

Dan Lyashadaw
Man Lyena
June 10, 2022
10:00 am

Chair

Ruth Massie Fred Koe

Chief and Council

Chief Nicole Tom Deputy Chief Zack Cochrane
Councilor Toni Blanchard Councilor Calvin Charlie
Councilor Tanya Silverfox (Zoom) Councilor ChantelleBlackjack
Youth Councilor Shana Caouette

Elders

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| Florence Washpan | Johnny Sam | Alex Charlie | Alex Skookum |
| Morris Skookum | Debbie Silverfox | Georgie Charlie | Ida Asp |
| Elsie Ayles | Hazel Skookum | Walter Van Fleet | Agnes Charlie |
| Bill Johnnie Sr. | Russel Blackjack | Viola Mullett | Eileen Fields |
| Vera Charlie | Alma Wrixon | Alice Skookum | Angela Johnnie |
| Alice Boland | Bella Bresse | Ted Fairclough | Amy Ekins |
| Mike Vance | Lucy Tom | Tommy Tom | Paul Johnnie |
| Bessie Bill | Irene Blackjack | Wayne Blackjack | |

Citizens

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| Shari Wrixon | Nika Silverfox | George Skookum | Norma Gull |
| Melanie Tourangeau | Cathy Kowalchuk | Doris Johnson | Lauren Skookum |
| Danny Skookum | Crystal Wrixon | Darren Blackjack | Kayla Mintz |
| Andrea Laughlin | Bill Johnnie Jr. | Eric Fairclough | Aislyn Burgess |
| Charmaine Anderson | Rebecca Freeman | Liz Skookum | Douglas Billy |
| Lorraine O'Brien | Helen Sahagian | Kevin Billy | Julie Anderson |
| Jason Anderson | Kallista Roberts | Mervyn Johnson | Nicole Charlie |
| Kerstin Charlie | Susan Charlie | Allen Skookum | Jodie Skookum |
| Kathy Skookum | Benson Billy | Kerri Skookum | Jo-Lene Mullett |
| Andrea Washpan | Maegan Jobin | Marion Skookum | Joshua Albert |
| Roderica Blackjack | Sandra Combs | Cory Bellmore | Claire Baird |
| Danielle Cochrane | David Skookum | Lennie Charlie | Daemon Tracey |
| Siobhan Silverfox | Cindy Charlie | Marcus Skookum | Preston Skookum |
| Trystan Unterschute | Earleen Fields | Jocelyn Skookum | Rylie Gill |
| Roderick Blackjack | | | |

Online

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| Cherish Fairclough | Velma Albert | Kelly Taylor | Selina Siah |
| Willie Blackjack | Janis Silverfox | William Van Fleet | Chantal Rondeau |
| Calista Silverfox | Shannon Lachance | | |

Staff/Guest

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| Jennifer Lee | Jeremy L'Heureux | Donna Smith | Karmen Cozens |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Skookum | Tara Wheeler | Billy Allen | Kelly Skookum |
| Justin Lachance (online) | Fred Green | Ron Gartshore | James Harper |

Opening Prayer and Man Lyena Song: Agnes Charlie

Moderators: Ruth Massie and Fred Koe

Ruth Massie : Ta'an Man – Wolf Clan. She is the former chief of CYFN and the Chief of her First Nation. She has been involved with governance for a long, long time. She is the Chair of the Ta'an Elders council.

Fred Koe: Gwitchin born in Aklavik. Introduced his parents and grandparents. He was a politician for one term, and does a lot of consulting.

Moment of silence for the many citizens that we have lost over the last year.

Fred: Read proposed rules of order for conduct of the assembly

- Meeting shall convene at 9 a.m..
- Quorum for meetings is 35 citizens who are present and participating.
- Quorum will only be required to open the meetings.
- Passing of motions – there must be required quorum .
- A LSCFN citizen may move or second a motion.
- Each speaker shall approach the microphone and give his/her name.
- No citizen should speak unless he/she is recognized by the chair. Each person can speak for up to 5 min.
- The discussion on a motion may be terminated by the chair once they have decided it has been answered.
- Any motion made can be withdrawn.
- A motion or resolution may be passed by consensus. 75% majority is required when it is not consensus.
- No alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed at the assembly.
- No personal attacks will be allowed. He/she will be asked to leave the assembly.
- In camera, only LSCFN citizens may remain.
- May elect and appoint a sergeant at arms.

Moved by Cathy Kowalchuk

Seconded by Bella Bresse

Appointment of Sergeant of Arms –

Nomination for George Skookum – does not accept.

Nomination for Zackery Cochrane – accepted the nomination. Zack has volunteered to be Sergeant at Arms.

Ruth Massie: Read Draft Agenda

Amendments: Rules of Order

Appointment of Sergeant at Arms

2021 General Assembly

Asked three times to accept agenda as submitted.

Moved by Billy Van Fleet

Seconded by Ida Asp

Any objection (asked three times)

Passed by consensus

Coordinator: Elizabeth Skookum-Hawkins

- K'ame Soathan
- Great staff working
- Head cook: Sharon Silverfox
- Cooks: Melissa Tulk, Marissa Blackjack, Krista Hartling, Erin Mitchell
- Cooks Helpers: Taleen Silverfox, Dacia Tulk, Taylor Silverfox
- Labourer: Amanda Billy, Blaine Blackjack, Rossy Skookum, Tyrus Silverfox, Julius Skookum
- Elder Care: Claire Baird, Annie Washpan
- Covid Cleaner: Jodie Skookum
- Daycare: Shannon Reid
- Daycare workers: Jessica Staples, Janesta Blackjack, Talaya Charlie, Alayna Hartling
- Servers: Tyanna Skookum, Jada Wheeler, Alexis Fields-Birckel, Kelise Fields-Birckel, Casey-McKay Tisiga, Eva Morgan-Skookum, Olivia Van Heel
- Events Coordinator: Kayla Mintz
- Coordinator Assistant: Cody Cashin
- Driver: Eddie Skookum

If you have any questions or need anything, please track down a staff member.

Resolution Committee:

Nominations or volunteers:

Eileen Fields – I would like to nominate Julianne Anderson - accepted nomination.

Cathy Kowalchuk – nominate Lorraine O'Brien - accepted nomination

Moved by Bella Bresse

Seconded by Nika Young

Any objection (asked two times)

Motion passed with consensus

Chief Nicole Tom – introduced self in Northern Tutchone

Welcome Tage Cho Hudan to the 2022 Dan Lyashadaw. Thank you to the administrators and Directors. As a recap to the previous General Assemblies that this Chief and Council have had, we look to the messages that we have heard. The first General Assembly was that of lateral kindness and the call to the people to join us in practicing our traditional values of caring, sharing, teaching and respect. It has made an impact on how people react to one another. I want to thank the community for putting an effort and adhering to our values.

At the second General Assembly, we hear the message on addressing sexualized crimes and the calls to action on the substance use crisis. We asked for the community to work together and we know that these issues have not been solved and more hard work is needed. We know that these issues are not easy to talk about but we know that we have to in order to break the cycle for future generations.

I would like to address the assembly about breaking cycles. We have many cycles that have been handed down to us as a result of colonialism and settler infiltration. These cycles come in many forms: lateral violence, alcohol and drug abuse, sexual assault, culture and traditional loss and land displacement. We work hard as parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, and relatives on breaking the cycles for the children we love. We make a decision in our hearts and our minds to do the best for them. We teach the children:

- that it is not ok to talk and gossip,
- that it is not ok for anyone to touch their private parts,
- that it is not ok to be neglected or damaged from substance abuse,
- that it is not ok to lose our language, songs, stories and dance.

We would like to take out elders words so that all the children of Carmacks can once again speak in the Native way – so they can learn the people's language. Let's put forth effort and resources into guiding our future generations.

This year we would like to put forward a declarations of emergency on the Northern Tutchone language. We are now in a state of extinction. We can no longer find speakers to interpret at the General Assembly and we no longer have elders who require this service. I have lost my language even though I did have Grandma Susie speak to me in the language when I saw her. My mother understands but does not speak the language. Thank you to Amy Ekins, Grace Wheeler, Bella Bresse, Ragene Blackjack and Dawnette Baker for teaching my children. These women have been integral in maintaining our language. My children are now my teachers and they hold the language power to continue into fluency. We must work together to break the cycle of our Northern Tutchone language that has been taken from us. I would like to thank Agnes Charlie, Alma Wrixon and Eileen Fields for actively working to learn and teach their language. I would like to thank all of our elders, citizens, youth and children who have done their part to hold their language knowledge.

I would like to introduce our youth Northern Tutchone language learner, Nika Young. Nikka has been working toward becoming fluent.

Mussi cho to all the citizens who are here today participating in governance. Mussi cho to Cathy and Liz, Gunta Staff and the G.A. Staff – Liz, Kayla, Cooks, labourers and drivers.

Nika Young – introduced self in Northern Tutchone

Good morning everyone. My name is Nika Young and I do not have a First Nation Name. I am from the wolf clan and I live in Whitehorse. I work for the Yukon Native Language Centre. It has been the most incredible experience of my life; it has saved my life. Learning the language has given me the confidence to speak to people, to reconnect and to teach others. My biggest plea to everyone today is to please learn the language. This is the most important thing. I have 18 co-workers and I am the only Northern Tutchone learner as a youth. This deeply frightens me because this is what extinction looks like - when one youth is the only one picking it up. I would like to acknowledge Eileen Fields here today. She is an incredible woman who has been helping me learn my language. Mussi Eileen. It is important that I cannot be the only youth. My biggest dream would be for everyone to learn our language and to be able to converse and have conversations.

I am also part of the Yukon First Nation Climate Action Fellowship where we are learning to reconnect. When you are disconnected from your language, culture and your people, you don't really care what is going on in our world. When you reconnect, you care.

I would like to ask for people to please be kind. Learning a language is incredibly difficult. I have faced a lot of backlash from people but I have also had a lot of encouragement. So, please be kind to the learners. We are breaking the cycles. I don't do this for myself. I do this for all of you, and the children of tomorrow. It has been an incredibly fulfilling, soul-fulfilling journey. I have never been more happy in my life but at the same time, I am deeply worried that this is what extinction is. We need more language learners to come forward. We need more people to take that next step. I truly mean it when I say it has saved my life. We need as many youth to come back to learn and speak the language.

Ruth Massie:
Read the declaration:

Declaration of
the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation

Recognizing:

That the Northern Tutchone language is an essential part of our culture and our identity as Indigenous People; and

That we have the inherent right to maintain, strengthen and promote our language and culture; and

That our right and authority to do so are affirmed by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Indigenous People, entrenched in the Constitution of Canada, and recognize in our Self-Government Agreement with Canada and Yukon; and

That we presently are in danger of losing our Northern Tutchone language forever, and we do not wish to do so; and

That, under our First Nation's Constitution, all Citizens have the responsibility to maintain our traditions and ensure that our language is protected;

Therefore we, the Citizens of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, gathered together in General Assembly at Airport Lake in our Traditional Territory this 9th day of June, 2022, do hereby declare that:

1. We recognize the Northern Tutchone language as an official language of the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation.
2. We wish to restore widespread fluency in the Northern Tutchone language among our Citizens as soon as practicable.
3. We strongly encourage each other, and all Citizens, to participate personally and actively in the revitalization of our language, and call upon our Government to enable and support those efforts, so that our Northern Tutchone language can continue with vibrancy through our future generations.

WHEREAS we presently are in danger of losing our Northern Tutchone language forever, and we do not wish to do so;

THEREFORE we, the Citizens of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, gathered together today in General Assembly, do hereby adopt the Declaration attached as Annex A to this Resolution,

Moved by Nikka Young
Seconded by Cherish Fairclough

Open for discussion

Eileen Fields – K’ame Soathan. I support the declaration. I feel that it is really important. I want to ask that the funding be secure before we take this step. We have plenty of silent listeners and speakers. It means we can understand the language but we can’t speak it because of trauma of residential school. The language was taken away when we were 4 years old. That is why there is no parenting skills. Our parents lost the responsibility to look after us. Please make sure the funding is in place so that this is open and a safe road for everybody. We hold that language in our heart. It is there strong - we hear it because that was our first language. Make sure the money is there.

Chief Tom – Mussi Cho Eileen. The General Assembly report does have the allocation of costs towards the declaration for the language. The first year has \$200 071, \$410 000 in second year. There are also dollars set aside in a reserve account for the revitalization of the language.

Eileen Fields – I am glad to hear that the funding is there. I just want to know where the money is coming from. This is a big initiative and I don’t want to take away from other departments. I want to see my mom and dad be proud as well as everyone else’s parents and grandparents that the language that was taken from us is being restored.

Chief Tom - Federal Transfer Agreement dollars are coming in for the language. The other reserve came out of a resolution from a General Assembly. The declaration allows Chief and Council to funnel funds towards revitalization of our language. It allows us to pass a declaration. It allows us to say that we are in a state of extinction and we are looking for resources.

Selina Siah – I grew up living off reserve and out of territory. I am glad to see this language survival being put forth. I do hope that off reserve citizens and members are included in this because I grew up learning a different language because there was no outreach. I feel it is important to get back to my roots and people. I hope that there is lessons or Zoom for us as well to learn and participate.

88 people in attendance

Any opposition (asked three times)

Decision: Passed by Consensus

Adoption of minutes from the 2021 General Assembly minutes.

Moved by George Skookum

Seconded by Cathy Kowalchuk

Floor is now open for comments.

Hazel Skookum – we just got the minutes handed to us this morning and we do not have time to review. We just need time to review it.

Fred Koe: You are making a recommendation to move this to Sunday allowing time for citizens to review the minutes.

Elder Councilor Shirley Bellmore

Good morning. It is Kolton's 12th birthday today. I'd like to wish him a happy birthday. I am the elder councilor. My portfolio is Implementation. We do know what goes on the other departments. I have had 2 Elder meetings – one in October and one in March. The elders weren't sure what their role was in Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation. They are the advisory body to the council. We make recommendations to Chief and Council. Everyone on council can have a say. We have had a lot of Chief and Council meetings – every Monday. Once a month, we have an open mic. where any citizen can come forward. That meeting is the second Tuesday of the month. Elders are concerned about the drugs and alcohol in our community, and the loss of language in our community. Things are being set up. I still sit on the D-team. We had a quick meeting yesterday. We would like to work together for the Aunties and Uncles retreat. The uncles retreat will be in Minto. I sit on the Mining group which we just started up again. We need these meetings so that we know what is going on in our traditional territory. The aunties retreat is on July 22-24th at Minto. The uncles retreat is August 5-7.

Deputy Chief Zackery Cochrane

Thank everyone for joining us at our very special 25th annual General Assembly. I am happy that we are able to come together at Airport Lake. We have been working hard toward providing the best services possible for our citizens.

We have rebuilt the Internal mining Committee – It's main focus is to ensure that Chief and Council are always informed and up to date on important mining files, and that the Lands and Resources is provided guidance and recommendations. The members are : Chief Nicole Tom, Elder Councilor Shirley Bellmore, Wolf Councilor Calvin Charlie, Jennifer Lee, Eric Fairclough, Fred Green, Ashley Brown and Jillian Chown.

There is a new Housing Committee as per direction of the General Assembly. The committee has been provided with a new Terms of Reference. The members are Daemon Tracey (chair), Desiree Blackjack (Secretary), Billy Van Fleet (Returning Member), Allen Skookum, Joyce Gage and Shauna Byers (alternate).

The children of our community are, and always have been, the upmost concern for myself and I can assure you that the issues regarding the education file are being dealt with in the most proficient manner possible. Several concerns have been brought forward throughout this school year and we have been working with Minister Jeanie McLean, Deputy Minister Nicole Morgan, Superintendent Paul McFayden. We have discussed past incidents and how to implement procedures that will ensure the education and safety of the children (and staff) at the school.

We have also been continuously working to incorporate our Indigenous ways of Sharing, Caring, Teaching and Respect into their lives and education. We look forward to seen our traditional

values of coming together and working with one another for the betterment of the people. We want to show all those affected by goings-on at the school this year that we hear you and we are doing the best that we can to address the matters at hand.

In response, the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation has temporarily opened the Hats'edan Ku School located at the Heritage Hall on May 24th until the end of the school year on June 9th for parents who wanted a safer alternative solution to the current education at Tantalus School.

