

Stsmémelt Project

November 08, 2013 Working Group Meeting Minutes

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shuswap Nation Tribal Council - Kamloops

778-471-8200



Present: Elder Virginia Gilbert, Serena Sampson, Alicia Lebourdais, Andrea Lebourdais, Shawna Sellars, Crystal Camille, Marilyn Camille, Loretta Billy, Councillor Allen Adams, Kelly Louie, Carrie Higginbottom, Secwepemc Child and Family Services Executive Director Ann Kishiyama, Shuswap Nation Tribal Director Bonnie Leonard, Kelly Connor, Project Director Doreen M. Johnson, and Minute Taker: Roxanne Stobie.

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Chair: Crystal Camille

Welcome and Prayer: Elder Virginia Gilbert

1. Agenda

Agenda adopted with addition of Special Report from Representative for Children and Youth – Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond to #5 Directors Report

2. Previous Minutes

Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2013 were adopted with changes.

3. Previous Action Items

ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY AND TIMEFRAME	OUTCOME
To have MCFD legal department review the Protocol Agreement and provide feedback	Doreen M. Johnson Signing Nov 18, 2013	<i>Completed</i>
To have Chief and Council of the 5 Northern Shuswap Bands review the Protocol Agreement and provide feedback	Doreen M. Johnson Did not receive any comments and moved forward with it.	<i>Completed</i>
To provide a template letter for all 17 Bands to put on their own letterhead and copy in the Ministers of AANDC and MCFD, BCAFN, UBCIC, and FN Summit regarding a Response to the FNWC to negotiate a Tripartite for all of BC.	Bonnie Leonard	<i>Completed</i>
Provide a summary of First Nation Wellness Council background and history	Kelly Connor	<i>Completed</i>
Read the Blueprint for Action and present an analysis of document. Analysis could play a role at the Regional Leadership Dialogue October 1.	Doreen M. Johnson	<i>Completed</i>
Work with Delegated Agencies on stats, processes, cost analysis and governance model	Doreen M. Johnson Will meet with Arlene Adie on Nov 29	

To incorporate research from AANDC, Secwepemc communities and Language Council from North and South into the Custom Adoption Process.	Doreen M. Johnson January 10, 2014	
Provide Draft Custom Adoption Process	Doreen M. Johnson January 10, 2014	
To set up meeting AANDC RDG for the Chiefs and Stsmémelt Project Working Group.	Doreen M. Johnson November 14 and 15 in Richmond	
Contact Rebecca Jules Adams Lake Re: her thesis research/work.	Kelly Connor January 10, 2014	
Review Spi7uy Squqluts Language And Culture Society sharing agreement.	Bonnie Leonard January 10 2014	
To bring revised governance structure and development of roles and responsibility for discussion	Doreen M. Johnson Dec 6, 2013	
Discuss with Arlene Adie the Blueprint for Action for input and a means of supporting them.	Doreen M. Johnson November 29, 2013	
17 Bands to provide input to Doreen regarding the Blueprint for Action. The letter addressed to MCFD will point out highlights opposed to and request to be included through meaningful consultation process. Letter to be signed by all 17 Bands and Delegated Agencies.	Bonnie Leonard Have not drafted as of yet. Doreen provided the analysis. Send out as draft prior to ICC Forum. November 12, 2013	
4. Spi7uy Squqluts Language And Culture Society – Secwepemcstin Glossary Sharing Agreement		
Spi7uy Squqluts Language And Culture Society Secwepemcstin Glossary Sharing Agreement attached. The Society requested use of the Project’s glossary for inclusion in its work. Project is willing to share; however, the concern is copyright and ownership.		
<i>Question</i> Will it be online with FirstVoices? A concern is that the information is put on FirstVoices and with their agreement it says that anyone that puts information on their database will continue to own the material yet in another clause it states that the website is the owners of the material. Which trumps what if there is a dispute?		
Bonnie would like to review the document to ensure that the Glossary is protected.		
5. Director’s Report – Doreen M. Johnson		
General information on project activities and upcoming events were presented – Director’s report attached.		
<i>MCFD/5 Northern Band reps/Knucwentwecw Society Commitment Protocol (attached)</i> – The protocol describes how the parties intend to work together. They will meet quarterly to discuss and evaluate the usefulness and applicability of the terms.		
<i>First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council Terms of Reference</i> - Kelly Connor gave a		

brief summary of the Wellness Council attached. Michael Suedfeld, Executive Director, requested SPWG input on the membership section. The membership says 3 Chiefs from each of 5 regions and Chiefs can include (or designates) officials from agencies as required and agreed to. Issues: Chiefs directing a service agency, personal conflict, and accountability and oversight matters could arise.

