Inn Meeting room #109, Williams Lake BC

Present: Chief Bev Sellars, Chief Ann Louie, Chief Mike Archie, Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Delores Theodore, Minnie Kenoras, Nancy Sandy, Doreen M. Johnson, Amy Sandy, Jody Beckett, Kelly Connor, Barb McLean, Troy Hunter, Shawna Sellers, Crystal Camille, Virginia Gilbert. Bonnie Leonard on speaker phone

Meeting was called to order at 10:19 am

Chair: Doreen Johnson

Virginia lead with Prayer

Amend Agenda to include meeting dates for SPWG 2012-13, and update from Nancy Sandy on Individual Community Plans

1. Stsmémelt Project Presentation – Doreen Johnson:

- ♦ **Discussion/Decision:** PowerPoint Presentation
 - ♦ Wants to meet with the 17 Chief's and Council in March to discuss the Political Accord
 - ♦ Kukpi7 Wayne stated political support should be for the current Human Rights case currently being heard in Ottawa re: inequity of services and funding to FN children.
 - ♦ Talking with Provincial and Federal Governments about funding
 - ♦ Talking to Provincial Government in regards to Chief Terry Porter's request to have Chief and Council appointed guardian of Bonaparte's children
 - ♦ Discuss where the agencies fit into an Operational Protocol
 - ♦ Tek'wemiple7 unit to have a legal framework by March 2013
 - ♦ Have requested to visit Blood Tribe in Alberta to discuss their Sectoral Self Government model and how it's working for them.
 - ♦ Trying to engage with Health and Education as partners
 - ♦ Information sharing barriers are making it difficult to get the required information such as demographics, CIC information, etc.
 - ♦ MCFD changed in mandate and are looking to develop the Delegated Agencies. Secewepemc Nation must find middle ground internally and decide whom they want to work with to ensure that services are community based and gaps are resolved
 - ♦ Looking at working in cooperation with Health and Education as organizations are doing similar work but are working in isolation
 - ♦ Chief's must move the project forward politically if they are sincere in working together to advance our children's best interests
 - ♦ A resolution from the interior chiefs to force the governments to have FN leaders involved in resource budgeting, discussions, and agreements.

Action: Draft a resolution for Interior Chiefs to mandate political movement for FN's to be involved in resource revenue allocations by the next UBCIC meeting on February 23 and 24.

Action: Contact Colleen Lebourdais to get on the agenda for the Health Caucus on February 16, 2012

Action: Doreen will do a presentation at the Health Caucus on Feb 16

Action: Doreen to make a presentation at the Health and Education Conference in Kelowna on March 22nd/23rd

2. **Tek'wémiple7 Unit Saskatoon Conference Presentation** – Troy Hunter:

- ♦ **Discussion/Decision:** PowerPoint Presentation
 - ♦ Sectoral agreement can be done under United Declaration of Indigenous People without unification
 - ♦ UNDRIP states we may raise funds by whatever means necessary
 - ♦ Use Sec.35 and UNDRIP to obtain jurisdiction through inherent rights
 - ♦ Research case law on Sec.88

Action: Pit house graphic – Revise to include: declare what kind of law it is (i.e. Customary law or Declaratory law). More sources of law need to be included. Law comes from the land, language and animals. Natural law is a pillar. All our Relations.

Action: Research the story/history of the pit house find out what parts of our being it represents, how it is built in relation to the land, water and constellations.

3. **Research Presentation** – Kelly Connor:

- ♦ **Discussion/Decision:** PowerPoint Presentation (attached)
 - ♦ Statistics for the cost analysis would be better if they were based on community population/membership instead of just on children in care statistics.
 - ♦ Possible to get some statistics through the schools and daycares for communities
 - ♦ Kelly Connor was invited to attend “living off the land” project with Minnie Kenoras to further her research into oral history and traditional laws

4. **Tek'wémiple7 Unit Presentation** – Troy Hunter:

- ♦ **Discussion/Decision:** PowerPoint Presentation
 - ♦ Translation of stories into English may cause the loss of some of the meanings they have when told in Secwepemc.
 - ♦ Ron Ignace would be a good source to discuss methods of extraction on laws from stories to ensure accuracy and integrity

5. **Language** – Amy Sandy:

- ♦ **Discussion/Decision:** PowerPoint Presentation
 - ♦ Language section of project requires more finances to get a translator and ensure that the time required for Elders to discuss the meaning of each word is adequate.

6. **ICP Discussion** – Nancy Sandy:

- ♦ **Discussion/Decision:** Is reviewing information from communities to draft a framework
 - ♦ Treaty negotiations may have already discussed child welfare chapter

ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	TARGET DATE
Draft a political accord between Secwepemc Nation, Provincial and Federal Governments	Doreen	February 10, 2012
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
Draft letter to Minister (MCFD), Deputy Minister (MCFD) and INAC (Shawn requesting a meeting date	Chair of Executive Committee	After May 2, 2011 Done and resent
Work with Delegated Agencies on stats, processes, cost analysis and governance model	Doreen	In progress
Contact SCES for information and stories for Tek'wémple7	Kelly	
Organize Unity Walk/ride/canoe	Kukpi7 Christian/Randy Sam	June 2012
Draft a resolution for Interior Chiefs to mandate political movement for FN's to be involved in resource revenue allocations by the next UBCIC meeting on February 23 and 24	Doreen/Bonnie/ Chiefs	February 22, 2012
Contact Colleen Lebourdais to get on the agenda for the Health Caucus on February 16, 2012	Jody/Doreen	Feb 13, 2012
Presentation at the Health Caucus on Feb 16	Doreen	February 16, 2012
Make a presentation at the Health and Education Conference in Kelowna on March 22 nd /23 rd	Doreen	March 22&23, 2012
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Research the story/history of the pit house find out what parts or our being it represents, how it is built in relation to the land, water and constellations.	Troy	February 20, 2012
Operational Protocol with Delegated Agencies	Doreen	April 6, 2012