



All Organizations
Meeting
Quinsam Wellness
Community Centre

“Xilala xa hamaṭa
lilk'ilat'le
qenc nənwaqo”

“Gathering
People to come
and Meet”

November 5th, 2013

Facilitated by the
Kwakiutl District Council



The following is a draft summary of discussion from the November 5th, 2013

All Organizations meeting for your review.

Gelakasla!

Participant Comment ...

~ “We need to be one today” ~



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Quinsam Wellness Centre, Campbell River, B.C.

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Anita Moon	We Wai Kai Nation	Yijie Qu	CAC Corrections
Nicole Petrie	CAC	Don Irwin	CAC
John Henderson	KDC Executive	Harold Sewid	Mamalilikulla Qwe Qwa 'Sot Em Nation
Pauline Janyst	Sasamans Society	James D. Wilson	KDC
Kim Duncan	A'tlegay Fisheries	Cindy Inrig	KDC
Bev Hills	KDC	Emily Nelson	KDC
Colleen Hemphill	Gwa 'Sala 'Nakwaxdaxw Nation Treaty	Keith Wilson	We Wai Kai Nation
Paddy Walkus	Gwa 'Sala 'Nakwaxdaxw Nation	Michael Colclough	Wachiay Friendship Centre
Jay Silverberg	Wachiay Friendship Centre	Donald Assu	We Wai Kai Nation Nuyambalees
Anne Wallace	Tlatlasikwala First Nation	Tom Wallace	Tlatlasikwala First Nation
Lisa Anwar	KDC	Sherry Simms	NVIATS
Marian Atkinson	KDC	Audrey Wilson	L.F.L.S.
Christa Rusel	A'tlegay Fisheries	Dallas Smith	Nanwakolas Council
John M Smith	Tlowitsis Nation	Kim Roberts	KDC
Mildred Price	KDC Health	Merv Child	Nanwakolas Council
Ken Barth	KDC	Ted Assu	A'tlegay Fisheries
Prilla Henderson	We Wai Kum Band	Tom Nelson	Quatsino Nation/KDC
Rod Naknakim	Lilkwiltle Treaty Society	Gord Glendale	Nanwakolas Council
Steven Dick	A'tlegay Fisheries		

The November 2013 All Organizations meeting was a follow up to the last All Organizations forum which was facilitated by the KDC in January 2008. Unfortunately, all the invitees were not available to be at the meeting but for our next meeting efforts will be made to provide scheduling for participants advance planning.

It was very much appreciated that briefing notes and updates of the services and programs provided were supplied by participants. The purpose of this gathering was to address and share ideas in regards to our common goals and interests and how we could address these interests in a collective manner. Appreciation was expressed for those organizations that attended.

Paddy Walkus opened the meeting with a prayer of thanks. KDC Chair James Wilson thanked everyone for making themselves available and shared that an All Organizations meeting is a good starting point for communication, agreements and forming partnership and alliance. This is also a good opportunity that may provide solutions and address common goals. *General participant comments.*

- We need to support each other. We need our members to stand by each other. We are all intertwined in everything we do, by our progress and our day to day operations.
- The Urban Friendship Centre's provide to both on and off reserve clients, as well as many diverse nations in the Campbell River and Comox areas. They have services in education, health, employment, entrepreneur programs, children and family services, women and small business, and business development to name a few. Plan for future meetings regarding business partnerships.
- Waichiay Friendship Centre is looking at opening a Satellite office in Campbell River.
- KDC gave an overview of the services that the KDC provide in research and advocacy, planning and community engagement, economic development, referrals, strategies and tactics to support our member nations to improve our Nations wellbeing.
- The Citizens Advisory Committee was initiated in 1965 and has over 600 volunteers on Vancouver Island and assist with the Department of Parole and Corrections Services Canada with bringing members back in to the community.. The CAC brings public awareness and programs in to communities.

- Two Treaty groups shared their programs, processes and progress to date. The services, activities and facilities that are within their respective communities because of the Treaty process and the hard work and commitment over the years. Other points that were expressed were that there needs to be more traditional language and culture included in our lives and we need to remain together as one voice.
- Discussion in regards to the Campbell River hospital project and the diverse needs of the communities. Campbell River stakeholder meeting dialogue included topics such as the renal dialysis machine, data sharing, pregnancies and first time births, within the surrounding communities on the island. Organizations expressed support if there is anything that is needed for the hospital
- General discussion in regards to the media and how we are making contact. An example of using social media was an RCMP meeting in Port Hardy and Jessie Hemphill had the involvement of the Gwa 'Sala 'Nakwaxda'xw community via a face book page. Community members were asking questions and the RCMP were giving their response through Jessie.
- We are meeting with the RCMP in regards to one of our Member Nations living in off reserve the urban community. We are trying to fit our urban Member Nations community members in an existing agreement so they will have the same consideration as our reserve communities.
- Discussion regarding the previous KDC Awak'wis newspaper and the need for us to have either a similar newspaper to circulate or on line publication. There is a need to do a business plan in preparation for the possibility of a newspaper in the future. Overview of the Awak'wis newspaper and the resources it took to operate. It would not be too difficult to get it started back up again. There have been many requests for the paper to be started up again.
- Dialogue and discussion was shared in regards to community needs and the KDC newspaper starting up for communication purposes. Dialogue regarding the history of the Awakwis, the possibilities of starting a newspaper again, the cost, the pro's and con's. This will be discussed more in the future.

Many of the participants requested more organizational meetings like this one in the future. James shared that the KDC are prepared to follow up with this idea and all initiatives discussed after this meeting.

This has been a productive day, a good sharing of knowledge and we need to move forward with this. In regards to the Awakwis, we are fifty people here today, committed to making life better for our children. We need to prepare our world for our future youth. KDC is here to support you to move forward.

Communication around the table is excellent today. We need to have more meetings like this at least two or three times throughout the year.

James shared with the participants that we will do our best to have another gathering in the near future.

We see the value of working together.

Agree with the concept of communication, we definitely need the communication we are all in the same areas

Chief Paddy Walkus ~ "An elder reminded me to slow down enough to figure out where you are at. We need to acknowledge *our elders*, they can temper our pace that we are presently working at. We need to slow down. Some of us are almost burned out. We need someone to temper us and tell us what we are doing right or wrong. Telling us in a way that doesn't feel bad, but gives you a good feeling".

A communication plan is the key, I am here to provide support. We shouldn't wait another four years.

Conclusion.

Reflective of the gathering of affiliates and partnering organizations, it is evident that all participants are in support of future meetings to share and update information in regards to our respective work and services. In the sharing of information, issues and initiatives through discussions, we identify common goals and the interest towards forming collective solutions.

Future Objectives: We are planning a future gathering to be anticipated for May 2014. We would appreciate any feedback and relevant information you would like to express in assisting us to plan for our next gathering. We will be posting these notes and additional update information on our KDC Website for your perusal.

Gelakasla! We look forward to seeing you in May.