



Minutes of the Upper Nicola Band (UNB) General Band Meeting (GBM) held on May 28, 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 Dennis MacDonald
Councillor Jeanette McCauley
Councillor Craig Shintah

Regrets:

Councillor Brian Holmes
Councillor Kevin Ned

Councillor Jeanette McCauley
Councillor Ira Tom

Band Transfer Candidate

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

Guests: Quinn Ellerbeck, Lacombe Ventures; Rob Malcolmson, CEO, Bell Canada; Dan Rink, CEO, iTel Networks Inc.

Staff: Jamilynn Viviers

Members: Opal Charters, Susan Manuel, Casey Holmes, Carol McCauley, Debra Manuel, Trudy McLeod.

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 May 28, 2025, Agenda.

The agenda for the May 28, 2025, General Band Meeting was reviewed:

Motion to adopt the May 28, 2025 agenda as presented.

Moved: Susan Manuel

Seconded: Craig Shintah

Motion Carried.

3. Item 2: Review of General Band Meeting Minutes from April 30, 2025.

Governance Executive Jamilynn Viviers reviewed the meeting minutes from April 30, 2025, General Band Meeting

Motion to accept the April 30, 2025, General Band Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved: Susan Manuel

Seconded: Stuart Michel

Motion Carried.

4. Item 3: Presentation: AI Data Centre – Lot 95 & 96 IR 1 (Lot 87)

Guests Quinn Ellerbeck, Rob Malcolmson and Dan Rink provided membership with an overview of the proposed AI Data Centre on Lots 95 & 96 on IA 1 Nicola Lake.

The presentation included comprehensive information that included environmental risk reduction, milestones, and the next steps in the project as well as the potential benefits to Upper Nicola. The proposed project is for 300 MVA, the largest within Canada.

The size of the data Centre will depend on how much power BC Hydro can provide for the project, which has not yet been determined. The life expectancy of the centre is about 20+ years as upgrades as newer technology can be installed as they are made available and fulfill provincial and federal mandates.

The potential environmental concerns for this project have been studied and there is little risk to the environment as the project uses little water, does not put out any radiation into the environment and will use clean energy. The one major output from the project will be heat from the computers which could be used for other uses.

Canada is closing in on data sovereignty and the need to ensure data produced within Canada remains within Canada. Currently, most data centres are in the US and are therefore subject to US laws, including the right to review material at any time. As well, AI produced in the US are also taking on US culture, values, and knowledge. With AI Data centres within Canada will create a more balanced AI product.

Prior to operations, Bell Canada will pay market values rent to UNB and once in operation, UNB will receive 5% off the top from revenues generated, so there will be no cost to UNB.

During the month of June, there will be community engagement sessions for membership and there will need to be a community vote to approve the project to be on UNB lands.



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5. Item 4: Next General Band Meeting

The next general band meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2025, beginning at 6:00pm via zoom, and in-person at N'Kwala gym with dinner beginning at 5:00pm.

6. Item 5: Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm after Councillor Matt Manuel provided the closing prayer.

Adopted June 25, 2025