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Minutes of the Upper Nicola Band (UNB) General Band Meeting (GBM) held on March 13, 2024, at 6:00pm PDT via Zoom.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Chief and Council**

Chair: Chief Dan Manuel  
Councillor Craig Shintah

Councillor Scotty Holmes  
Councillor Ira Tom

**Regrets**

Councillor Brian Holmes  
Councillor Kevin Ned (briefly joined, had connection issues)

Councillor Dennis MacDonald

**Staff**

Jamillynn Viviers, Governance Executive

**Members**

Carol Holmes, Trudy McLeod, Justine Manuel-Young, Joline McRae, Zachary Ned Astakeesic, Stu Michel, Diana Boston, Loretta Holmes, Shona Sparrow, Charlotte Ned.

**1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

Chief Dan Manuel called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

**NO QUORUM, Information session only.**

Chief Dan Manuel provided the opening Prayer.

**2. Item 1: Adoption of the January 31, 2024, GBM Agenda – TABLED.**

**3. Item 2: Review General Band Meeting Minutes from January 31, 2024 – TABLED.**

**4. Item 3: Adding Skeetchestn Band to Hihium Lake IR 6**

Chief Dan Manuel read the letter to Upper Nicola Band from Kukpi7 Darrel Draney dated October 27, 2023.

The letter is requesting support from Upper Nicola Band to add Skeetchestn Band to Hihium Lake IR 6 that was an oversight on the part of Canada in 1913.

**5. Item 4: Sux'xtəm Committee and Cultural Heritage Policy**

Governance Executive, Jamillynn Viviers provided membership with a presentation on the revitalization of the former Cultural Heritage Department to become the Stewardship Department.

Contents of the presentation included the move towards a more governance approach to Upper Nicola's Inherent Rights, especially dealing with proposals from governments and their proponents and how rightsholders can protect and continue stewardship of their traditional territory.

Also, a continued call out for members who wish to become part of the Sux̓w̓təm Committee who will aid in providing a voice as to the referrals that come into Upper Nicola.

**6. Item 5: Animal Control By-Law**

Chief Dan Manuel provided membership with a presentation of the Animal Control By-Law.

Information included the call for membership to become part of a working group to work on the Animal Control By-law, which was drafted in 2012, not passed, and now requires updating before it can be approved by the Chief and Council.

The draft by-law framework was presented to membership.

Members who are interested in participating in the working group as asked to contact the Band Office.

**7. Item 6: Douglas Lake Commonage Update**

Councillor Fred Holmes provided membership with an update on the Commonage.

Information included moving forward with negotiations with Canada and what Upper Nicola's activities have been since the initial meeting with Canada in January 2024.

**8. Item 7: Next General Band Meeting**

The next GBM will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, beginning at 6:00pm via Zoom.

**9. Item 8: Conclusion and Closing Prayer**

The UNB General Band Meeting concluded at 6:54pm with Band Member Justine Manuel-Young providing the closing prayer.