We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Institute for Indigenous Self-Determination (IISD) in the Yukon. The purpose of the MOU is to set out a non-binding understanding among Yukon University, Council of Yukon First Nations and Yukon First Nations to the possible formation of an institute for indigenous self-determination. The purpose of the institute will be to support research and engage learning for IISD in the Yukon through collaborative capacity building.

The intent is to build an institute to substantially increase human capacity for engagement in First Nation Governments through education, training and mentorship and to attract research investments that explore the understanding of indigenous self-determination. The principle of this will be – “Looking back to look forward”.

We have reignited meeting with Nacho Nyak Dan and Selkirk First Nation to breathe new life into the Northern Tutchone Council. The goal is to work together to develop a regional land use plan, and to revitalize the Northern Tutchone Language within our shared traditional territory.

Congratulations to all of our citizens that have worked incredibly hard to achieve, and complete their grade 12 education, post-secondary education, and training programs. Every year our citizens work hard in developing new skills. This makes me realize how bright our future is.

We have many new employment opportunities that will be available soon. For those of you that are looking for employment – make sure you check regularly. If any citizen or staff would like to talk or have concerns, I am generally in my office. I take all concerns brought forward to me seriously and approach any matter with fairness, respect, and confidentiality.

Crow Councilor Chantelle Blackjack – introduced herself in Northern Tutchone.

I would like to acknowledge our administration – they have been working very hard at implementing our strategic plan. Thank you to our directors, our Executive Director and staff. Without you, our Strategic Plan would not move forward. I would like to acknowledge all of our graduates. Education is very important to me and I love to see our people move forward with education. Our First Nation has been very busy revitalizing programs and moving forward.

In regards to citizen concerns, I do respond to citizens. I reside in Whitehorse and I want to acknowledge Julianne Anderson as our new office staff in Whitehorse. I look forward to working with her to offer programs to our citizens in Whitehorse. I would like to acknowledge July 21, 1997 we signed our Self Government Agreement. This GA marks our 25th anniversary as a Self-governing First Nation. I would like to thank the leadership of the day, the negotiators,

and our trail blazers. Without them and the sacrifices that they made, we would not be here today. A big Mussi cho to the people who went before us.

As of today, we declared a language emergency. I see before us some of our fluent speakers. I stand before you in sincere gratitude for all of your work and effort to ensure that our language survived and that you are able to teach us. I was fortunate to have fluent grandparents who spoke the language and I was exposed to the language at a young age. I can hear it and understand but unfortunately, I cannot speak it. Thank you to elder Agnes - fluent, Elder Alice – fluent,.

Thank you to our citizens for your support and guidance. I hope that we as a council can fulfill the direction that you give us.

Wolf Councilor Calvin Charlie – introduced himself in Northern Tutchone

I am grateful to have these meeting on the land. I want to thank all the coordinators, workers and staff that got everything ready.

I sit on the Internal Mining committee.

I attended 3 CYFN Leadership meeting.

I sit on the committee for IRP – Internet hub – which is working towards providing another internet service to the Yukon. It will be a non-profit organization and will be a free service to the public.

I will be partaking in negotiations for funding in Ottawa.

I make myself available for citizens, participate in meetings and am available for signatures as needed.

Mussi Cho

Crow Councilor Toni Blanchard – introduced herself in Northern Tutchone

Welcome to our 25th General Assembly. It's nice to gather once again. We have been very busy with meetings and attending events since the last General Assembly in September. We have an open mic night once a month if you have any comments, concerns or questions for Chief and Council or Director or if you just want to visit. Watch for postings for dates and times. We have met with many officials since September. We strive to adhere to our traditional values and hold up our constitution when meeting with officials.

Our 25th anniversary on signing our agreement will be on July 21st at the Heritage hall.

Mussi cho to our staff, the General Assembly workers and the cooks who make our weekend possible. Thank you to Gunta for making it possible for our citizens who are far able to attend. We have a lot of work ahead of us. I look forward to working with Chief and Council ,staff and citizens.

Wolf Councilor Tanya Silverfox – introduced herself in Northern Tutchone.

I would like to congratulate our Youth Councilor, Shana Caouette for the taking the red road and making a decision to live a healthy lifestyle for herself and her family. Shana and Kyle have been sober for 2 years!

We have been very busy, hiring our Executive Director, Jennifer Lee who has been working very hard for our team. A big mussi cho to Jennifer for all the work that she has done so far.

It's been a long 1.5 years but it has been long in a good way. It feels like we have done quite a bit. We have all been through a lot as a council and as a community, but with the support of each other it makes moving forward in a good way possible.

Mussi cho to the citizens and community for providing support and being so truthful even when it hurts a little. It helps us to grow even more in a good way.

We have been told many times that change is hard and breaking trail, breaking cycles is also hard but if we all work together we can move forward in a good way especially with the way the world is moving these days.

Mussi cho for having patience with us, teaching us, guiding us and having patience and supporting us our traditional values of caring, sharing, respect and teaching.

Youth Councilor, Shana Caouette – introduced herself in Northern Tutchone

I would like to welcome all citizens, elders and youth to the 2022 General Assembly. Despite the many set back in the last year, we have accomplished many of the goals that we have set for the youth. I have travelled to many First Nation communities to view their cultural centres to help find ideas for developing our own cultural centre.

I wasn't able to provide as much opportunities for the youth, however, we did provide an excellent drum making workshop. The pride that the youth showed after the completion of their drums was remarkable. We also worked on developing interest in traditional hand games with some practice sessions.

While on Chief and Council, I have learned a great deal, gained experience in partaking of council duties. I encourage all of our youth to challenge themselves in the same manner to take on the duty as Youth Councilor as it is a great opportunity to learn our methods of governance. It is a great leadership role. As a youth, you are essential for building a brighter future for our First Nation.

This is my last General Assembly as Youth Councilor as I am ageing out. I will continue to be a great role model for the youth and help guide the Youth Councilor. I appreciate being given this opportunity and I look forward to taking on a leadership role again in the future.

Ruth Massie – I invite any citizens to make comments at this time.

Hazel Skookum – With the reports from each of the councilors, there was no chance for feedback after they were done.

I had a question for the Elder Councilor. I wanted to know about Elder policies. If there is anything in place or if they are working on it? I also wanted to know about consultation meetings with the citizens on a monthly basis to address issues.

I know that a few years back there were recovering the Child Tax back from families and I know that YTG reimbursed their families but the First Nation didn't reimburse.

Elder Council, Shirley Bellmore

We could give you a copy of the constitution for the Elder's section. You can read it and if you need to have it explained to you, we could explain it to you. If you want to know more about what is happening, you could come to the once a month open mic. at the Heritage Hall.

Hazel Skookum

I would like to see a written policy in place that you can access online.

Elder Councilor, Shirley Bellmore

Agreed.

Chief Nicole Tom

We are in the process of hiring an Elders' Coordinator and we have also re-convened the Elder's Council. We haven't worked on a policy yet but perhaps your idea can come forward with those supports that are being put in place for elders.

We do have an open mic. night which is the second Monday of every month. We do put postings out and we do invite everybody to come. Chief and Council and Directors are at this meeting. As for consultation, each department has consultations that they do with citizens and they follow a guideline to report back to the citizenship.

Councilor Tanya Silverfox

Mussi cho Hazel for your questions. I'd like to touch on your comment about the SA clients and Child Tax Benefits. I got a report from our acting Finance Director that those fees have actually been paid out to the citizens that were affected about 3 years ago.

Selina Siah

I was wondering if the MMIWG program is supported by Chief and Council? I grew up off reserve and that wasn't my choice as I was taken away as a small child. It did sever my knowledge and ties of my Northern Tutchone culture. I am so glad to see so many other programs being implemented now to help re-connect for the ones that do live off reserve. When I did inquire during times of Covid, I asked if there was any help, and the reply that I got was go to your local friendship centre. I have gone there and there reply was go back to your First Nation because they do get money for you. I have not received help at all.

Chief Tom

MMIWG – we definitely support the MMIWG. We did pass a resolution at a previous GA that helped guide us and direct us to support MMIWG as well as the declaration that was signed in Yukon. Toni Blanchard has been taking the lead in this. She has brought forward some programs for healing and for support.

For Covid and Covid support, we did have monies that we received from the Federal Government. I don't know what the restrictions were surrounding it. We had chosen to hand out equal portions of those dollars. I am not sure if you were on the list, or if we have your correct mailing address. We can follow up with you on that.

I know that you have expressed that you were not raised on the traditional territory. I do want to mention that there are no reservations in Yukon. So, we don't speak to on/off reserve. We are a First Nation not a band. It would be a "signed Self-Government First Nation and on/off Traditional Territory.

Eileen Fields

I really don't agree with the open mic. on a Monday night because there are some citizens that cannot make it because they work. If you are going to have a meeting, you need to have it face to face and we need to express our concerns. It is hard to express at an open mic. when most of the Chief and Council aren't there.

The FTA dollars cover the citizens. We have citizens that live outside of Yukon, outside of Carmacks and if one citizen is given support, I think that should open up to every citizen. It needs to be fair. If we are a Self-Governing First Nation it needs to apply to everybody. I have been dealing with one client that lives in Whitehorse. I was turned over to 4 different departments. This is our elder and we should be supporting our elder.

When a Chief and Council go for support, they look everywhere for a vote. They ask for your vote. So when those citizens come to you for your support you need to help them. It needs to be for every citizen. You need to be fair and you need to find a way to do it.

Chief Tom

Thank you Eileen. We share the same thoughts on that issue and we have been working really hard to work around it. The portions that we did get, we chose to divide that up equally (Covid dollars). As per the elder, we should look into that and it speaks to what Hazel was talking about with a policy and that would clarify for everyone. That will be some work for our new Elder's Coordinator to be working on. We do know that we need improvement in that area.

As for the open mic. night, we know that we are not going to get everybody all the time. It is every second Monday and we do have all of Chief and Council who are in attendance. We are working at getting the Zoom up and running in the Heritage Hall. The directors are also all there in attendance.

Eileen Fields

I do want to bring forward my concern as a resolution to make a policy that every citizen is supported equally across the board regardless of where they live. If they go to an office down where they live and directed back because they're LSCFN citizens then we need to help them. I would like to see a resolution made.

Ruth Massie

We will refer that to the resolution committee. Chief and Council will have to speak to the Implementation and Finance departments for that financial obligation.

Billy Van Fleet – introduced self in Northern Tutchone

I listened to all the reports from Chief and Council and you keep using initials. You are throwing a bunch of initials (IRP, MMIWG) at people and people don't know what they mean. We have citizens from outside the territory and they don't know what you are talking about. So, when you throw those initials out, be sure to explain what they are.

Viola Mullett, Implementation Manager – introduced herself in Northern Tutchone

It's been a very difficult 2 & 1/2 years especially during COVID times. What hurt the most was that we didn't have a chance to get together and socialize. There were many mental health issues that we are still dealing with. We have lost many people over this period of time and it has been very sad for many of us. Today, I am happy to be here to see some faces of our wonderful people, and it is nice to hear some fantastic music from the "Coalminer's Daughter", Norma. That was excellent and a really nice break.

There have been some changes in the department. Tanya who used to work with me now the director of Health and Social. I am the only one in Carmacks who works on this file along with Jim Harper and Mark Nelson.

The Fiscal Transfer Agreement which is an agreement with the government of Canada to transfer monies to our First Nation. It is our core funding for a 5 year period. We enter into negotiations to prepare for a renewal for the Fiscal Transfer Agreement. We are in the third year of a five year cycle. This agreement provides us with block funding. These agreements come into our First Nation and it is up to Council on how the dollars are spent. We are held accountable to our people and we account to the Government of Canada through an audit. There is some discussion about how the dollars are arrived at. It used to be based on us as an Indian Act band but have since negotiated our funding and it has substantially increased.

With that funding, some of it is in our agreements that the funding is for citizens living within the Yukon Territory. There is only 1 pot of funding that is provided for citizens beyond the Yukon Territory and that is Post-Secondary Education. The First Nation has been working hard at providing services to our citizens that live outside of Carmacks and extending it to Whitehorse sporadically over the years and hopefully it will increase to something more stable. For our citizens that live within other communities we have a reciprocal arrangement where we bill back for services provided and vice versa when citizens from another First Nation reside in Carmacks. Jim, Mark and I work on all the fiscal files. Mark has provided a report. He works with the fiscal policy table. We haven't been able to travel but he has participated by zoom but have started some in person meetings. The big meeting has been on culture, language and heritage. Given the declaration that was passed earlier this morning, a lot of work has gone into costing these plans.

Karmen has put a lot of work on the language speakers program in a 2 year period. This work needs to continue so that we can build fluent speakers. It will be ongoing for quite a few years. We need a lot of money to do these programs. Over the years, we have received a lot of money and that money has been kept aside for running of the new program.

In the last fiscal year, we have received money for:

1. Water and Wastewater Enhancement Amendment – to further support LS/CFN's operation and maintenance of community water and wastewater systems. It is a specified amount of funding for 21/22 - \$207 658.
2. Skills and Employment and Training Amendment - this is Shari's program \$108 802 for 21/22 Fiscal year.
3. Infrastructure Amendment for Housing - specified funding for a three year period. 21/22 - \$1.239 million, 22/23 - \$1.544 million, and 23/24 - \$2.368 million for housing programs, services and local government. Canada has also committed to providing \$1.2 million for the 24/25 fiscal year.
4. Post-secondary – 21/22 fiscal year - 127 718 dollars for education programs and services – for specified period funding.
5. Indigenous Languages – Specified funding over 2 years for the preservation and revitalization of the Northern Tutchone language. 21/22 - \$271 948 and 22/23 - \$410 352. It is a huge increase in funding for languages. People are concerned where we are going to get these dollars. These dollars are in our FTA and in the future we expect more money.
6. Child and Family Services - we did get a huge increase in funding in response to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. \$2 689 480 for 21/22 fiscal year. This is also period specified funding. The First Nation developed an action plan to support First Nation child welfare. A plan will be developed to decide how to spend this money. In the Canadian

Human Rights Tribunal we have been receiving a lot of funding. We need to plan for it and provide the best services possible for our citizens.

7. Infrastructure Amendment # 2 – specified period of funding for local services. Jeremy L’Heureux – under housing. There amount was for \$38, 979.
8. Health Programs Amendment # 2 - dollars for 22/23 and 23/24
 - FASD
 - Home and Community Care
 - National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy
 - Maternal Child Health
 - Children’s Oral Health Initiative
 - Mental Wellness
 - Palliative Care
 - Tobacco

We are working on another proposed stage 1 Capital and programs and services FTA amendment that deals with the operation and maintenance and life cycle of our assets which includes community buildings, roads and vehicles.

The Government of Canada – announced funding for Indigenous Governance that includes housing. The work is ongoing at the fiscal policy table on how this money will be distributed. There is still a lot of work to be done before these dollars are realized in our budget.

Jim Harper

Thank you for inviting me to report. What we do is called the fiscal relationship. This is how we find the money for you to run your government, to run services, to look after the land. There are dollars flowing in to support your government. With the signing of the Self-Government Agreement (SGA) we changed the relationship. We are no longer an Indian band where we are a ward of the government. Our financial base is the Financial Transfer Agreement. This is meant to be in place for a 5-year term. The parties identify the financial capacity that you need to conduct your governance. This is the anchor for the resources that you have to work with.

The amendment money incoming was an additional \$2 million. There is about 15.5 million which is more than previous years. We think that there is additional money coming in by way of FTA amendments. We are working with Canada and other First Nations on the amendments. Vi and I have been working on this for many years. We anticipate there will be additional money coming in 22/23. We have had a substantial increase in FTA dollars for languages. I am impressed that you already had a discussion and had a language declaration. It will be expensive and we will continue to look for dollars.

We have complained for years that the way the money was put together initially did not adequately take into account the money you need to spend for infrastructure. We have been campaigning since 2010 and we now have an FTA pending. We always keep an eye on the federal budget.

The Feds indicated that there would be a chunk of money available to you as a Self-Governing First Nation supporting infrastructure over a period of 4 years. That is going to total about 5 million. In the budget of 2022 - The Feds announced 565 million for housing. We have been talking about how money should come to each of the First Nations. This will be over a 5 year period. The Feds will be looking to see how that money is going to be spent. The council will be meeting in the fall to see how this money will be spent.