The *Enhanced Prevention Funding Approach* briefing note (attached) was discussed and is on the agenda for the Indigenous Child and the Centre Forum November 13 and 14, 2013. AANDC will attend Forum to answer questions. Member communities do not appreciate that AANDC met on their behalf without any consultation. BC doesn't know how much funding is going to be released. Research hasn't been undertaken to study the Agreements in other Provinces that have received this funding – is the formula working? What are the positives and the challenges? Delegated Aboriginal Agencies need to be asking these questions and figuring out equitable costing factors that will benefit children and families in our respective territories.

Blueprint for Action – Aboriginal Service Improvements – Analysis of the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) working draft document, released to the Indigenous Approaches group in Penticton in August 2013 (attached). The document addresses a process by which MCFD's Aboriginal Services Branch (ASB) intends to move forward to "improving the outcomes for Aboriginal children, families and communities," strengthening partnerships with delegated agencies, supporting Indigenous Approaches and working with Aboriginal Leaderships that are responsive to the legal and political aspirations of self-government and jurisdiction.

Question: What to do with analysis? Given the Special Report from RCY, we need to sit on this and await for next couple weeks and revisit, did they come up with a new document, they might move forward or develop a different plan

Meeting with Representative for Children and Youth – Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond (RCY) Briefing Note (attached). As a result of the news of the RCY's report, the Indigenous Approaches Initiatives invited Mary Ellen to meet on October 28 to put forward question/key messages for her consideration when developing her Special Report. Unfortunately, the Indigenous Approaches Initiatives were not consulted prior to the Report's release. (*When Talk Trumped Services: A Decade of Lost Opportunity for Aboriginal Children and Youth in BC*, November 2013)

Interior Regional Leadership Dialogue – Summary of October 1, 2013 discussions attached. For information purposes only.

When Talk Trumped Services: A Decade of Lost Opportunity for Aboriginal Children and Youth in BC, November 2013 - *Representative for Children and Youth – Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond* – Her report stems from 2007 and reviews the funds spent on the 5 Regional Aboriginal Authorities, Delegated agencies and Indigenous Approaches Initiatives (IAI). She reports that funds spent by MCFD should have been spent on children in care service delivery and deems that funds spent were wasteful with no end product. This rationale is misleading. The report is suggesting that the IAI work on governance and jurisdiction be discontinued. As a result, future funding may be terminated. We are working diligently to complete the Project's deliverables for this current fiscal year. The Project's contract ended September 30 with a commitment from MCFD to renew at 3 month intervals thus the contract terminates again on

<p>December 31st. If funds are not renewed to March 31st, staff and contractors will be given notice and the Project will wrap up with a final report to communities. The Chiefs are working on a press release to address Mary Ellen's report. The positive is that the report brought the jurisdictional and authority issue to the forefront and that we have to deal with MCFD and AANDC to challenge Section 88 of the Indian Act. As per her recommendation #1 – we can begin to design a framework on jurisdiction and authority with the Attorney General, MCFD and AANDC departments.</p> <p><i>March 2014 Year End Meeting – set location - Tabled to January 10, 2014.</i></p>
<p>6. Community Services Transition Report – Rona Sterling-Collins</p> <p>General information on Facilitator's activities and upcoming training were presented, report attached.</p>
<p>7. Language Report - Doreen M. Johnson</p> <p>Tabled to January 10, 2014.</p>
<p>8. Research Update – Kelly Connor</p> <p>General information on Tek'wémiple7 Research Activities was presented, report attached. <i>Question: How will the CIC statistics work with the cost analysis? This work may not proceed.</i> Doreen and Arlene were supposed to work with the NStQ Treaty group, however; the deadline as per their requirement is not conducive to the Project's.</p>
<p>9. Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Stsmémelt Project Working Group Meeting January 10, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Williams Lake – <i>Set a Meeting place</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Williams Lake Indian Band (Texelc) b. Indigenous Child at the Centre Forum – November 13 and 14 in Richmond BC c. MCFD/Band/Knucwentwecw Society Commitment Protocol signing – November 18 in Williams Lake at the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council office at 11:45 p.m. d. Unity Meeting – December 6 and 7 in Splatsin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Details will be sent out by host community with the focus on treaty. The communities in the treaty process will have presentations on where they are, where they all sit as a unity and collective parties. Everyone welcome to attend.
<p>10. Attachments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spi7uy Squqluts Language And Culture Society Secwepemcstin Glossary Sharing Agreement 2. Director's Report – Doreen M. Johnson 3. MCFD/5 Northern Band reps/Knucwentwecw Society Commitment Protocol 4. Enhanced Prevention Funding Approach briefing note 5. Analysis of the Blueprint for Action – Aboriginal Service Improvements 6. Meeting with Representative for Children and Youth – Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond (RCY) Briefing Note 7. Interior Regional Leadership Dialogue – Summary of October 1, 2013 8. Community Services Transition Report – Rona Sterling-Collins 9. Research Update – Kelly Connor

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 p.m.
 Closing prayer – Elder Virginia Gilbert