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Minutes of the Upper Nicola Band (UNB) General Band Meeting (GBM) held on April 30, 2025, at 6:00pm PST via Zoom and at N'Kwala School Gym.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Chief and Council**

Chair: Chief Dan Manuel  
Councillor Matt Manuel  
Councillor Stuart Michel

Councillor Scotty Holmes  
Councillor Kevin Ned  
Councillor Craig Shintah

**Regrets:**

Councillor Brian Holmes  
Councillor Jeanette McCauley

Councillor Dennis MacDonald  
Councillor Ira Tom

**Band Transfer Candidate**

Cheylne Manuel, Kaleb Manuel, Kylee Manuel – Band Transfer Candidate (meeting 4 of 5)

**Guests:** Jennifer Taras, ISC

**Staff:** Jamilynn Viviers, Collette Sunday, Susan Manuel

**Members:** Carol Holmes, Joan DeGray, Ivan Lindley, Wayne McLeod, Tyler McLeod, Robert Manuel, Linda Holmes, Howard Holmes, Justine Manuel, Opal Charters, Geraldine Tom, Linsey Ernst, Tierra Holmes, Rita Manuel, Martha Chillahitza, Randy Chillahitza, Harvey McLeod, Nettie Ernst, Yvonne Ned.

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

Chief Dan Manuel called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and Opal Charters provided the opening prayer.

**2. Item 1: Adoption of April 30, 2025, Agenda.**

The agenda for the April 30, 2025 General Band Meeting was reviewed:  
- Table Item 5 - Referrals

Motion to adopt the agenda.

Moved: Stuart Michel

Seconded: Susan Manuel

Motion Carried.

**3. Item 2: Review General Band Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2025.**

Governance Executive Jamilynn Viviers reviewed the meeting minutes from March 26, 2025, General Band Meeting

Motion to accept March 26, 2025, General Band Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved: Kevin Ned

Seconded: Stuart Michel

Motion Carried.

**4. Item 3: ISC Presentation: Lot 142-143 IR 3 Designation Vote Official information.**

Guest Jennifer Taras from Indigenous Services Canada provided membership with information regarding the upcoming designation vote to add Lot 143 IR 3 to Lot 142.

The presentation included timelines, process and reason for the designation vote. Reason is due to a couple of cascading errors that resulted in one of the housing units being built on Lot 142 and partially on Lot 143. The vote will allow members to determine if Lot 143 should be added to Lot 142.

The designation vote is scheduled to take place on Wednesday May 28, 2025 at the Band Office from 9:00am to 8:00pm.

With the possibility of a postal strike in May, members who wish to mail in their ballots are asked to mail them as soon as possible to avoid having their ballot lost or stuck in the mail system until the postal strike is over.

Jennifer Taras departed the meeting at 7:30pm.

**5. Item 4: NVIT Presentation – Tabled as guest speaker did not attend.**

**5. Item 4: Corral Proposal**

UNB Members Martha Chillihtzia and Randy Chillihtzia provided membership with a proposal regarding building corrals with UNB territory.

The information contained included a drawing and a couple potential sites have been identified for the corral including costs for materials required to build the corrals. The intended use is for community building and a gathering place for the annual horse round-up. There could also be the potential for future expansion as well as further development of the corral space.

UNB could develop a special fund for these types of projects brought forward from membership. Part of the budget meeting held in February discussed setting aside funds for members wishing to get back onto the land which is currently in development.

Motion: TO support advancing the corral project as presented with administration and the Kwu Stemtima? To investigate budgets to support this project.

Moved: Alec ?

Second: Rita Manuel

Motion Carried.

**6. Item 5: Next General Band Meeting**

The next general Band meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025, beginning at 6:00pm via Zoom and in-person at N’Kwala Gym with dinner beginning at 5:00pm.

**7. Item 6: Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm after Councillor Matt Manuel provided the closing prayer.

Adopted May 25, 2025