Whether it is because of the opioid crisis or because of the Human Rights Tribunal, the Feds are making available more money to address some of these social issues. There is a lot of money out there now. One of our tasks is see how much of that we can build into our base. We got over 2 million retroactively to January of 2016 and there is an ongoing amount that is 500 thousand dollars. We can bring in the money with some flexibility and it is up to you to decide what to do with it.

There is another amendment in addition to housing based on a fed mandate – on original money that was put into the FTA for community capital facilities and operations and maintenance. We spent a lot of time trying to get an agreement as to what would be the list of assets that we are talking about. This arrangement can bring in about 1.7 million.

This fiscal relationship is continually evolving and continually pushing to get proper levels of financial resources. When there are announcements for federal money we try to get some of it.

Taxes are another source of revenue for Little Salmon. You are required to pay taxes as part of your Final Agreement and 95% of it comes back to you. We think that we are not getting all of it.

Resource Revenue sharing – if there are monies that are going out as royalties on natural resources, we should have a share of it. The sharing provisions are very narrow and don't result in much. Yukon has agreed to explore this.

I first met Viola in 96/97 and it has been a real pleasure working with her and her support staff. Vi is one of the people who consistently worked hard on how to best implement our Self-Government Agreement and how to build ourselves in our own way. It takes that kinds of time and attention to keep this going. We still have to fight daily for recognition as a Government. It can take ages for things to filter down. Thank you Vi for all your assistance.

Viola Mullett

When we signed off in 97 – we got approximately 3 million and now we get 5 or 6 times that amount. We get approximately 17 million. There are big things ahead of us like language revitalization.

Fred Koe

Are there any questions?

Elections Act - Viola Mullett

The Standing Committee started working on the elections act. We had begun consultations a number of years ago with people, with Council, Elder's Council and Youth Council. Then the pandemic hit and we had to put things on hold. It took a couple of years and we are gathered together again and can once again begin work. We do have a draft.

Things that have been brought forward to Youth and Elders council, and have not been forgotten. It has been so long that we have to consult again with Youth and Elders' Council, Chief and Council and with our citizens. The Standing Committee will meet again to finalize a schedule for meetings. Our consultations will begin in the fall and we hope to have a final draft for the next assembly.

Jim Harper

For this assembly next year, we need to have a draft for the assembly. We have a rolling draft that will need to be adjusted. The intention is to give them a Northern Tutchone name. What is the process that you want for choosing your leaders? How should it be operate and make sure that it is fair.

Fred Koe – any questions?

Viola

Standing Committee – Joy O'Brien (Chair), Isabelle Bresse, Ida Asp, Billy Van Fleet, Doris Johnson and Alma Wrixon. They have faithfully attended the meetings and have had many complex conversations. Jim Harper is our legal counsel. We met recently last week and will meet again after the Assembly.

Health and Social Building Fuel spill file – took many years to complete.. As of today, all of it has now been remediated. The final report has now gone forward to the Government of Yukon and Environment.

Specific Claims - Myself, Mark Nelson and Kate Blumfield work on this file for a number of years. We did meet with officials in Ottawa and rather than deal with the specific claims tribunal, which was very limited. There are things like the huge amount of damage at Little Salmon – IR # 10 (plowing of graves over the bank into Yukon River, the transmission line, the road that was put into Little Salmon) Tsawlnjik subdivision – IR # 11 – some of those lands were alienated over time, IR # 12 where the current LSCFN Administration, Health and Social, and Daycare buildings are as well as some residences– the atrocities occurred in our history. We used to live on the other side and when settlers moved into our community the white settlers wanted that side for commercial use so they moved people, bulldozed their homes with promises build homes. I remember when they first installed electricity it was bare bulbs and no running water. We have certainly advanced since then.

One thing that bothered me, an elder that went to residential school and came home, he went to where his home was and it wasn't there. He didn't know where his family was. The homes had been bulldozed as they were making way for white residential housing. He eventually reconnected to his family. He had moved into the place where the Catholic Church was. The Catholic Church came in saying that God wanted this land. He was upset, but thought about it for a long time and decided that if God wanted it he would give it up. He then moved to just below the Coalmine. The government decided that they wanted that land too to build a road. They bulldozed his home again. His brother's wife was in the other cabin and they didn't bulldoze it but he was at least able to negotiate for them to move the cabin. This part of our history and that is why it became part of our specific claims. During the negotiations, we were not able to address these horrific grievances. The specific claims is to address these specific issues. I wanted to give some background on that but I also wanted to say we will be holding consultations on this. We will be working out a schedule. For those folks who are interested in learning more about the history, please come out to the consultation.

Ron Gartshore, Carmacks Development Corporation

My name is Ron Gartshore. I am the CEO for Carmacks Development Corporation. Lauren Skookum and Desiree Blackjack are handing out a couple of documents. I am honoured to work and live among the lands of LSCFN. I want to recognize the Elders and leaders, committees, management, the people and the children. It is an honor to be here.

On the front page of our brochure, someone said what are you doing for our citizens? We spent 125 days getting ready for the Pelly Construction camp. We worked out an arrangement with Pelly Construction and we had 14 LSCFN citizens working and they are hard workers. Part of our jobs is to incubate business – we don't have to own it. We work with Ken Roberts and Mike Sam on construction and everybody is so busy.

We partner with Ryan Billy who is the majority owner of G & R catering. We worked with Mount Nansen last year with a couple of hundred thousand dollars with the camp. This year with the camp and catering division, we will do between 2 and 2.5 million dollars which is a lot of employment, training and profit. Pelly Construction has a 65 unit camp. A lot people have said that it should be CDC and Selkirk Development Corporation that build the road and get the contracts and not be a little player. We are negotiating with 2 different companies one of which is Pelly Construction.

New days, new horizons – we have an independent board appointed by the shareholders (Chief and Council). We have 4 board of directors – Shannon Lachance, Sheila Garvice (Chair), Bernice Blattman (Treasurer) , and Cory Bellmore who has been with the Development Corporation for longer than a decade.

As of July 1st, we take over the Carmacks Centre which includes the Tatchun Centre and Carmacks Hotel with Northern Vision Development. We are excited on the potential and we will make a good deal of money for CDC and make many opportunities for the community.

A year ago, we had the old CDC centre. We have re-done the floor and re-painted the outside. We are negotiating to have fuel at the CDC. We have the fuel at the Hotel Carmacks. The price in the past was .10 over Whitehorse and now it is only .05 over. Our prices will be comparable to Whitehorse when we have our cardlock.

The Carmacks Hotel is a major investment. Over the next 12 months, revenue will be higher and we expect 9 to 10 million dollars a year. There will be challenges. We will be looking for changes over time. Discussion has come up over the lounge and bar and whether we have a restaurant in there. We want to be responsible and set a higher standard for the community so that there is less issues. Dicron, the manager, has been installed into the Canadian basketball hall of fame. He wants to work with the young children with basketball.

We are one of the 14 First Nations to purchase the whole infrastructure of the fibre lines. There will be financial benefit on an annual basis.

We are looking at feasibilities. We are looking at a portable cement plant to be used in the three regions. There will be some exciting opportunities in the future.

If you don't have visions and hopes for the future, nothing will happen. I want to recognize the people over the last 30 years that have had those visions. We have a multi-million dollar camp at Pelly Construction. We need training for heavy equipment, for barbers and chefs. Yukon University is working with us. I was speaking with Jennifer Byrom and she was saying that this would be a good place for a Northern Tutchone Institute of Technology in cooperation with Yukon University. We have lots of dreams and ideas.

We have finished the second 6 plex and looking at a small 8plex – where the average rent for a 1 bedroom is \$800. There is such a need for housing in the community. We have a red seal carpenter and we are apprenticing a LSCFN citizen. We hire people and hire equipment locally. We have a good team. We have some good partnerships – some bring in a bit of money and others will bring in much more.

Training – we have a summer student program with the help of LSCFN and the government. We are hoping to hire young people. There are lots of jobs available. Skid steer operations, and flagging are some jobs that are available.

Carmacks bypass – 3 year project. – catering , fuel supply, training with LSC citizens. There is a camp out at the Casino Way-go out and drop off your resume. Bring your resume to CDC as well. There are great opportunities right now.

Mt Nansen -24/25,25/26,26/27 are the years that there will be lots happening.

We will start talking about the bigger plans – where the community want to go. IF LSCFN and its Development Corporation don't exercise their rights, then they don't have any rights.

EAVOR Yukon – came to the First Nation a couple of years ago about Thermal Energy. They thought it was better in the Teslin area. They have now returned to LSC territory. We will be

working out a deal with EAVOR. We will be getting a good business deal. EAVOR plans on meeting with the community, Chief and Council and the Carmacks Development Corporation.

Yukon First Nation Wildfire – there is training available.

Fuel Cardlock – negotiations with big companies take time.

Forestry – looking at a study – when we cut some trees to 15 feet. Your housing situation is going to continue. We will look at training to build houses off the grid that involves solar panels.

Casino way – long term – need for an industrial park. Step one is an environmental. Step 2 is looking at the heritage portion of land.

We are doing some planning for the future.

A year ago, there is one full time person and 1 ½ time person. This year, we have up to 20 people.

Drury Creek – Northwestel needed a camp ad Drury creek. It's within the land claim of LSC and the overlap of Ross River Dene Council. We are working together. They provide the camp and we provide the cleaning and catering services. It will be financially beneficial for us.

Summer student program – I want to thank Desiree Blackjack. Jillian Chown has been working on this as well. Shari and Karmen have been so helpful.

Looking at an 8 plex – where the current 6-plexes are.

Financial Statement

Revenue and expense page – 3 to 400 hundred thousand in our first year of additional income – through rentals, and catering

We are up to 850 to 900 thousand in revenue.

We hired maintenance construction – renovated the CDC building – roofing, flooring.

We need a comprehensive discussion on what to do with the land – fee simple. We need indigenous land use planning.

Insurance has doubled with the potential for floods.

On the third page – our projection is over 3 million from 1 million (without the hotel). With 6 months at the hotel – the revenue to be an additional 2.5 million.

CDC is going from 1 million to 5.5 million in one year. We are hiring a finance officer and a board director.

Our profit last year was zero and our income is now over ½ million. How do we give back to the community – it would be good to give 10% back to the community.

Ruth Massie

Any questions for Ron?

Eric Fairclough

EAVOR – It is important for LSCFN members to know that EAVOR is not dormant. They are planning a test hole on the Freegold Road. They have approval from the Yukon Government. You may see some progress happen this year. The First Nation owns 10% of this company. They want to drill a hole and put a temperature test probe into the hole. There is 0% environmental impact. They have a deal for 2 megawatts provided to Yukon Energy. If this is successful, we can produce more power and become more successful. We should have a public meeting on what to expect.

Questions

Eileen Fields

I had missed Viola's presentation. I wanted to make sure that the FTA dollars covered outside of Carmacks. It was for LSCFN membership for Carmacks. I want to change it so the Chief and Council will help membership that live outside of Carmacks/Yukon for help.

Viola Mullett

I did say that the FTA population which is 778 does play a factor in the amount of money we receive and some of it for citizens in Yukon. There is some for just Yukon and there is dollars for post-secondary. We do have a satellite office in Whitehorse. We are gearing up for fuel and wood for citizens for Whitehorse. We do have a reciprocal First Nation agreement where our citizens are provided for and then they bill back to us. Our money is largely based on people living in Yukon and some just for Carmacks. We have no settlement land in Whitehorse. We could in the future purchase land in Whitehorse.

Eileen Fields

Every member of LSCFN is contacted during election time. Every member is sent an election package no matter where they live. In that case, when they need service, they can't get service.

Jennifer Lee, Executive Director's Report

I have been with LSCFN since January

- It's been busy and enjoyable

- I am pleased to work with such a hard working council. They really care to improve the lives of their citizens.
- We do have the General Assembly reports distributed.
- Pleasure to work with Eric, George, Jeremy, Kelly, Tanya, Karmen and Jo-Lene as well as Liz, Cathy, and Viola
- I worked with council and senior management to bring testing to the staff and we hired a covid coordinator to keep the staff and citizens safe.
- We have been looking at internal policies and processes – Human Resource policy.
- We have been figuring out how to serve our Whitehorse citizens better. Welcome to Julianne Anderson who is already doing a great job connecting our citizens
- Working on an Economic Development plan.
- 25th anniversary – July 21 at the Heritage Hall.
- Key new positions – new Human Resources Manager, Governance/Implementation Director and a Proposal Writer.
- Dogs in the community are a big concern. We met with the Village of Carmacks, they have a bylaw in place. We are hoping to talk with the community in the near future.
- I am making sure that resolutions are looked and get worked on.
- There are 2 resolutions from Sept 2021 – that are being worked on. The first one is on the Housing Committee. There is a new housing Committee and they will be on the agenda tomorrow. There is a resolution to develop and enact policy and that the Housing Committee are protected from harassment and bullying. We have updated the terms of reference for the housing committee as well as the hiring committee.
- It is important that our work be grounded in Northern Tutchone values. I have been reading the Dooli Dan Ki - Hude Hudaan Ki Hatsadan and I have learned that our traditional way is learned through stories. Some of the things I have learned are:
 - Only do good things for others.
 - Make sure you know what you are talking about when you want people to listen to what you say.
 - Listen to people when they ask for your help. Help them whenever you can.
 - When you respect other people, they will respect you in turn.
 - Be careful and considerate when you make decisions that can affect others.
 - When you're trying to do something, always take some time to plan out your actions. You will find greater success that way.
- As Nika said, ahutsa – that's it.
- I look forward to continuing to learn and work with LSCFN in the future. Mussi Cho

Dan Lyashadaw
June 10, 2022
Day 2

Chair Ruth Massie Fred Koe

Chief and Council

Chief Nicole Tom Councilor Chantelle Bode
Councilor Toni Blanchard Councilor Calvin Charlie
Deputy Chief Zachery Cochrane Councilor Tanya Silverfox (Zoom)
Youth Councilor Shana Caouette Elder Councilor Shirley Bellmore

Elders

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| Frank Fairclough | Alex Skookum | Irene Blackjack |
| Alex Charlie | Alice Skookum | Paul Johnnie |
| Tommy Tom | Morris Skookum | Viola Mullett |
| Lucy Tom | Debbie Silverfox | Agnes Charlie |
| Alice Boland | Ida Asp | Angela Johnnie |
| Billy Van Fleet | Walter Van Fleet | Mike Vance |
| Georgie Charlie | Johnnie Sam | Florence Washpan |
| Elsie Ayles | Hazel Skookum | Vera Charlie |
| Bessie Bill | Bill Johnnie Sr. | Wayne Blackjack |
| Karole O'Brien | Ted Fairclough | Benson Billy |
| Eileen Fields | Russell Blackjack | Alma Wrixon |
| Bella Bresse | Amy Ekins | Eddie Skookum |
| Geraldine Silverfox | | |

Citizens

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| Nika Young | Eric Fairclough | Marcus Skookum | Cynthia Asp |
| Liz Skookum | Veronica Burgess | Joy O'Brien | Andrea Laughlin |
| Kathy Skookum | George Skookum | Charmaine Anderson | Danny Skookum |
| Kallista Roberts | Brianna Wheeler | Soraya Oliverio | Shauna Byers |
| Kayla Mintz | Rylie Gill | Jocelyn Skookum | Danielle Cochrane |
| Melanie Tourangeau | Rebecca Freeman | Lorraine O'Brien | Kevin Billy |
| Teagan Unterschute | David Skookum | Doris Johnson | Lennie Charlie |
| Kerri Skookum | Shari Wrixon | Kyle Garvice | Douglas Billy |
| Trystan Unterschute | Jodie Skookum | Julie Anderson | Allen Skookum |
| Amber Caouette | Desiree Blackjack | Lauren Skookum | Marian Skookum |
| Cathy Kowalchuk | Norma Gull | Aislyn Burgess | Sandra Combs |
| Shannon Lachance | Maegan Jobin | Mervyn Johnson | Susan Charlie |
| Kerstin Charlie | Cory Bellmore | Kristen Mintz | Jo-Lene Mullett |
| Logan Blanchard | Daemon Tracey | Andrea Washpan | Siobhan Silverfox |
| Raine Fairclough | William Blackjack | Tyrel Vance | |

Online

Selina Siah Roxanne Coles Frederick Blanchard Janis Silverfox

Willie Blackjack
Cherish Fairclough

Velma Albert

William Van Fleet

Chantal Rondeau

Staff/Guest

Jennifer Lee

Tara Wheeler

Karmen Cozens

Jeremy L'Heureux

Kelly Skookum

Fred Green

Paul Sahagian

Justin Lachance

Lorraine Graham

Mrs. Elizabeth Skookum

Opening Prayer - Elder Amy Ekins

Ruth Massie – quick recap of day 1

Finance Director's Report – George Skookum & Kelly Skookum

George Skookum

I would like to thank everyone for coming to the General Assembly. It is good to be back at Airport Lake to gather after Covid.

