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MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 29, 2026

10:00am – Coast Bastion Nanaimo/Zoom

Attendance: John Jack (Chair) Edward Johnson, Brad Johnson, Evan Cook, Stephen Rayer, Stella Peters, Theresa Nookemus

Resource: Coraleah Bauer-Law Clerk, Jennifer Walsh- Acting Executive Director, Lawrence Dushenski- Legal Counsel, Piyush Pushkarna- Economic Development Officer

Guest: Larry Johnson, Diane Nicholls, Rick Shafer, Kerry Mcheffy, Christian, Ting Zhang, Ishaan Shah

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Delete: 7a. 3rd Quarter Contract Report, Oakhart Cultural Center, Tilly's Plumbing, CEL Electric, Cultural Center, Bluesky, Framepoint, LGL, Nicole Smith, Grocer budget and contract approval, Roof Repair, WWTP

Add: In-Camera items moved up 6a. Framework- Analysis Report, Government Travel, 7a. Economic Development Consultant Contract, 7ci. Draft Budget Forecast, 10f. Justice Society, 10g. NTC Service Agreement, 10h. RFP for Stackabl, 10i. Pre-feasibility with Hazelwood, 10j. Tourism Specialist

MOTION PASSED re: Adoption of Agenda as Amended

Resolution #EC260129-01

3. DECLARATIONS

Councillor Stephen Rayner mentioned he received a couple of items from China and would work with Janet to have that filled out. Chief Councillor John Jack declared two tins of tea which could be of a \$50 value.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATION

6. IN CAMERA SESSION:

MOTION PASSED re: Go In-Camera

Resolution #EC260129-02

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

In-Camera Resolution #EC260129-03

MOTION PASSED re: Go Out of Camera

Resolution #EC260129-04

The meeting went in camera from 10:08am until 1:03pm

7. FINANCIALS

a) Approval of Contract

i. Economic Development Consultant Contract

Economic Development Officer Piyush Pushkarna is going over the report that was provided to Executive Council to seek approval on hiring an Economic Development Consultant while he is on annual leave

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of Contract with For-Cast Consulting

Resolution #EC260129-05

10e) Premiers Forum TIMED ITEM 1pm

Jillian LeBlanc is providing an update with council on the internal work that she has been doing, she mentions that the House of HUU-AY-AHT is available and we will need to book the Motel quickly if council chooses to host. Chief Councillor John Jack mentions that he was approached by Ucluelet and that they would like to host the Premiers Forum this year.

MOTION PASSED re: Premiers Forum

Resolution #EC260129-06

b) October and November 2025 Monthly Financials

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Walsh is going over the financials with Executive Council

MOTION PASSED re: October and November 2025 Monthly Financials

Resolution #EC260129-07

c) Financial Recommendations

i. Draft Budget Forecast

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Walsh is going over the 3-year budget forecast with Executive Council for their approval

MOTION PASSED re: 3-year budget forecast

Resolution #EC260129-08

MOTION PASSED re: Financial Administration Act

Resolution #EC260129-09

8. REPORTS

a) Executive Council reports- December

Chief Councillor John Jack asks if council would like to pull anything from their report

MOTION PASSED re: Executive Council December

Resolution #EC260129-10

b) Executive Director report- December

MOTION PASSED re: Legal Memo

Resolution #EC260129-11

MOTION PASSED re: Executive Director Report-December

Resolution #EC260129-12

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Calling the Spring Legislature

The Law Clerk mentions that she had worked with the speaker on identifying dates for the upcoming Spring Legislature, she also went over the proposed agenda.

MOTION PASSED re: Spring 2026 Session of the Legislature

Resolution #EC260129-13

b) Appointment to the Aboriginal Operational and Practice Standards and Indicators

Councillor Edward Johnson is going over the report with Executive Council and is seeking councils' approval to be appointed to the steering committee

MOTION PASSED re: Appointment of Chief's Delegate for the Steering Committee for the Aboriginal Operational and Practice Standards and Indicators

Resolution #EC260129-14

c) Draft Retainer

Legal Counsel Lawrence Dushenski is going over the proposed draft retainer with Ratcliff with Executive Council for their review and approval. He mentions that we have not had an updated retainer since 2014.

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of Retainer with Ratcliff

Resolution #EC260129-15

d) Parks Canada Formal Apology

Councillor Brad Johnson is speaking to the report that was provided to council, he mentions that nations have been requesting a formal apology

MOTION PASSED re: Parks Canada Formal Apology

Resolution #EC260129-16

e) Premier's Forum- TIMED ITEM 1pm

f) Justice Society

MOTION PASSED re: Justice Society

Resolution #EC260129-17

g) NTC's Service Agreement

MOTION PASSED re: 2026-2027 NTC Service Agreement

Resolution #EC260129-18

h) RFP for Stackabl

Economic Development Officer Piyush Pushkarna is going over the report that was provided to Executive Council for review and consideration

MOTION PASSED re: Stackabl Modular Pre-Feasibility Study

Resolution #EC260129-19

i) Pre-feasibility with Hazelwood

Economic Development Officer Piyush Pushkarna is going over the report that was provided to council and it requesting that council approve that the Executive Director sign the agreement

MOTION PASSED re: Hazelwood Pre-feasibility Agreement

Resolution #EC260129-20

j) Tourism Specialist

Economic Development Officer Piyush Pushkarna is going over the report that was provided to Executive Council and is requesting to allocate some funding from Specific Claims

MOTION PASSED re: Tourism Specialist Position

Resolution #EC260129-21

k) Committee of the Whole Recommendations

MOTION PASSED re: Go In-Camera

Resolution #EC260129-22

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

In-Camera Resolution #EC260129-23

MOTION PASSED re: Go Out of Camera

Resolution #EC260129-24

The meeting went in camera from 2:48pm until 2:52pm

11. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52pm