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Minutes of the Upper Nicola Band (UNB) September General Band Meeting (GBM) held on October 1, at 6:00pm PDT via Zoom and at N’Kwala School Gym.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Chief and Council**

Chair: Chief Dan Manuel

Councillor Brian Holmes

Councillor Jeanette McCauley

Councillor Stuart Michel

Councillor Craig Shintah

Councillor Scotty Holmes

Councillor Kevin Ned

Councillor Dennis MacDonald

**Regrets:**

Councillor Matt Manuel

Councillor Ira Tom

**Guests:**

Cpl Jason Olney, RCMP – Indigenous Support Services

**Staff:** Jamilynn Viviers, Brittney Parks

**Members:** Leteesh Archachan, Justine Manuel, Yvonne Ned, Carol McCauley, Linsey Ernst, Zachary Astakeesic, Martha Chillihtzia, Judy Chillihtzia, Charlotte Ned, Harvey McLeod, Debra Manuel, Wayne McLeod, Tyler McLeod, Casey Holmes,

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

Chief Dan Manuel called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and provided the opening prayer.

**2. Item 1: Adoption of October 1, 2025, Agenda.**

The agenda for the October 1, General Band Meeting was reviewed:

Motion to adopt the October 1, agenda as presented.

Moved: Kevin Ned

Seconded: Stuart Michel

Motion Carried.

**3. Item 2: Review of General Band Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2025.**

Governance Executive Jamilynn Viviers reviewed the meeting minutes from June 25, 2025, General Band Meeting

Motion to accept the June 25, 2025, General Band Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved: Scotty Holmes

Seconded: Jeanette McCauley

Opposed: Zachary Astakeesic

Motion Carried.

**4. Item 3: RCMP – Letter of Expectation with Upper Nicola Band**

Cpl Jason Olney provided membership with an overview of the letter of expectation that will be signed between the Band and RCMP. The Letter of expectation is mandated by the Public Safety of Canada to ensure that indigenous communities are provided with adequate policing.

First Nations Policing Program focuses 100% of their work within the Merritt/Nicola area. Focus is on building relations with each of the Bands and defining how to fulfill the duties of the Community Tripartite Agreement. The last one was signed in 2014 and is now looking to update the agreement with Upper Nicola Band.

The priorities of the RCMP are:

1. Youth
2. Elders
3. Community Safety

RCMP have been working closely with Councillor Brian Holmes and have drafted the Letter of Expectation using the Four Food Chief model. Each priority is embedded under each Food Chief. Monthly reporting are also provided to the Chief and Council documenting and reporting on each priority.

A discussion ensued discussing points such as community safety, traffic safety, crime prevention, senior and women's safety. Bullying, online scams and prevention and mandated reporting was also discussed.

**5. Item 4: Proposed Amendment to the UNB Custom Election Regulation, February 3, 2020.**

Governance Executive, Jamilynn Viviers provided membership with the proposed amendment to the current custom election regulation as well as highlighted the dates for the upcoming election.

The proposed amendment provides clarity to the advance poll timeline and will be posted for 30 days for membership to provide comments before a community vote at the next general band Meeting. Any comments can be made in writing to the Governance Executive before the deadline of October 31, 2025.

**6. Next General Band Meeting & Other Announcements.**

The next General Band Meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Funding for family reunions and gatherings is still available for families. \$2000 per family (Holmes, Manuel, Chillihitzia, Ned, etc.) is available until March 31, 2026.

Tahaetkun Mountain gathering is on Friday, October 10. All members are invited to participate.

**7. Meeting Adjournment**

The September General Band Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm following the closing prayer by Justine Manuel.

Adopted November 5, 2025.