It's our 25th anniversary General Assembly. I would like to congratulate everybody for being part of a Self-Government First Nation. It is a huge undertaking to get to this point – negotiations. We have seen many changes over time. All the hours of negotiations have definitely changed our lives for sure. We have become independent.

I would like to thank the staff. Marion Skookum, Kelly Skookum, Siobhan Silverfox, Bernice Blattman, Geraldine Silverfox, Isabelle Bresse and Kevin Billy. Their commitment ensures that everyone is looked after. We are looking at tweaking some of our leave management system and look at our ACCPAC system. We looked at staff job descriptions to make sure their roles acknowledge accounting practices and duties and technology.

The finance policy is under review with the Executive Director, Kelly and myself with the help of a Finance Policy Advisor. The last 2 years have been tough ones and spending program dollars was hard to do as we were not allowed to travel or gather.

Finance pays bills, pays staff and enters data daily. We don't do much travelling. We have a surplus this year mainly because of not being able to purchase new landlines and hiring of new staff.

Life-long learning has more or a role in education, student funding, justice and language. We are hoping to see more students and events in 22-23.

Lands - for the last three years has had a surplus. A lot of the dollars is towards staffing, equipment and the Lands Act. We are hoping to see more work as restrictions were in place.

Health and Social has had some turnovers in the past 2 years and finally hired a director. Welcome Tanya to the team of Health and Social. The dollars in this department are more

streamlined and was spent regardless of the pandemic. The department is currently in re-organization. Thanks to Viola and Jim, we see new dollars to help offere needed services.

Governance continues to spend as usual, restrictions in travel has saved some money.

It has been a pleasure serving you for the past 26 years in 4 different roles – Social Adminstrator – 2 years, Assistant Finance Director – 3 years, Implementation Assistant – 1.5 years and Finance Director for 19.5 years. I have seen a lot of growth in the First Nation. I have worked with wonderful staff. As my wake-up call going to the hospital in November related to stress – I am not able to handle it anymore. I have requested that Council find a new Finance Director. I move into recreation which is a passion of mine. I have to look after my health. My effort and being here for the people has been an honor. I enjoyed this role but it is time to do something fun. I will be finishing off 27 years of work with the First Nation. I am going to be enjoying the rest of my life with the family.

I would like to welcome Kelly to finish off the role. They will be posting the Finance Director job in the future.

I have one more General Assembly next year and we will be bringing back fun to the community by ways of a Recreation Department.

Kelly Skookum

K'ame Soathan citizens, elders, Chief and Council staff and guests. I would like to thank George for the last 6 years of being my supervisor, for his guidance. I have learned a lot for him. We will make sure that things continue to go the way that he envisioned it which was a good vision for the First Nation. I have a lot of respect for him. Today I will be presenting the audit.

I would like the First Nation for allowing to be part of the Finance team. I was born and raised in Carmacks. My kids and grandkids are from LSCFN. For this reason, the success of the First Nation is extremely important to me.

Thank you to the ladies in Finance for being such an amazing team and for all your hard work and dedication. Thank you as well to the ladies for being organized and well prepared for the audit.

I will be reading the audit. It is available for you to read.

Page 2 - audit report
Opinion

We have audited the accompanying non-consolidated financial statements of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation which comprises the non-consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2022, and the non-consolidated statement of operations, non-consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets and non-consolidated statement of cash

flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. These financial statements have been prepared on a non-consolidated basis to assist the First Nation in complying with the provisions of section 5.3 of the Self-Government Agreement. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for other purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect to this matter.

Note 2 states these consolidated financial statements have been prepared by Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Management in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of section 5.3 of the Financial Transfer Agreement. These financial statements have been prepared on a non-consolidated basis and include financial information for the First Nation. The non-consolidated statements do not include the line by line accounts of its fully owned government controlled reporting entity – Tsawlnjik Development Corporation. The First Nation equity investment in its fully owned government business – comprises of Carmacks Development Corporation and the Little Salmon Trust. This means that these non-consolidated statements are only based on the First Nation alone. Section 5.3 of the FTA allows us to have general purpose statements that we can publish, present to the General Assembly and make publicly available. We will need to do a second set of statements that we will provide to Canada that includes the consolidation of all other entities of the First Nation.

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Non-consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2022

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| Cash on hand | \$21,539,895 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$293,367 |
| Contributions Receivable | \$5,048,983 |
| Goods and Services Receivable | \$139,366 |
| Due from Related Parties | \$1,910,938 |
| Portfolio Investments | \$1,178,940 |
| Investment in Businesses/Trust | \$186,112 |
| Total | \$80,076,112 |
| Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities | \$702,922 |
| Wages, benefits and payroll liabilities | \$1,311,691 |
| Deferred Revenue | \$6,779,825 |
| Debt | \$3,383,689 |
| Total | \$12,633,127 |
| Net Financial Assets | \$67,443,015 |

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| Non-Financial Assets | |
| Pre-paid expenses | \$123,780 |
| Tangible capital assets | \$23,888,429 |
| Accumulated Surplus | \$91,455,224 |

I would like to draw attention to the contributions receivable which is \$5,048,983 this is largely in part to the Financial Transfer amendments that Jim and Viola spoke to that came through right at year end.

Page 5 of the Audit

Summary Statement of Operations

This gives a break down of Revenue and Expenses for each department over the year. The total revenue for the year was \$23,213,385.

Expenses

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| Finance and Administration | \$1,436,052 |
| Life Long Learning | \$1,731,848 |
| Lands and Resources | \$1,818,086 |
| Health and Social Services | \$3,282,990 |
| Capital and Infrastructure | \$5,739,146 |
| Governance and Implementation | \$3,753,176 |
| Total | \$17,761,297 |

The annual surplus gained \$5,452,088.

The accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year was \$86,003,136 leaving an accumulated surplus of \$91,455,224 at year end.

I would like to point out something that was new in the audit this year. And that is in the Revenue section under “Transfer to and from deferred revenue. This amount of \$5,704,660 is mostly made up of funds that have a specific plan or purpose attached to them that we didn’t want to get lost in general surplus. This includes the GAP funds and GAP planning funds that had plans attached to them for housing and infrastructure and language. It also includes the loan repayment dollars that had a GA resolution attached to them from June 2019. We wanted to make sure that these funds were accounted for separately to make sure that they were being spent as per the direction of the General Assembly.

The remainder of the statements show how the numbers were calculated. There are also schedules for each department to show how the departments spent funds that make up the expenses in the audit.

I'd like to thank you all for allowing me to be part of your Government. I encourage everyone to look through the audit and ask questions.

Fred Koe

Mussi Kelly. The floor is open for questions.

Kelly Skookum

These consolidated statements will be posted on the website. If you want to look at that time and have questions, just ask.

Fred Koe

I would like to thank George and Kelly for their reports and happy retirement to George.

15 minute break

Capital Director - Jeremy L'Heureux

LSCFN is responsible for the operations and maintenance of housing, infrastructure, roads, water, and sewer.

Summary of projects and services provided for the community:

- Preparing and training for flood risk and mitigation with the Village of Carmacks, YTG and EMO. Update on Nordenskiöld – starting to lower. It is still high water advisory but very low risk. The Yukon river is now on flood warning so there is a concern and I will keep you posted on that.
- Started a housing maintainer program with the Yukon U and we are building 2 small homes. We have 6 students enrolled running to the end of October 2022.
- Applied to CMHC for 13 new housing units which was approved. We are looking to build 7 housing this year and 6 the following year.
- We have completed 1 renovation and will be ready to allocate once we have an allocation process in place.
- Reviewing the housing policy draft and will continue to do that to review with council and senior management.
- Housing committee with new members. They hired a consultant to work on the new allocation process so that we can fairly determine and allocate to citizens who are in need of housing.

- Greenhouse - we have received a new hydroponics unit for the garden. Once this season is complete, we will be moving the existing greenhouse to the new garden. Will be training citizens to improve the over-all food security for the community.
- We do regular maintenance on housing and infrastructure as well as roads.
- Chimney cleaning and annual furnace maintenance is provided for citizens.
- Working to update 5 year capital plan moving forward with renovations, new housing and new goals for the department.
- We are looking at doing road repairs, culverts, ditching and updating roads to reduce flooding.
- We have applied for fire smart – will be posted in the near future.
- Elders program (wood heating) will continue as normal. We encourage anyone who needs to be added to contact the department.
- Water deliver – Tuesdays and Thursdays every week.
- Sewer pump out – Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Garbage Collection – Charlie Rose Contracting – done once a week
- Admin Building contract was awarded to Jill Violet Cleaning through the tendering process for one year.
- Health and Social Building cleaning was awarded to Firewood Cleaning – for one fiscal year.
- Daycare cleaning was also awarded to Fireweed Cleaning.
- Heritage Hall was awarded to Charlie’s Cleaning through tendering for 1 year.
- Working on a procuring policy for more transparency.
- Capital works closely with Chief and Council for Housing and Infrastructure for the community.

Fred – Any questions

Amy Ekins

You have done a good job on the highway but I live on a residential road. Every night, I listen to people going really fast on the road and I did mention this before. I am wondering about speed bumps along the main road. There is too much speeding.

Jeremy L'Heureux

I have heard this issue before. I have been working with the safety officer on getting speed bumps. We do have temporary speed bumps but were removed with snow plow. We will look into this for sure

Alice Boland

For General Assembly here and at Little Salmon, the roads are really bad coming down this road. It should be fixed before the GA.

Jeremy L'Heureux

I agree that we can look at upgrading the road at both sites. We will be upgrading the facilities at both sites as well.

Cherish Fairclough

I was curious about companies that got the bids. Are they owned by citizens or Yukoners?

Jerem L'Heureux

Yes they are all owned by LSCFN Citizens

Ida Asp

I am wondering about cabins. There are not enough for the workers. Some of them had to sleep in their car. They need more cabins here.

Jeremy L'Heureux

I will take note on that. I can work with the Lands' department and how we move forward with cabins and ground keepers.

Florence Washpan

I am concerned about the lower bench in Carmacks. The trees around the bend are too tall and people can't see the children. The trees should be chopped down.

About the cabins here...there shouldn't be personal locks put on them. It is for everyone.

Jeremy L'Heureux

I believe we will be brushing around the roads. We will be doing that this year.

Health and Social Director, Tanya Silverfox (Zoom)

Mussi Cho to the staff of Dän Sóthän Nùtl'et Do (Health and Social) Department. Our department has been busy providing services to citizens near and far during the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to provide assistance and medical travel to citizens, homecare, wellness, family support, and keeping our community safe. Mussi cho to Paul Sahagian and Tara Wheeler for stepping into the Director position until it was filled. Mussi cho to Norma Gull, Veronica Burgess, Bessie Bill, Eileen Fields, Susan Charlie, Paul Sahagian, Nicole Charlie, Cindy Charlie, Desiree Blackjack, Vera Charlie, Vanessa Charlie, Roxanne Coles, the homecare workers, nutrition cooks for the school and daycare, and drivers. Without your hard work, help and desire to provide supports, our department would not be able to provide these services.

I started this position on November 15, 2021. Since then, there have been 2 states of emergency – substance abuse crisis along with COVID-19. We are going through a departmental refresh with Jen Jones Consulting. We will be reviewing job descriptions and creating new positions within the department. The elder and youth coordinator positions has recently moved under Dän Sóthän Nùtl'et Do.

We provided door to door nasal and IV Naloxone training to educate, inform and hopes to save lives. Kits are available in the Dän Sóthän Nùtl'et Do building. We have been working closely with the nurses in our community. We have been participating in meetings pertaining to Health and Social concerns at a Federal and Territorial Government level.

Following the LS/CFN Strategic Plan, we are building our team to work towards implementing more health and social programming in all areas – on the land, mental health and wellness kits are ready to be handed out to citizens in need. COVID-19 has taken a toll on our people mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Community Wellness Update:

Treatment – we have been supporting citizens to attend treatment for substance abuse, trauma and healing. Citizens have been attending centres in British Columbia and are funding through CYFN. We will start having AA/NA meetings every Friday and Saturday from 5:30-6:30 at the Heritage Hall. We have been supporting citizens who have returned from treatment to attend AA in Whitehorse. In person meetings are a big part of recovery.

Support groups – An Addictions Awareness Group started in October – it turned into a family support group. There were healing circles when citizens can join in unity for support. There was a sacred fire during these gatherings which was facilitated by Nina Bolton. The circles were for all citizens who wanted to start their healing journey, deal with past trauma, grief and letting go.

A men and women's warrior group will be starting in June. These workshops will be co-facilitated with members of our community.

Vigils in Carmacks – we had a prayer circle and lowering the flags ceremony to honour Residential School children whose bodies were found in mass unmarked graves. There was another vigil in January to support the “Call for Action on Addictions and Mental Health” to raise awareness. A state of emergency was declared for addictions and mental health.

Drum making – there was a workshop for citizens who returned from treatment. We had 7 participants. We will expand this program so that the participants can paint their drums.

Dän Sóthän Nùtl'et Do Wellness Week – was held the first week of May. There were many guest speakers – Martin Morberg, Mike Scott, Marilyn Jensen. There was a feast along with a night of comedy provided by Don Burnstick. The evenings were filled with sewing, drum making and hand games. Many workshops were provided throughout the week.

Upcoming workshops – There will be on the land camps to focus on mental health, healing and traditional wellness.

Paul has an open-door policy for assisting citizens for events, travel, support, and to listen when needed. A 2nd Community Wellness Worker position will be posted along with 2 Traditional Wellness Workers.

Temporary Assistance Program

The Health and Social Refresh started with the Temporary Assistance Program and creating a policy and review of the program with input from Veronica, Bessie, Tanya and Jen. Jen Jones has brought Christina Tapp as part of her team. Jen will be engaging with citizens and staff in all departments who have had experience with Temporary Financial Assistance. All conversations will be kept confidential.

There were 2 case management work placements/job creations established. Wages have been subsidized by other sources and LS/CFN. The two case management workers are: Maegan Jobin and Georgia Gaw. These 2 positions assist with development, implementation and researching a case management system to provide services to citizens to help them reach their full potential.

Health and Wellness Update:

Vera Charlie has been providing travel support services to our citizens by working with NIHB travel. If you need help with this, please contact Vera. The vans have been equipped with plexi-glass to keep the driver and passengers safe from COVID. Our full-time and on-call drivers are Kevin Unterschute and Eddie Skookum. Vera also provides footcare services for Elders and Diabetics from Happy Feet every 2 months. If you require this service, please contact Vera. There will be upcoming workshops and information sessions for chronic pain, Cancer support groups, Diabetes and Dementia/Alzheimers.

Family Support

The Family Support worker has 2 separate budgets that benefit LS/CFN citizens and families. Through Jordan's Principle Fund, Nicole works with the Tantalus Community School cooks and the daycare cook. The school cooks have been learning new skills, making healthy meals, menu planning, time management and budgeting.

COVID-19 has been tough on families. We offered all families in the community – 3 hampers, a \$200 card to Save-On Foods for Whitehorse citizens. The program was a success and everyone appreciated it.

The Prevention and Enhancement Fund continues to help families with little or no income for furniture. This year was difficult to spend, so passes for the Canada Games Centre were purchased.

Building Resilient Families group continues with Desiree Blackjack who has moved programming to Whitehorse for our citizens there. Once a month there will be an interactive group for Whitehorse, and an online/virtual group for all citizens. Desiree has done an amazing job. Once a second Family Support Worker, the interactive group will continue in Carmacks.

Nicole continues to reach out and give support to families and works with families on Child Welfare issues.

A Family Support Worker position will be posted for Whitehorse and Carmacks as well as a Family Support Manager.

The Pre-Natal Coordinator and Youth Coordinator will be under this program along with the Child Welfare Worker.

Outreach Coordinator

Eileen Fields has been busy in her program providing outreach services, submitting proposals, learning our language, providing sewing groups, and supporting citizens who attended Residential Schools.

