



Minutes of the Upper Nicola Band (UNB) October General Band Meeting (GBM) held on November 5, at 6:00pm PDT via Zoom and at N'Kwala School Gym.

ATTENDANCE

Chief and Council

Chair: Chief Dan Manuel

Councillor Matt Manuel

Councillor Jeanette McCauley

Councillor Stuart Michel

Councillor Craig Shintah

Councillor Kevin Ned

Regrets:

Councillor Brian Holmes

Councillor Ira Tom

Councillor Dennis MacDonald

Councillor Scotty Holmes

Staff: Jamilynn Viviers, Governance Executive

Members: Jolene McRae, Ken Hoffman, Rob Manuel, Linsey Ernst, Randy Chillihitzia Jr., William Chillihitzia, Hilary McLeod, Krista Belle Stewart, Justine Manuel, Nettie Ernst, Sky Manuel, Shona Sparrow, Carol McCauley, Carol Holmes,

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Chief Dan Manuel called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm and provided the opening prayer.

2. Item 1: Adoption of November 5, 2025, Agenda.

The agenda for the October General Band Meeting, scheduled for November 5, 2025, was reviewed:

Motion to adopt the November 5, 2025, agenda as presented.

Moved: Craig Shintah

Seconded: Stuart Michel

Motion Carried.

3. Item 2: Review of General Band Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2025.

Governance Executive Jamilynn Viviers reviewed the meeting minutes from October 1, 2025, General Band Meeting

Motion to accept the October 1, 2025, General Band Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved: Kevin Ned

Seconded: Stuart Michel

Motion Carried.

4. Item 3: Proposed Amendment – UNB Custom Election Regulation – Member Vote.

Governance Executive, Jamilynn Viviers provided membership with the proposed amendment to the current custom election regulation, dated February 3, 2020.

The proposed amendment provides clarity to the advance poll timeline and has been posted for the required 30 days for membership to provide any comments or concerns. During the public posting, no comments or concerns were submitted.

At this time, there was a member vote held via a poll on zoom and a paper ballot for those in-person at the meeting. The results of the member vote were 92% were in favor of the proposed amendment, while 8% were opposed to the proposed amendment.

The next steps will be to finalize the amended election regulations for the Tribunal to review and recommend to the Chief and Council to ratify and approve the amended version of the election regulation.

5. Item 4: Appointment of members to the Tribunal Committee

Governance Executive, Jamilynn Viviers provided membership with the names of band members who have stepped forward to serve on the tribunal Committee.

David Coutlee and Martha Chillihitzia have stepped forward to serve on the Tribunal Committee until June 25, 2027. David would serve as the Elder and Martha would serve as the Woman.

Motion: It was moved and seconded by the Upper Nicola Band to appoint David Coutlee as the Elder and Martha Chillihitzia as Woman to serve on the Tribunal Committee until their end of term on June 25, 2027.

Moved: Kevin Ned

Seconded: Jeanette McCauley

Motion Carried.

6. Animal By-Law Update

Councillor Matt Manuel provided membership on behalf of Communications Coordinator, Diana Boston, a PowerPoint presentation regarding the work that is underway and timeline for working on the animal by-law.

A general call out for membership to serve on the committee was also made to help with the creation of the by-law. Those interested can contact Diana Boston.

7. Next General Band Meeting & Other Announcements.

The next General Band Meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

There were several announcements regarding upcoming events for membership. All the announcements can also be found on the UNB website and newsletter and App.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The October General Band Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm following the closing prayer by Matt Manuel.

Adopted November 26, 2025.