Eileen has been responsible for the Tobacco Strategy and hired Candyce Johnson to assist with purchasing and creating Quit Smoking kits.

The funding that was received from New Horizons for Seniors from Service Canada allowed Eileen to create amazing stories on our Elders. It is going to be an amazing book.

We will be posting for a Indian Residential School Assistant position to work directly with Eileen.

Home Care Coordinator

The program has 3 full time employees, one on-call, one Meals on Wheels cook and a labourer position. They report to Norma Gull. With the Health and Social refresh, the Home Support Worker position will report to Norma.

Norma has regular staff meetings, provides assistance to citizens outside of Carmacks and points them in the direction of services required. Norma liaises with the nurses and YG homecare. She also does follow-up with citizens to make sure their needs are being met.

Meals on Wheels: Kerri Skookum is the cook for this program. She has 19 clients and delivers healthy meals to citizens – Monday-Friday at 12 p.m. Kerri participated in training for meal planning, budgets and menu planning.

This program currently has 2 job postings: full-time Home Care Worker and Health and Social Labourer. The Elder's Coordinator position will be posted soon.

Mussi cho to Delores Landstrom and Robert Wallinger for their dedication to LS/CFN. Both of the individuals have retired from their positions.

Youth Councilor Shana Caouette – introduced herself in Northern Tutchone

Welcome to all LS/CFN citizens, elders and youth. Despite the many setbacks in the past year we have accomplished many goals. I have travelled to many First Nation communities to view their cultural centres and to get ideas for developing our own cultural centre. I wasn't able to provide as much opportunities for the youth. We did provide an excellent drum making workshop. The pride that the youth showed with their drums was remarkable. We also worked on developing interest in traditional hand games. While on Chief and Council, I have learned a great deal of knowledge and gained experience. I encourage all of our youth to challenge themselves to take on the duty of Youth Councilor as it is a great opportunity to learn about governance. It is a great leadership role.

As a youth, you are essential to building a brighter future for our First Nation. This is my last General Assembly as Youth Councilor as I am aging out. I will continue to be a great role model for the youth and will help guide the new Youth Councilor. I appreciate this opportunity and hope to do this leadership role again in the future.

Comments

Selena Siah

I live out of territory. It is good to see all the programs going on I am just wondering if the kits could be mailed to people who do not live in the community.

Is this the department we would inquire to for treatment?

Tanya Silverfox

Wellness kits can be sent out to you. Just send me your email or mailing address to me.

With the ceremonies, I agree with you that there should be more ceremonies to celebrate the positive and victories.

We will work really closely with lands for healing camps and cultural activities.

Treatment – out of territory – you and I should have a conversation about this. There is money through INAC and CYFN - I will have to check into the regulations. It is important for self-healing as well. It helps in all areas – relationships, co-dependency. I will look into it more.

Selena Siah

Thank you for your input. Thank you for the holistic healing that is being pursued.

Roxanne Coles

I want to thank Tanya, Paul and Norma for sending my two sons for treatment. I am sitting here with one at 1 year sober and the other at 5 months sober. I want to encourage you to reach out and get your family members to addiction treatment.

Lands Director, Eric Fairclough

Welcome elders, citizens and guests

The weather is nice and it is nice to gather again.

I want to thank my staff in the Lands Department. When people have really tough questions, I can direct it to the Lands Crew. We have a fairly big department. We are the last department to form out of the Umbrella Final Agreement.

Heritage Department – Toni is our manager. Charmaine, Kallista and Cindy also work in the department.

Fish and Wildlife Manager is Rebbecca – We have a number of people working with Rebbecca. Our Game Guardians are Lennie Charlie, who is new, David Skookum is also new, Christian Gull and Calvin Charlie. They are all full time.

River Ranger – Douglas Billy has started and we have a few positions that have to be advertised. There is an opportunity for others to apply for the job.

Shawn Charlie also works with us. We have a couple of other applicants for field workers. We are getting our crew together for the summer.

The bypass is a big part of our department. Shauna Byers is our coordinator.

Mt Nansen Project– Mike Vance is the coordinator...we have had a couple of public meetings to advise our citizens as to what has taken place with Mt. Nansen. There are a lot of fish and wildlife matters.

Mining – Ashley Brown – is our coordinator – she takes a lot of issues and information forward. She sits on the Yukon Government's development of the new mining legislation. It is really important the LSCFN has input into creation of that piece of legislation.

Fred Green is our Lands Manager and has been with us for 7 years.

Daemon Tracey is our GIS.

Our bossiest one of all – Andrea. I thank her for all that she does.

Lands Act – have been working since 2017. We have had many public consultations. We have had input from staff, and senior management into the Lands Act. The latest version we have does not include the comments from senior management and directors. We are waiting for that. This is an important matter because it guides how Chief and Council and the Lands Department work when it comes to our aboriginal rights, land disposition and land registry. In our budget this year, we have some money in place going towards the development of the Lands Act. We have a work plan in place. We will have public consultations this fall to continue to develop the Lands Act. It is in draft form right now. It will be worked on throughout the winter and will have citizens input. It will be brought back to the GA next year. I know that we are a little bit behind because of Covid. It is back on track and we will have the Lands Act in place. When you develop legislation like this, you often have follow up and public consultation.

Mining – mining doesn't slow down. Even when gold prices go down, there is always activities. We have been working with bigger hard rock mining outfits -Rock Haven, Triumph Gold, Casino, etc. We have been asked to resume talks with Casino Mines and to try and get a deal with them. We need to be working close with Selkirk First Nation on this matter. There is an increase in interest in Casino Mine with Tinto Rio putting their money towards the mine and them wanting to go through the environmental process. Those activities never stop and the demand on our staff never stops.

It is not just hard rock but there is so much placer mining. If you go gather berries, or go hunting up at Mt, Nansen you see mining activity. Thank goodness we are going through a review with YG because this is an archaic piece of legislation. This legislation has not been reviewed since 1906. We need to deal with this matter. It is so difficult to control any of this. Placer mines come in and bulldoze the top of the lands and it is your berry patch that they have done this to. Our staff is constantly there to comment on these activities. It is difficult to monitor because we just don't have the people in place to monitor them and neither does the Yukon Government.

For example, who knows what is going on with Derek Dodge and his outfit. We are constantly looking at that. We feel that there are all kinds of violations taking place. Even then, he has been

charged with killing bears. These are activities that he shouldn't even be doing at all. Fred Green has been quite involved with this. We do have outside help as well.

Jillian Chown is our consultant and works on a number of different files. We really appreciate her help. She does a lot of our environmental training with the formation of Tutchone Environmental. We have law firms working with us. Kate Blomfield along with Hannah and Simon are from Ratcliffe and Company. We have recently started working with Pape and Salter law firm.

We can't stop paying attention to the details because those details sometime push us towards hostile court cases particularly if we are fighting for our aboriginal rights.

Our game guardians are active – they are planning some canoe trips. They are good in the bush. They are our eyes and ears out there. They have been up and down trails and GPSing creeks. They will be working every day of the week in shifts because people are not just hunting on week days. We are trying to get them out there in the bush to ensure their safety with machines and equipment. The field workers will be helping them as well. If we ever have salmon fishing again, they will be doing the counts.

We are really worried about the salmon. Over the years, Becky has worked on securing funding for a fish weir at Tatchun Creek. We will do that again this year. We also have a weather station there and try and get weather stations at different places in our traditional territory. We will really start monitoring and collecting data to monitor so that we can best manage and co-manage salmon.

These are the people that you ask the questions to. We have a tent set up in the back and have maps and information if you are interested. We have information on the bypass and Mt. Nansen project.

George has gone from finance and has shown leadership. He has looked internally and decided to take a step back. Yesterday, you heard from Viola who will also be retiring. She will be retiring in January. This will be her last GA in her official capacity as Implementation Manager. When I first started, the elders lined the tables and it was staff that had to sit on the outer side. We have lost so many elders and there are only a few old elders that we have. As younger leaders come along, we need to listen to the older, savvy people that have been around for a long time and really take note as we make decisions. Our Mt. Nansen Coordinator – Mike Vance -has been our land claims negotiator – he has been with us in different capacity in the First Nation forever. He too is going to retire this year. Fred Green has talked to me about retiring. I have been in this position for 5 years now. I too will be retiring in the near future. Roddy Blackjack said, "I leave it to you the younger people".

Toni Blanchard, Heritage Manger– Heritage Centre

I have worked on this file for a couple of years. I work closely with Eric and Jeremy. We just completed the final concept stage. We were awarded 800 thousand for this project. We will have a community meeting this summer. The project will cost about 45 million. We have 5 million allocated for this project. If you have any questions or want to see the concept plan just come and see me,.

Eric Fairclough

The heritage centre will be a community centre. It will be big enough for potlatches and hold our artifacts.

Shauna Byers, Bypass Coordinator

- Working for over a year – due to covid – it was slow going
- There have been various training opportunities – health and safety, chainsaw, intro to heavy equipment operator.
- Pelly construction had training opportunities as well
- There have been open house for citizens.
- Looking for OFA level 3, environmental monitoring, heavy equipment operating
- We received 4 transfer agreement payments. 1st for project working group – meet monthly.
- 100 thousand for LSC citizens to get training.
- We are in partnership with CDC
- \$150 00 for a bypass project manager
- Looking for a bypass manager

Eric Fairclough

This position is advertised and we had no applicants. There are 8 or 9 employees on this project.

The Lands Department will be advertising a couple more jobs – River Ranger and Field Worker.

There is a part time position for the Mt. Nansen and part time for the bypass. Inquiries go to Mike Vance and Shauna Byers.

We will be hiring a directors assistant.

We have been tasked to look for additional monies – climate change. If we combine the projects – there are 3-5 students who will be taking the training. If the interest continues, it is a field which you could get work in.

Mt Nansen – does have a water treatment plan in place – it was supposed to have about 50 people working on it. We monitor it closely. We won't settle for anything less than drinking water standards. Water on our settlement lands are important to us.

We do have some pictures of our weir on Tatchun Creek. It has a camera on it and it takes pictures of salmon as it swims by.

A huge percentage of salmon goes up the Nordenskiold and Klusha Creek. The numbers have not been the same and we have not seen the salmon return. We need to find out why our salmon ins not coming back. Is it over fishing, climate change? Becky will be working closely on this file.

May Gathering – it is about managing fish and wildlife. We had our meeting in Minto. Lennie gave a story about finding ticks on a moose. We have brought up aboriginal food security – farming, livestock, wilderness. I have feedback from Mark O'Donohue. I did talk to Ta an and Kwanlin Dun, Selkirk First Nation and Nacho Nyak Dun. We went from the Lake Laberge area to Mt Nansen and Freegold – we had protection for food security. We have low salmon counts – we go to the lakes to supplement the salmon. We could deplete our lakes completely. We have to exercise our aboriginal rights for food security.

Questions

Velma Albert

Thank you for the information. My mom received a letter in February stating that they were going to tear down her cabin (honeymoon cabin). There were only a few people who lived along the river bank. I heard Viola speak about Heritage and how people were moved and relocated. My dad did not know that people would be living over there. He was out hunting and came back and people were living there. I hear the report about Heritage planning – it is good. We need to bring back our First Nation view of life, world view and healing. I am asking Chief and Council about reconsidering demolishing the cabin – it is like a heritage site. I am asking them to reconsider demolishing it.

Eric Fairclough

I did have a conversation with Jeremy – it is a Capital matter. A public consultation should take place as well as a community land use plan.

Nicole Tom

I agree we do have to identify heritage sites. The letters that did go out was to start the conversation with the families. We did want to hear from families. We need some room to develop and to build some houses

Jeremy L'Heureux

Those were sent out to show what we were trying to plan for the future. I did get a lot of feedback from a lot of families. We will sit down and have conversations with families. We will have consultation and feedback from families. There is no pressure.

Velma Albert

Thank you for the response. I have another concern – My mom has a trapline at Little Salmon Lake. She has a cabin on the left side of the lake. There are some people who bought land and there was an access road. People have blocked off the access road – I am wondering if the access road can be opened up again. How can we get that access road open again?

Fred Green

Chapter 6 – it says that the road stays there and they have the ability to use it . We will have someone look into this.

Karmen Cozens, Life Long Learning Director

Language

Thank you to Chief and Council for declaring the language emergency. We have known for years that the department is in danger. How do we live more in the language? We could use song, prayer and practice more Northern Tutchone in our day to day life. We encourage you to speak and teach each other. You could greet each other, describe weather, use traditional names, animal names, land description, colors for example. Sit with the Elders and listen and learn the language.

March of 2022 was Aboriginal Language month and we celebrated with a week of many events at the Heritage Hall. Mussi cho to Alma for all the planning to make this a success.

On October 27, we tried teaching the language over Zoom and we had 12 participants. Thank you to Alma, Agnes, Louise and Kevin for helping this become a reality

We made language apps for iPhones! Thank you to Montana, Ragene, Logan, Vera, Agnes and Jo-Lene. You can download these apps from the app store.

There is Language Nesting happening at the Daycare – they receive 2-3 hours a day of language instruction from Alma.

Teaching happens at Tantalus School – 40 minutes a day with instructions from Ragene Blackjack and Dawn Baker.

Agnes, Alma and Grace work on the development of new words and translation requests. They have been documenting place names.

We are still working on hiring a person or persons to get the Language Immersion curriculum, participants and program going. We are in discussion with Champagne/Aishihik about their program.

Nika Young-Silverfox is taking the Mentor Apprentice Program and connects with fluent speakers on a weekly basis.

LSCFN provided all costs and access to Yukon Native Language Centre classes to 3 employees.

Eileen Fields continues to work on language projects with mentor Alyce Joe. They translated Robert Munsch kids books.

Education

Tantalus School had a new principal this year and lots of challenges and incidents. Due to the concerns of many parents, we took our own local action and opened a House of Learning at the Heritage Hall. Many thanks to Mrs. Liz and Mr. Logan for setting this up as an enjoyable learning environment.

We did partner with Tantalus School on many events this year including (Mrs. Liz took the lead on these projects):

- Tutoring
- Professional Development Staff day on the land
- Students day on the land
- Robotics with Creative Lab North
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Thank you to Benson Billy)
- Working with YG in putting up and outdoor learning classroom

We do have a Memorandum of Understanding with YG and we are working to improve that. Somethings that are included are: students counselling, administrator orientation, contributions to curriculum, evaluation of employees, etc.

We have re-signed the Community Education Plan with Yukon University on what courses will be delivered. This includes courses like: Environmental Monitoring, Housing Maintainer, Kids/Youth Camp, First Aid, Food Safe, Air Brakes and Safety courses. Thank you to Maryanne and Cody for being responsive to our needs.

Justice

We are running Restorative Justice circles again. We organized our first circle and it did help to improve the situation. We engage with the RCMP on our concerns and are seeking to have a designated office working closely with us and on our Letter of Expectation goals. Donna is overseeing an alarming file and helping to facilitate a Community Impact Statement.

LSCFN has contracted House of Wolf to complete a safety report. Gina Nagano's team of experts will look at all aspects of the community over the next 6 months including:

- Physical safety (lighting, playgrounds, clean up)
- Community assessment (police stats, history, kinds of calls)
- Internal documents
- Community engagement to get advice from the community

We will then have an overall analysis of top concerns and what to work on next. Many thanks to Donna for all that you do in this area.

Employment and Training

We are looking to make an Employment Hub which includes having easier access to preparing and finding jobs, and obtaining skills required. We visited several employment centres in Whitehorse. The next step is to find a physical location and set it up.

We are looking for summer students for 4 week on the job training.

We are working with CDC supporting a mentorship opportunity with an Executive Assistant position.

We had 10 full-time students. We helped with the Housing Maintainer students. We are open to your ideas on training and skills courses.

Congratulations to everyone from Grade 12 and Post-Secondary that graduated this year. We are so proud of your achievements.

Youth

The LLL department and Lands shared Cindy Charlie this year. Cindy worked the Youth Liaison position from October to March 31. She was a wonderful addition that provided youth a variety of activities over the winter (such as – sliding parties, star gazing, games, and trips to the Canada Games Centre). The position has now moved back to HSS.

We work with CYFN to facilitate the Mobile Therapeutic Unity for activities and services for youth. We have arranged for a mural painting to happen at the Heritage Hall next week.

Staffing Updates

We gained Jo-Lene Mullett in September 2021 as the Assistant Director. She has completed her Business Administration degree from Yukon University.

Many thanks to my staff (Agnes, Alma, Shari, Crystal, Sandra, Tara, Lorraine, Ashley, Kerstin, Bonnie, Donna, Mrs. Liz, Jo-Lene and Marcie) for all that they do. I am so proud of all that you accomplish.

They participate on many internal/external committees such as:

- Trust Committee
- Gadzooza
- YFNED
- School Council
- Health and Safety
- Hiring Committee

Selina Siah

Is there support groups that offer cultural support?

Karmen Cozens

Tanya might be able to answer this better. We do have supports for the school. Yukon Government has something in place too.

Selina Siah

I was looking for something more in our community. It is hard to get a hold of anyone for projects. It is hard to find support in home communities. It puts a lot of stress on them. I hope to see more support in the community for the community.

Is there a youth queer support within the community which shows support within the community?

Tanya

There isn't right now but I would like to see more support in this area. I have talked to Chief Tom to raise awareness and start groups. We need to have a little more acceptance in our community of the way people choose to live.

Carmacks Renewable Resources Council's Report - Lorraine Graham

Thank you to LSCFN for inviting us to the GA and thank you to our secretary for all that you do.

The pandemic has impacted in all of our lives and continues to be a challenge for all of us and requires us to be patient and flexible.

In 2019, we worked on the 5 year Community Fish and Wildlife Management Plan. We wanted to focus on the impacts of climate change on fish, wildlife, food security, and climate change adaptation.

Some of the things RRC did in the last 2-3 years:

- Bear proof bins for the school
- 10 raised garden beds for the community
- 20 bat houses
- 5 cliff swallow houses
- 2 insulated greenhouses – at the Recreation Centre and Daycare
- Draws for 7 smokers, 3 dehydrators and fishing gear
- 1,000 reusable grocery bags
- 100+ grocery gift cards
- Free wilderness first aid
- Butchered and distributed 24 quarters and 300 lb of packaged moose burger.
- Administered community surveys on: bison, lynx, moose, wetlands, and fish and wildlife management plans
- Visited placer mining operations
- Made recommendations on 3 traplines
- Made comments/recommendations on YESAB reviews
- Gardening course
- \$500 award for a 2022 graduating student

Things that are being planned:

- Wilderness Survival course
- Workshop/short course on solar energy
- Earth rangers class/club at the school
- Establish a “Wildlife Outdoor Adventures” at the Recreation centre for ages 8-12
- Erection of self-sustaining outhouses from Walsh Creek to Carmacks.
- A course on “Climate Change and Salmon”

Specific Issues:

Moose Management

- Prior to the pandemic, we were involved in the development of a “Toolkit for Wildlife Management”.

- We met with the community and did a local survey. We also met with the RRC from Pelly Crossing and Mayo.
- We made a joint recommendation that the toolkit be implemented.
- Began discussing a threshold hunt in the area.
- The Fish and Game Association and Outfitters Association objected to the implementation of the toolkit.
- The recommendations would not affect LSCFN hunters

Bison Management

- Have been working on a plan for several years.
- The final draft of the plan is to be released within the next few weeks.
- 2 Council members have attended most meetings.
- The working group includes: CAFN, Yukon Environment, and Wildlife Biologists and at least 1 outfitter.

Quota Meetings

- We had a quota meeting last year with Dean Sanduluk of Trophy Stone, Selkirk RRC, Wildlife Biologist Mark O'Donohue, Environment Yukon, observers from Ross River, and Environment Yukon officials.
- Mr. Sanduluk put forward the same plan with the same numbers from previous years (22 moose, 7 caribou). His operation has been shut down for 2 years.
- We ended up with 24 quarters of fresh, clean meat and 300lbs of packaged moose burger and distributed to the community.
- Attended a meeting on Quota 15 and made recommendations.
- YG is in the process of overhauling the quota system

Salmon

- Council members normally participate in all of the Sub-salmon Committee Meetings.
- Attend the Yukon River Panel meetings.
- Council would like to undertake some community education about the impacts of climate change and overall health of the oceans and rivers on salmon.

Wetlands

- This is of great interest to us. The Wetlands Management Planning process has been ongoing for several years and the final plan is nearing completion.
- We were dismayed that we were not invited to the first several meetings.
- There were no community meeting and there was only an online survey.
- The RRCs and some First Nation's had to fight to have presence in the room.
- The first meetings had a large contingent of mining interests.
- The plan is being finalized and our concerns still stand.

Climate Change

- Climate change and its impact on fish and wildlife, forests, water, food security and culture is always front and centre of many of our discussions.
- We firmly believe that climate change exists and we must adapt and prepare for the future now.
- We have attended and continue to attend meetings.

Annual General Workshop

- Carmacks RRC was slated to hold the Annual General Workshop but the pandemic interfered, so we had to postpone again for this year.
- We would like to hold it in Carmacks, but accommodation availability is a challenge due to construction projects.

School Council Update – Lorraine O’Brien

Good afternoon. I am the current Chair.

Sandra Combs
Justin Lachance
Vera Charlie

Would like to congratulate the grads – Maddy, Delilah, Danica,

It was a difficult year with a lack of teachers. There was a lot of absenteeism from teachers and EAs

When you have complaints, you must speak with the teacher, then the principal, then the school council, then the superintendent

We will need a new teacher – We will need 3 teachers.

When selecting we need to make sure that the people are culturally sensitive. We will make sure that CC will be involved in the process.

I would like to extend my thanks to Justin, Sandra, Vera and Lennie for their help

Selena Cheater, Paul Sahagian, vera Charlie, Heather Bellmore and Shauna Byers as the new school council.

Housing Update – Daemon Tracey

Selected chair of the Housing Committee. The committee consists of 6 members; myself, Desiree Blackjack (secretary), Billy Van Fleet (the Elder’s representative and only returning

member from the previous committee), Allen Skookum, Joyce Gage and Shauna Byers (alternate).

During the previous GA a resolution was passed requiring a new terms of reference and the creation of a formal allocation process. Once this process is finished, a community dinner will be held by the housing committee to inform our citizens on how allocations will be decided.

The members of the new housing committee recognizes that fairness amongst all of our citizens is a very important topic frequently brought up at General Assemblies and General Meetings. We are doing our very best to ensure that all of our citizens whether they are living inside or outside of our traditional territory have an equal opportunity to be allocated a house under this new process.

Although our committee only had its first meeting just over a month ago we have already started working on the process. To help us ensure that no details are missed, we have hired a consultant to help us. Our members are very dedicated to the completion of this mandate and we would like to thank Chief and Council and the General Assembly for granting us the opportunity to be a part of this process. Mussi Cho.

Fred Koe - Any questions on housing?

Citizen Concerns or comments (asked three times).

No questions.

George Skookum

We are working towards bringing volunteers back to working in the community. Our arena is almost complete. We will be looking for adults to sit on boards for hockey and curling.

Next Friday, we will have a BBQ for volunteers to come out to Tew Park and sign up.

Toni When are we getting a new swimming pool?

A new swimming pool will be in the process? We will have to do some planning and lobbying.

Amy Ekins

I just want to say, George, that you can count on me!

Nicole Tom

I was hoping that we can give a big round of applause to the cooks, helpers, daycare workers, Gunta and anyone who is working right now.

Viola Mullett

I want to say something to one of our wonderful staff member. I want to say thank you to George Skookum. He has put up with a lot of stress but stayed strong with his principals. I admire him for that. We are all going to miss him tremendously. He picked up his passion in his life which is recreation. He has been a huge influence on the youth. I thank you so much for the many, many discussions that we have had. I recognize how much knowledge that he has. Thank you so much for your incredible dedication. Congratulations on your new job and your new passion. You will be very happy because it is your passion.

Tanya

I would also like to say thanks to George and Liz. I went to a meeting last week and they praised up Liz and George. They step-up and take care of our children and keep them in the community.

Day 3

Opening Prayer – Alice Skookum

Chief and Council

Chief Nicole Tom

Councilor Calvin Charlie

Elder Councilor Shirley Bellmore

Youth Councilor Shana Caouette

Deputy Chief Zachery Cochrane

Councilor Tanya Silverfox (Zoom)

Councilor Chantelle Blackjack

Elders

Debbie Silverfox

Walter Van Fleet

Elsie Ayles

Irene Blackjack

Lucy Tom

Angela Johnnie

Bill Johnnie Sr.

Rosalie Brown

Ida Asp

Helen Sahagian

Sandra Combs

Florence Washpan

Paul Johnnie

Mike Vance

Russell Blackjack

Alex Charlie

Amy Ekins

Eileen Fields

Ted Fairclough

Alice Boland

Viola Mullett

Bella Bresse

Alma Wrixon

Billy Van Fleet

Hazel Skookum

Alice Skookum

Tommy Tom

Johnny Sam

Georgie Charlie

Frank Fairclough

Bessie Bill

Eddie Skookum

Karole O'Brien

Vera Charlie

Citizens

Azraela Oliverio

Brianna Wheeler

Trystan Unterschute

Mervyn Johnson

Allen Skookum

Marcus Skookum

Kerstin Charlie

Joy O'Brien

Melanie Tourangeau

Joshua Albert

Eric Fairclough

Lennie Charlie

Roderica Blackjack

Lauren Skookum

Marian Skookum

Deanna-Lee Charlie

Clint Wheeler

Cory Bellmore

Nika Young

Vera Charlie

Liz Skookum

Ashley Brown

Rebecca Freeman

Trent Blackjack

Susan Charlie

Kristen Mintz

Shauna Byers

Kallista Roberts

Danielle Cochrane

Roderick Blackjack

Darren Blackjack

Cody Cashin

Shelby Blackjack

Shari Wrixon

Doris Johnson

Cathy Kowalchuk

Andrea Washpan

Jo-Lene Mullett

Nicole Kowalchuk

Andrea Laughlin

Desiree Blackjack

George Skookum

Veronica Burgess

Julie Anderson

Amber Caouette

David Skookum

Trevor Skookum

Danny Skookum

Lorraine O'Brien

Daemon Tracey

Melody Reynosa

Kevin Billy

Online

Cherish Fairclough
Selina Siah

Velma Albert
Willie Blackjack

Fred Blanchard
Janis Silverfox

Guest/Staff

Michael Ukrainetz
Fred Green
Paul Sahagian
Justin Lachance
Brian Murrell

Michael Edwards
Mrs. Elizabeth Skookum
Karmen Cozens
Paul Roberts
Kelly Skookum

Mike Downs
Kevin Unterschute
Ron Gartshore
Nelson Billy
Tara Wheeler

Ruth Massie – Quick Recap of Day 2

Trust Report - Eric Fairclough Chair

In 2017, we started moving into a trust situation. Before that we had a trust committee. Our main mandate is to protect the monies and make them grow.

- When we started as a trust we had 17 million.
- When we took over the trust it was 43 million.
- The investment has grown to almost 70 million.
- In 2021 we had a resolution to put a moratorium on the trust to grow the money.
- We have diversified our investment – we put 15 million into the investment and got some good returns.
- We had our audit late last year. This year was a bit of a scramble as well.
- Through the pandemic, the trust did very well in their investment.
- The moratorium asked us to grow the money to 100 million.
- The minutes need to be done properly.
- There are 5 trustees and 3 officers.
- Eric Fairclough – is the chair - term up to July.
- Up to the protector to appoint a new chair.
- Sandra Combs – is the secretary.
- Doris Johnson – 2 year term.
- Isabelle Bresse – has been part of the Trust since the beginning.
- All three ladies were part of the investment committee.
- Shelby Blackjack – is the treasurer.
- Victoria Fred – is our protector.
- Connor Clarke and Lund is our investment manager.
- RBC is our bank but we might make some changes.
- We are scheduled to have 4 meetings a year and we have had a lot more meetings than that.
- The trust was approached by Northern Vision to see if we wanted to invest. The trust looked into this and decided to put some money to NVD.

- NVD will work with CDC – and there would be local investment. This has happened because CDC was able to purchase the Carmacks Hotel.
- We had to be careful, do our due diligence when it came to this investment. We looked at this business quite carefully.
- In December, we had meetings. We had to move fast in order to meet the deadline. At the end of December we had generated \$61 000 in that investment. They gave us a cheque for over \$100 000.
- We put that money back into the business.
- We had some stressful times but we worked with professionals.
- It is a good investment so far. We get a 20% return.
- We have had the protector, auditor with us to make sure that this was done properly.
- When we had investment committee, we did not have the ability to invest in Yukon.
- If a good opportunity comes by now, we are able to look at it.
- The \$70 million includes all of our investments.
- I have a graph that shows all of our investments. With the Russian invasion of Ukraine the markets have been going crazy.
- The value of our portfolio went down 3 million = you don't lose money unless you sell off at a lower price. In 1.5 month we regained the money.
- Mike Downs is not here and the auditor is not on line.

Ruth – Are there any questions?

Hazel Skookum

For the number of investments – can it be stated in percentages – how much it is up and down. Can we have a graph?

Eric

Every year, Mike usually comes out to the General Assembly. He does have a report, I made 1 copy. We started with 17 million and we have grown it to 70 million. With all the global activity, you will see a dip. Part of the trust is to never fall below the 25 million dollar mark. From the audit, it looks like we will get to the \$100 million before the 10 years. Mike Downs can walk you through this,.

Hazel Skookum

I am wondering about your trustees...do you open it up to people who are not living in Carmacks? There are a large number of people who are living outside of Yukon and have an education.

Eric Fairclough

When the trust was first formed, there was a call for interested people. Since we formed a trust, the protector is the one that appoints new trustees. For example, Leta Blackjack was a trustee and she resigned. That role was filled by Doris Johnson. Shelby Blackjack is from out of town. We have 5 people and we can go as high as 8. Last year we were below 1% and our budget this year is .6 of a percent. It makes it easier for us to meet in person but we have at least 1 meeting a year in Whitehorse. With lawyers and others we have the meeting in Whitehorse.

Selina Siah

What kind of qualifications do you need to sit on the committee?

Eric Fairclough

The first thing is that you need to be a citizen. The protector is going to look at your commitment and your knowledge. Sandra has done the secretary work. She takes the minutes and it has to be done in a professional and legal manner. We are now and presently looking for a professional minute taker. These have to be done in a certain fashion. We review minutes a lot and make changes to make sure that it is correct and the wording is correct. Victoria Fred is the one who decided who is going to be a trustee.

Ruth Massie

Auditor and Mike Downs report will be tabled to later in the day.

Minutes of GA 2021

Copies were handed out to each delegate

Moved by Cherish Fairclough
Seconded by Billy Van Fleet

Open for discussion

Hazel Skookum

It would be good for the minutes to be delivered a month later for people to discuss the minutes. It should be posted online so that people can access the minutes. People would have a better understanding of what has happened.

Nicole Tom

I don't believe the minutes have been posted. It is a good idea. We have talked about this during Chief and Council meetings. I think it should go out beforehand.

Jennifer Lee

It is a priority of the communications department to figure out how to get this out to the citizens.

Any opposition to the minutes of the GA 2021 (called three times).

Minutes approved by consensus.

Sewage Lagoon – Michael Ukrainetz and Michael Edwards

Michael Edwards

We were here in 2019 with an update.

Mike Ukrainetz – We are working on a new sewage lagoon. We have gone through some options and considerations

There are 4 different site solutions proposed. The decision is the Freegold site as having the less impact.



Freegold site is the best choice – conditions with odor, wind, recreation, and fishing.

It works geotechnically, least impactful to environment. Using a discharge to ground vs discharge to river. It is a large septic system which will be less odor.

It is roughly 5 km down the Freegold Road. Yukon Government has retained another consultant to define parameters. They are familiar with the site. Potential tenders will go out this fall with the intent of having an operational lagoon for 2026.

We have also had underground water testing – it has to be done for 2 years. The underground water still runs north towards to river. The distance allows us to treat the water. The waste will be treated before it gets to that water. The suggestion is to have additional water testing in the future.

There is a handout for everyone.

Nicole Tom

In one of your preferred locations - is that a water body or what is that cleared area?

Mike – it is the marshy area that is out there. It currently collects water.

Nicole Tom

So we will be able to track the tributaries and the underground water flow

Mike

The underground water testing is underway right now for analysis. The geotech. has taken inconsideration the surface water conditions. We will be addressing that.

Nicole Tom

Will you be paving the roads that goes to the lagoon?

Mike

Not at this time but there is additional work happening right now. Basically, it will be better maintained.

Mike Vance

What is the infrastructure that is going to be required for the waste to reach the lagoons. How many houses are going to be hooked up to the system? Are the First Nation houses going to be hooked up to this? How are you going to get it down to the sewage lagoon?

Mike – in the future – instead of a discharge to the current pit, it will be trucked to the current lagoon as part of the phased construction until phase 2 goes into place. Phase 2 is the potential replacement of the current waste facilities pumping station. There are future considerations of solid pipe direct to the facility in Carmacks.

Frank Fairclough

Where do you plan to put the lagoon, how come it is next to settlement land? Something like that always seems to be next to settlement land.

Mike – It's a good question and we can go back and explore from that.

Frank Fairclough – it always seems be that way.

Mike – there were 4 locations chosen in the past and they were not viable. This place works the best.

Ruth Massie – are there any further comments?

George Skookum

Back in 2019 we set a location. The spot we picked was not ideal because of the ground situation. I recognize that the existing lagoon is full to capacity and we are still using it. What is the timeline that you are targeting for completion? Is there an urgency for nailing down a location. We need to recognize a time frame to meet.

Mike – We are pushing for 2026 to be complete and operating. The lagoon itself should be operational for 2026. We are doing the underground water testing in conjunction with the design so that we are not waiting and we are not waiting for the water board.

Lennie Charlie

I was on Chief and Council for 12 years. The sewage lagoon needs to happen. The current pit is actually contaminating our water and we are on a boil water advisory for the past 10 years.

The location of the lagoon is just outside of Carmacks and will not affect the spring water. It is about 2 km this side of the gravel pit above. I have been pushing for the lagoon for a long time. We will be driving with truck to the lagoon and pumping it in. Eventually we will all be on this system and won't have to use trucks to haul the waste. I strongly support this so that we can have good drinking water. This has been on the table since I was on council. In 2019, we approved these two sites and had approved further testing. This is something that I strongly support and that we have to do.

Ruth Massie – any further questions or comments?

Joy O'Brien

I heard that someone said our water was contaminated right now - is there any connection with people being sick and having health issues in Carmacks? What is the time frame before that has to be moved again. I have concerns about the comment about the chet – it is important to us.

Mike

Based on distance, it shouldn't have any concerns for the water. The discharge is into the ground

Karole O'Brien – the health of the people is important. What about it going into the ground and leakage – how is it going to affect the camps north of the lagoon? In regards to the old site, how is that going to be cleaned up. How is this going to affect the wildlife?

Mike – the discharge – with sub surface, the ground is like a filter system. We are planning on keeping the water monitored. Based on the ground conditions, it should just be clean water when it hits the river. There is a 100 year duration between discharge and arriving at the river.

Nicole Tom

Chief and Council has recognized that there is a boil water advisory for the past 10 years. We are actively testing water and doing a feasibility study. In conjunction, I went to Ottawa and talked with the ministers about the boil water advisory in the community. We are the only community in Yukon on a boil water advisory. The government has put money to reserves. We will continue to take data and forward the information to the minister. We are in hope that we will get piped water.

Jennifer Lee

It is on-going work for the capital department. Jeremy would be the person to speak to about this.

Mike Vance

I see the plans being talked about but I don't hear about a government to government talk about when we wish to be hooked into the system. I don't see the plan where it is a government to government relationship being developed. We are the original people here.

If there is going to be any development, I want it said that if there is any economic developments that it go to our Carmacks Development Corporation.

Billy Van Fleet

What is the time line?

Mike – the intent is to have it operational by 2026

Eileen Fields

Thank you for the report. My request is if this is a health issue, and there is contamination. This is going into the ground and it is contaminated. We need to get filters in all the homes. It is essential for one to be provided and that very one is protected. Animals are important too but human life is more important.

Selina Siah

Choosing land – was there input from the Elder’s council. Before you choose a land, will you have elders and keepers on the land. It is important to do our ceremonies and prayers.

Mike

I am unclear of how this was originally set up. It was an engagement process between LSCFN, and YG.

Julie Anderson

YG is covering the financial portion of this?

Nicole

We heard a lot of concerns and questions. What was the expectation of this meeting to the GA

Mike

We were here to show where we are at, and gathering questions.

Nicole Tom

We are looking at further community consultations and you have taken down the questions?

Shirley Bellmore

If we go this route, I think the whole community would be connected and not just part of it.

Ruth – thank you to Mike and Mike for the update.

Mike Downs

Thank you for the opportunity to attend your General Assembly. We have distributed a report to citizens and there is a copy on screen as well.

On the chart, you can see that LSCFN has hired us June of 2000 and that is when we initially got an investment of \$5.8 million and over the course of time with additional investment, payment to

elders, and a spending moratorium, we have been able to grow this capital incredibly well over 22 years. We went from \$5.8 million to about \$61 million at the end of May 2022. We have grown the investment by about \$44 million. This is a testament to the patience and the discipline of the trustees of the Investment Committee but also the community at large. Over the course of 22 years there have been some good times and bad times. The trustees have been great stewards of the capital by being patient and disciplined.

We stayed focused on the long term through financial problems in the world

The pandemic – a time where there was questions and worry. The discipline has paid off.

The pie chart – how the investments are diversified. We invested in many types of assets that deliver returns and provide diversification.

31% in Canadian equity (Royal Bank, CP Rail, TD Bank) that you are an investor of. When those companies make money – so do you.

10% international – investments outside of North America.

14% U.S. equity (Microsoft)

14% Alternative investment (infrastructure – investments along with other clients make investments into roads, bridges, highways, solar installations, wind turbines. These investment are not tied to world events but rely on things like the sun and wind

In Comox and Campbell River, we built and financed 2 hospitals for the BC Government. In Calgary, there is a ring road that we have built and financed. The governments will be paying over the next 25 years. Not too long ago, we were one of the largest owners of solar energy.

25% fixed income – invest in loans from Government of Canada, loans from the provinces, and loans from corporations. It is a way to generate fixed income that provides stability to the growth of the portfolio.

The trustees have been receptive to new ideas. They had dedicated their time and patience and willingness to listen to new ideas.

2000-2022 the trust has grown over 200% and that takes time and effort from the trustees. I take a lot of pride in the relationship that we have had with the trust over 22 years.

We have come through the last 12 years with some strong returns.

With what is going on around the world, it is a bit of a challenging time.

The price of gasoline and inflation are concerns for citizens.

In periods of uncertainty, you have hired us to take care of these for you.

Connor Clarke and Lund – Mike Downs

we look after is 105 billion dollars in investments.

Eric Fairclough

Mike's presentation is on the dollars that are at Connor Clarke and Lund. It does not include the investment on NVD – you can add \$3.1 million to that.

Mike Downs

I am one of 700 people working on your behalf. I take a lot of pride in the relationship that we have had with the trust over 22 years.

Selina Siah

Is there a place that we can watch our stocks monthly or is there updates?

Mike Downs

Through the trust officers we can produce a monthly report. There would be hundreds and hundreds of investments throughout the world. The information is accessible but it would be a lot for people to take in. We can provide a list of those investments. We are happy to share those names through the trustees.

Joy O'Brien

How are we paid for the work that we do?

Mike

There is a fee schedule based on the investment. It is an industry standard. If a portfolio goes up or down, our payment follows that same schedule. The percentage of your net investment is after you have paid fees to our company.

Eddie Skookum

Medical travel – very underrated – we fundraise for families to go to medical treatment. We need to have a mini-trust to make sure that we have adequate support for medical travel. Many of our citizens are getting sick and going outside. 30-40% are over age 60. We spend millions on other projects but not medical. Maybe we can set up a mini-trust for medical.

Eric Fairclough

The trustees can examine this down the road – Connor Clarke and Lund takes our money and grows the money. Once the moratorium is lifted there are a number of things that the money can go towards. There are guidelines – maybe at that time the recommendation can go towards a fund for medical.

Cherish Fairclough

What level of investing is guided by ethical guidelines, green practices, social, environmental issues.

Mike Downs

It absolutely does. We weigh our investments with these guidelines, regardless of investments, we weigh those issues.

Billy Van Fleet

Several years back, we were told our elders pay were at risk. Is there a way for us to protect it?

Eric Fairclough

Those decisions are made by CYFN and it is up to Chief and Council to make those decisions. They have decided to keep those funds.

Mike Downs

How the money gets deployed is a First Nation need. We need to keep the portfolio growing to invest in future generations.

Resolutions

Resolution # 02:

June 2022

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation General Assembly Resolution- Supporting our Citizens

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation receives funding to provide programs and services for their Citizens; and

WHEREAS the different sources and categories of funding outline eligibility for the programs and services that are provided to Citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation:

1. Directs the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Governance Department to compile a list of programs and services provided to all Citizens, regardless of where they reside, and identify the eligibility for these programs and services, as set by the funding sources;
2. Directs the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Governance Department to prepare an information package for all Citizens outlining these programs and services and eligibility requirements;
3. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, whenever able and subject to limitations that are in place, provide all programs and services to all Citizens, regardless of where they live; and
4. Directs that a report on the development of this work be brought to the 2023 General Assembly.

Moved by Eileen Fields – it doesn't state anything for residents outside of territory . I wanted information to go to citizens who are not in Carmacks. My concern is that they do not have the information needed. They should be given a package with the different resources available to them.

Seconded by Selina Siah

Passed by Consensus

Resolution # 03: June 2022

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation General Assembly Resolution- Reducing Waste at Events and Gatherings

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation holds many events and gatherings, such as the General Assembly, where food is served which creates a lot of waste;

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation wishes to reduce the volume of waste produced due to the use of disposable dishes at events and gatherings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation:

1. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation no longer use disposable dishware at gatherings and events;
2. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation provides each Citizen with a 'potlatch bag' containing a full set of dishes including cutlery, cup, bowl and plate; and
3. Directs Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation that where it is not possible to use reusable dishware at events, such as for health safety measures that may be in place, then only compostable and recyclable dishware will be used, and that these be properly composted and recycled.

Moved by Joy O'Brien
Seconded by Nikka Young

Comments

Billy Van Fleet

If we're going to be using our own plates, we need proper cleaning stations. It should not wait for the next General Assembly.

George Skookum

It is really important. The landfill in Carmacks has grown past the point that they thought it would be. We recognize the importance of recycling for the generations to come. The people that clean the community over the last two weeks have done a wonderful job. I remember when a plane flew over our community and said that it was the dirtiest town that they have ever seen. It hurt to hear that.

It is good that we are not using plastic bags anymore. We cut up the plastic that comes from cans. We need to teach those aspects of recycling. There is a lot of plastic in the ocean. On the outskirts of Edmonton, you see big landfills. They take the garbage and cover it up with dirt. Plastic can't decompose. It is important for the future of our kids and their kids.

Viola Mullett

I am wondering of the provision of the bag ..is that for each year? This has come up at many meetings. It works well for people to bring in their own dinnerware. There is a provision for compostable plates in an emergency situation.

Shirley Bellmore

If we are going this route, they will have to find a new way of serving food.

Chief Tom

I think it is important that we hear what is happening right now. It will take every person to take responsibility for this resolution. We have heard from George that the landfills are full. The amount of garbage from this GA has been huge. It is important to listen to this resolution.

Tanya Silverfox

Change the word from composable to compostable.

Cory Bellmore

If compostable dishes are used they need to be disposed of properly or they become just as bad being put in the landfill.

Any opposition (called three times)

Passed by consensus

Resolution # 04: June 2022

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation General Assembly Resolution - Food Allergies

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation holds many events and gatherings, such as the General Assembly, that are attended by Citizens and staff who have food allergies and sensitivities; and

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation wishes to keep our Citizens and staff safe from health risks arising from food allergies and sensitivities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation:

1. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation conduct a survey to develop a list of Citizen and staff food allergies and sensitivities;
2. Directs that any food on the list of life-threatening allergies faced by Citizens and staff not be served at Little Salmon/Carmacks events and gatherings;
3. Directs that Citizens and staff with other food allergies and sensitivities be accommodated at events and gatherings; and
4. Directs that appropriate safety measures be in place, such as availability of Epi-pens, to be able to respond in the case of an allergic reaction.

Moved by Cathy Kowalchuk
Seconded by Selina Siah

Chantelle Blackjack

Restricting the food – an accommodation should be made but not completely not served unless it is a deathly allergy

Selina Siah

I think we mean life threatening allergies. Is there a First Aid station that has epi pens at each event?

Nicole Tom

Thank you. We do not but we can make note in our administration. It is important to have a First Aid station.

Cathy Kowalchuk

I agree to all of this. My youngest daughter has allergies to pineapple and it was served yesterday. She can't even smell it.

Billy Van Fleet

We need better clarification for what type of food we are talking about.

Ruth Massie

This resolution be directed to life threatening allergies. LSCFN has been directed to conduct a survey.

Shirley Bellmore

It should be food allergies and sensitivities – some people are lactose intolerant

Ruth Massie

It will be changed to food allergies and sensitivities

Selina Siah

Can you add life threatening allergies and not just allergies.

Any objection (asked three times)

Passed by consensus

Resolution # 5

**Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation General Assembly Resolution-
Swimming Pool**

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation is interested in developing more recreational opportunities for Citizens residing in Carmacks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation:

1. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Recreation Department develop a feasibility study for a swimming pool for Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Citizens.

Moved by Mike Vance
Seconded by Frank Fairclough

Comments - none

Objections (called three times)

Passed by consensus

Resolution # 06: June 2022

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation General Assembly Resolution- Utilizing Citizens for Traditional Workshops

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation wants to preserve our culture through teaching of our traditional ways to all Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Citizens;

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation often hires facilitators and instructors to hold workshops to teach these traditional ways;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation:

1. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation preferentially hire Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Citizens that meet the experience, knowledge and suitability requirements for all facilitator and/or instructor positions;
2. Directs that where no Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Citizen meets the requirements and/or is not available to facilitate and/or instruct the workshop, then other Northern Tutchone Citizens may be hired; and
3. Directs that other workshop facilitators and/or instructors are only hired when neither Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation nor other Northern Tutchone Citizens meet the job requirements and are available.

Moved by Hazel Skookum
Seconded by Billy Van Fleet

Billy Van Fleet

A lot of traditional knowledge is available. In order to do workshops, I need supplies to be made available.

Hazel Skookum

I think we have a lot of people out there with experience that we can utilize. We should hire our own Northern Tutchone people.

Cherish Fairclough

Life-Long Learning – can start a list of citizens where people can list their skills and what they can teach.

Karole O'Brien

I like the resolution to hire Carmacks, Northern Tutchone and then others. Get a list from citizens of topics that they are interested in.

Question

Any objections (called three times)

Passed by consensus

Resolution # 07: June 2022

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation General Assembly Resolution- Elders Policy

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation provides programs and services for their Elders; and

WHEREAS many Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Citizens have long-standing questions about elders programming;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation:

1. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Governance Department develop a draft Elders' policy that outlines, among other matters, the programs and services available to Elders, and eligibility for these programs and services;
2. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Governance Department consult with the Elders Council on the draft Elders Policy to ensure their wisdom and knowledge informs the final policy; and
3. Directs that a report on the development of the policy be brought to the 2023 General Assembly.

Moved by Selina Siah

Not all programs can be used by Elders who live off of traditional territory.

Seconded by Cherish Fairclough

Comments

Karole O'Brien

There was a comment for elders who live off of the traditional territory.. Is there a way that the resolution can be re-worded?

Fred Koe

I see that this included all LSCFN elders. It directs them to consult with the Elders Council.

Question

Any opposition to this resolution (called three times)

Passed by consensus

Resolution # 8

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation General Assembly Resolution- Citizen Communication Portal

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation wants to be transparent about the work underway in all departments, and by Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation boards, committees and the Trust;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation:

1. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation implement a portal on their website so that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Citizens living outside Carmacks can access information about departmental, board, committee and Trust activities;
2. Directs that LSCFN also ensure that current Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation legislation and policies be available to Citizens through this portal.

Moved by Hazel Skookum
Seconded by Karole O'Brien

Hazel Skookum

Include a part where they can put their comments forward.

Karole O'Brien

I agree that citizens should get regular updates

Chief Tom

We have worked on communication. We do have monthly newsletters that go out and it is available on Facebook and on the website. I don't know how feasible this is for 5 departments to do a monthly meeting. We have a meeting every second Monday. The newsletters capture what is happening in this department.

Viola Mullett

I do work in the First Nation and I am well aware of what the departments do. They are overworked and already run around busy. Asking them to do a monthly meeting, it will impact their workload. If you could do this quarterly or twice a year it would be better.

Hazel Skookum

I was not just suggesting 5 departmental meetings in a month..one example is an update about finance, the lagoon, housing etc. It is focused and feasible. Information like that is not heard until the GA. We need updates so that people have a good understanding of what is out there and people are informed. They don't need to be long – provide a lunch and make it fun.

Chief Nicole Tom

I think that is what we were trying to do with the open mic. night,. I agree that the packages need to go out before the General Assembly. I feel the departments are already doing this. We don't want to over burden staff and the people.

Billy Van Fleet

I have a problem with that. We are at a General Assemblies and are mostly citizens. The info we are receiving from Chief and Council and the information is directed to citizens. If we put it on the web, we lose confidentiality. The rest of the world is not entitled to what we say. What we discuss here is between us and let's keep it that way.

Joy O'Brien

The citizens who are not from the community would like to be updated on the things that are going on. The website is not updated and not interactive. People want to be informed. You can create portals on the internet. I believe other First Nation's have portals where citizens can log onto.

Chief Nicole Tom

We have been working on this. We have been re-vamping the web site. We have general meetings here and in Whitehorse. We have zoom available now which will include more people. We need to get more information out. We do have the newsletters and each department is working to get more information out. I ask people if they get the newsletter. And I ask do you use Facebook? I ask do you know that there is a website? Sometimes they say no to all three. That is when we ask what is the solution. What is the next step to make it better?

Ruth Massie

Do you agree to withdraw this resolution due to all of the communication that is happening now?

Hazel Skookum

I work for Kluane First Nation and they have a portal where citizens can access information. It is safe, confidential and updated. They can ask questions or give a pat on the back for Chief and Council. I would like to see this and the portal is safe as long as you log in.

Ruth Massie

Would you like to re-word this resolution?

Nicole Tom

I hear from Hazel that she would like to see a portal put on the website. We are working on this at this time. The administration is already engaging with people.

Hazel Skookum

Strategic plan – I haven't seen any information on the website from the departments. There is \$15 000 attached to the delivery. I don't think that is enough to communicate to the citizens.

Nicole

I don't know where the \$15 000 came from. Hazel, have you seen the newsletter on the website? The newsletters speaks to each of the departments and how they speak to the strategic plan.

Hazel Skookum

Basically, I have been homeless for the last little while with no internet. I have in the past been able to get information. I want all the policies on the website. The policies need to get to the people so that we know what to look for

Ruth Massie

This is not what the resolution speaks to. Do you want to re-word the resolution. It sounds like you want more transparency?

To the seconder - do you want the resolution withdrawn or re-worded?

Karole O'Brien

Communication transparency is important. Each department has an employee with a phone number attached to it. When you reach out to the department, I want those employees to be respectful and answer the phone. It is really hard to get a hold of employees. Having information is important to people. I don't know how to re-word it.

Ruth Massie

We will withdraw this resolution as written. We will see if the resolution committee will do a resolution for transparency

The chair withdraws the resolution as it is redundant for the actions that have been taken.

Resolution # 09 June 2022

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation General Assembly Resolution-Archiving Funeral Pamphlets

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Citizens create pamphlets when a Citizen passes;

WHEREAS these pamphlets contain history of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Citizens that is important to preserve;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation:

1. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Heritage Department collect and archive all Citizen funeral pamphlets, in either digital or hard copy, on an ongoing basis.

Moved by Billy Van Fleet
Seconded by. Mike Vance

Comments

Billy Van Fleet

I think this is a wonderful idea. We had an elders meeting about genealogy. If these were archived, we would be able to access the information.

Mike Vance

I agree with this. I thought of this for many years.

Cory Bellmore

I wanted a place to deposit the information. I understand that it is unofficially collected, but I want to see if officially collected.

Eileen Fields

I agree with the resolution. There needs to be a clause added. We should have families archived. We need to add that we need insurance for \$5000 for each family to help with costs. I know we have a strong background of helping each other. We need to have insurances to help out families.

Fred Koe

This is a financial request. Does anyone from Finance or the Executive Director want to comment.

Shirley Bellmore

This has nothing to do with what was put forth. Before it was just to put the information away and to store the information properly

Eileen Fields

I think this is why people are afraid to put resolutions forward, there is a barrier. Enough of the barriers. We have so much property. We want to help our citizens in whatever way we can. If there is a resolution and something can be added on then we should do it. Heritage has everything to do with life and death.

Jennifer Lee

How does the GA deal with resolution that come with Eileen. I recommend within the resolution for Chief and Council to look into it.

Fred Koe

The current resolution deals with pamphlets. The addendum is to add a portion to give \$5000 to families for funerals. This should be a second resolution. The resolution committee can create another resolution.

Any opposition to the resolution as presented (called three times)
Passed by consensus

Resolution # 02: June 2022

Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation General Assembly Resolution- Supporting our Citizens

WHEREAS Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation receives funding to provide programs and services for their Citizens; and

WHEREAS the different sources and categories of funding outline eligibility for the programs and services that are provided to Citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation:

1. Directs the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Governance Department to compile a list of programs and services provided to all Citizens, regardless of where they reside, and identify the eligibility for these programs and services, as set by the funding sources;
2. Directs the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation Governance Department to prepare an information package for all Citizens outlining these programs and services and eligibility requirements;
3. Directs that Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, whenever able and subject to limitations that are in place, provide all programs and services to all Citizens, regardless of where they live; and
4. Directs that a report on the development of this work be brought to the 2023 General Assembly.

Moved by Eileen Fields
Seconded by Selina Siah

Comments

Eileen Fields

I brought this forward so that all citizens regardless of where they live, if they need support, that they get it.

When Chief and Council elections come up, they look for support and they send info and out a proxy no matter where they live. Then when citizens who need support, ask for it, then can't get support because of where they live. I think that they need and require that support.

Selina Siah

As a citizen that does live outside of the territory, we have come across needs, and the barriers are real in the cities or close to other First Nations. They do tell us to go back to our First Nation. We don't know who to get a hold of or who to talk to. It make it so hard to be so disconnected spiritually, and mentally.

Karole O'Brien

This resolution speaks to the employees and the phone numbers. The employee did not know who to call within the department. It makes it difficult and confusing for citizens outside of Carmacks. When reaching out for citizens, I was told that I couldn't get help because I did not live in Carmacks. The Government gets FTA dollars for each citizen. Providing services has to be reciprocal and not just using our names for FTA dollars. It is because of citizenship and people that is why there is a government and why they get money.

Question

Is there any objection to the resolution (called three times)

Passes by consensus

Citizen Concerns

Mike Vance

I have been watching the progress of this First Nation for the last 15 years. I was part of the negotiating team. I understand that we have a 25th anniversary. This agreement took a lot longer than 25 years. A lot of those people have passed on. Those people need to be recognized. First and foremost is Roddy Blackjack who spoke with Elijah Smith.

It started with youth who were concerned. Elijah Smith overheard them and encouraged them. One of them was Viola Mullett, Bill Fairclough and Ted Fairclough. They gathered information. Johnny Sam gathered so much traditional information. I got involved in 1985 after the first agreement was turned down. When I became involved I came in as a negotiator. I got involved shortly after and it was a steep learning curve. That is what you are going to be celebrating.

What is this agreement about? It is for you to build your government. It is for the future generations to live and work. When we have our Final Agreement put into the constitution. We have the same power as the Government of Canada. We are building a Self-Government house. It is going to be a big place. No matter how much you build your house, it needs a strong foundation. That foundation is our constitution.

The constitution is only the beginning. It needs a lot more work and it needs to be started and carried on right away. The Constitution committee needs more people and needs younger minds. Chief and Council needs to protect their people.

That includes the banishing of drug dealers. In the old ways, they would not be around.

It is small steps. To the leadership, you are only a leader if your people are beside you. You should be able to turn and see if your people agree with your idea. Follow the tenants of your constitution. That is what your elders and youth councils are for.

When you have an Elders council...they are here to help you not boss you. We are here to help and provide advice to make sure that you are going in the right direction. When you walk among you people, you should be able to walk happy. Not all wishes can be followed but most can be.

It can be very scary when you are at the far end of the spectrum, when you have no money and you can't see help. Make sure your constitution is strongest. It needs to be well placed and strong.

There are a lot of concerns out there that are country and world-wide. We may need to pull together as a people. We need to work together. Walk together and hug each other.

Alice Boland

I have a community concern. Nobody picks up there phone. The only one that answers their phone is our deputy chief – Zachery Cochrane. The pipe under my house broke and I phoned everybody and only Zach answered. People need to start answering their phone.

Chief Nicole Tom

I haven't had my phone for about 6 to 7 months. I want to speak on behalf of leadership, there are boundaries that need to be held as well. We have families and lives. Before, we never had cell phones. We are individuals that need boundaries. We do put our names forward. We understand that there is work that needs to be done. In an emergency situation we can improve. Thank you, Alice for your comments.

Karole O'Brien

Thank you for all the employees and to the leadership. I don't expect for people to be on call for 24 hours. If you get a call, please call back as soon as you can. If you get a text, please return it as soon as you can. I have family members who has had a health issue for 10 months. I want to say thank you to Tanya for getting this ball rolling. I was on the phone to LSCFN and the employees didn't know who was handling what. If your name is by a phone number, respect your citizens and return calls to them. It took a lot to get this done and LSCFN was not there until Tanya got something going. Please respond to emails from citizens.

Chief Nicole Tom

I agree. It has been brought to my attention that the emergency lines need some work and I will direct that to Jennifer Lee.

Alice Boland

We keep on talking about dog problems. They are all over. There are lots of dog problems and we can't even go for a walk.

Jennifer Lee

We have been talking with the Village of Carmacks and they have a bylaw in place. We did meet and we are looking at this bylaw to see if it will work. The village does have a dog catcher. We want to bring it to the citizens. It will need a solution that will work for your community.

Frederick Blanchard

I have been around a long time. The General Assemblies get better and better and more efficient. I thank you all for being there for us.

On the resolution about the funding being made available to families. I had to borrow \$2000 to bury my daughter. It is tough paying that back.

My site specific – many years ago when we were putting this together – citizens had a choice to look for land selection – Mine was on the south side of Montague Creek. I was hoping to be able to do something with it, as the years go by, and I spoke to people. I asked about my site specific and if it was still available. I need someone to find out something about that. I do want it for my grandson and I. I am hoping that someone can find out if it is still available. I talked with Julie Anderson who helped me out. If it is not available, I would like to make another selection.

Chief Tom

Thank you Freddy. I would like to extend my condolences to you. I want to send you love and light. I will direct you to Jennifer Lee and Eric Fairclough in regards to a site specific.

Salena Siah

A reminder to our people to recognize the next generation of spiritual, holistic healers. They need guidance and it is sloughed off as ADHA. We have parents that no longer understand these gifts because of residential school. Listen to your children when they talk and when they say they see spirits or hear songs in the bush. They are our future healers. And maybe it can be put in a resolution for a mentor to be put in place for the spiritual children.

Joy O'Brien

I heard about a dog concern and an opiate concern

Dog issue – it really is a concern. There was a death in another community. In another community they were attacking other dogs. Community members need to step up and call someone when this is happening.

The opioid crisis – Chief and Council are not everywhere and they can't see things. This a real concern in Yukon and Carmacks. It is time to start talking about it. If you don't trust the RCMKP then there should be something done about it. I believe in education and informing people. It is

only going to get bigger and the children will be raised up seeing this As community members we need to do our part.

Tanya Silverfox

With the community safety program, Jennifer Lee would be best to talk about it.

Jennifer Lee

Karmen Cozens will join me as well. We have hired Gina Nigano. There will be community meetings in the future.

Karmen Cozens

House of Wolf – Gina Nagano signed a deal on April 1. They will do a complete survey of what is going on in Carmacks – partying, lighting, safety, playgrounds. They will look at our constitution and documents. They will look at our stats and look at the RCMP and tragic events. It will give us a snapshot of where Carmacks is and where we need to go. That report is due in 5 months. You will be seeing a call from them about community engagement.

Selina Siah

Is there a line that citizens can call to ensure anonymity to report drugs or drug use? Is there searches for vehicles. Some people don't trust the RCMP.

Karmen Cozens

You can remain anonymous. They want to know if you know about drug deals going down. They have two phone numbers to get a hold of the RCMP.

Selina Siah

At the end of the 5 months, will there be community safety officers in place to do patrols. If there is no one available at the RCMP, is there something that Chief and Council can do? When we are concerned about a family member, who do we turn to?

Karmen Cozens

There is a community safety officer – under First Nation policy we should have a designated officer who is to liaise with the First Nation and that hasn't happened yet.

Jennifer Lee

The three of us have been working hard with the RCMP to work collaboratively. LSCFN staff are better to support citizens. We want that liaison officer working with Tanya. We want to be

there to support the citizens. We have lost RCMP and we hope that it results in better services. Selina, call Karmen or Tanya when you need help. They are required to be confidential.

Tanya Silverfox

In the Health and Social Department, we do a lot of prevention work. We went door to door to reach every citizen in the community. We did lose someone last year and it was hard to deal with. It is a lot of pressure to us to solve and work with the RCMP. It is going to take all of us working together. It is a big thing...we're losing people every week. Nobody knows what it is that they are using. If you want a naloxone kit, you can ask me.

We do need a third party TIP line that is available 24/7. We have been told who is doing what, when they are coming in and what vehicles that they are driving. They can't do a random search of vehicles.

This is near and dear to my heart because I lost my brother last year. I don't want to lose any more people. If you have any suggestions that you can help our community it would be amazing. We send people to treatment. At the end of the day, it is up to the individual. If you have any solutions, it would be great. Desiree and I have been working hard on this.

We want to talk about people who are overcoming substance abuse. It is depressing when we just talk about the death.

Resolution # 8

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Moved by Hazel Skookum
Seconded by Cherish Fairclough

Hazel Skookum

Thank you for listening to all my comments. I thought it was going to be deleted and didn't think much further on it.

Cherish Fairclough

I think it is important to have a portal for the citizens. It would be good to be able to access information as I have lived away from my home community for a long time.

Question

Any objection (called three times)

Passed with consensus.

Edward Skookum

How about a 1-800 number to the First Nation which would solve some of the problems for communication.

We don't like meetings that overlap each other, especially if you want to attend two different meetings.

There is a lot of young people asking about specific claims. They want to know where they can put their cabins. Is it on A or B lands on the territory of LSCFN. They want to know if they will be taxed if they have their cabins on the land. How many areas can they legally put their cabin on.

Eric Fairclough

Cabins – site specifics – If they have a site specific chosen they can build a cabin. There are cabins available at different sites. Building cabins – we shouldn't be going out just anywhere and building a cabin.

They should come and see the department if they have any questions. Daemon is our GIS technician and can show you the R blocks. People requests are logged. We have to check the GPS coordinates on them. Sometimes during the negotiations, the GPS coordinates are wrong, and it needs to be looked at.

Closing Remarks

Chief Tom

Thank you everyone. I am reflecting on a lot of things. We have seen a lot of our youth. We heard from our elders. We are dealing with a lot in the world. We listen to the words from our elders. We need to stick up for one another, back up one another. I want to thank everyone for guiding us. We thank you for being there for us.

Thank you to Cathy and Liz. We thank you very much...you make this happen. I would like to thank Ruth and Fred. We enjoyed your stories and your wisdom. We have Gunta productions that made this possible to be out on the land and to be heard. Mrs. Elizabeth Skookum-Hawkins and Mr. Cody Cashin coordinated this GA at the last minute. I want to thank our wonderful cooks, labourers, drivers and daycare workers – thank you. Capital – thank you for all that you do. Thank you to our youth out here. Their eyes are on us when we conduct these meetings. The youths eyes are on us. We are teaching our youth how to be a leaders.

Shana our youth is aging out tomorrow. When we first started, I don't think I heard two words from her. I have heard her move into giving speeches and speaking up. She is celebrating 2 years of sobriety.

Tanya – I want to say how proud of you that I am. It is amazing to see how far that you have come. It is a pleasure working with you.

Liz Skookum wants to thank Marion Skookum, Andrea Laughlin, and Marissa Blackjack who helped put the GA packages together.

Thank you to the citizens for being here.

Closing Prayer – Mike Vance