



## Stó:lō Collective - Commonage Lands Meeting

June 2, 2022 | 9:00 am  
ZOOM Audio/Visual Meeting Minutes

### **Present:**

Squiala	Chief David Jimmie (Chairperson)
Leq'á:mel	Chief Alice Thompson Councillor Camielle Laslo
Matsqui	Chief Alice McKay Councillor Brenda Morgan Administrative Assistant, Angela Ryan
Popkum	Band Manager, Brandon Murphy
Seabird Island	Councillor Stacy McNeil
Shxwhá:y	Chief Robert Gladstone
Skwah	Councillor Eddie Gardner
Skowkale	Councillor Darcy Paul
Sumas	Councillor Troy Ganzeveld Councillor Chris Silver
Tzeachten	Councillor Sandra Bonner-Pederson Councillor Tony Malloway Councillor Loren Muth Councillor Melvin Williams
Yakweakwioose	Councillor Nicole LaRock Councillor Jazmine Horne

### **Staff:**

SSA Executive Director	Willy Hall
Recording Secretary	Abby Duncan

### **Guest:**

Woodward & Co.	Lawyer Murray Browne
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### **Absent:**

Aitchelitz, Skawahlook, Chawathil, Cheam, Kwantlen, Kwaw-Kwaw-Apilt, Scowlitz, Shxw'ōwhámél, Soowahlie, Sts'ailes.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at: 9:05 am

## 1.0 Introductions and Opening Prayer by Chief David Jimmie

- Congratulations to newly elected Sumas First Nation Councillor Troy Ganzeveld.
- Chair provided a summary of the 'Stó:lō Collective' purpose.

## 2.0 Coqualeetza Wrap-up BCR 2022 Final Draft Review

Murray Browne of Woodward and Co.  
Attachment.

- The BCR is in the standard format for Additions to Reserve (ATR) and is the final step for each First Nation to be comfortable to finalize the process.
- It may be that not all the 21 First Nations use the BCR format but may create own format if the correct wording is used stating that they agree that Coqualeetza be created as a 'reserve' for the joint use and benefit of the 21 First Nations.
- Environmental assessments have been completed with no significant changes to the lands.
- The intent of 15-year lease signed in 2005 is to protect the existing tenants. The lease does not start until the lands are reserve – in three 5-year terms. The lease has protections in place against the lessee; Stó:lō Service Society from handing over the lands to a non-First Nation entity.

**Q:** Matsqui asked who makes the decision on who the lands are being leased to, the 21 First Nations?

**A:** The vote in 2005, everyone voted 'yes' to the management agreement and to go to ATR process. The management agreement has been sent out to the 21 for review on June 2, 2022.

**Q:** Matsqui asked for clarification that there is no management agreement for St. Mary's?

**A:** Leases are done on a yearly basis with each tenant's understanding that the 21 have property ownership.

**Q:** Matsqui asked if the BCR included the funds in trust?

**A:** No, it is just about the lands. Funds in trust is a separate issue to be dealt with subject to the ATR completion.

**Q:** Skwah asked if there have been any plans for new buildings?

**A:** One, Xyólheméylh Child and Family Services brought a request for a new building to the SNCC meeting on May 25, 2022.

The SNCC did not decline it but requested a briefing note on the proposal.

There will be no new buildings until the ATR is complete and approved by the 21 First Nations.

### **3.0 Stó:lō Collective Meeting Minutes on April 14, 2022 review.**

Attachment.

- Accepted as presented.
- Commonage Lands Committee is no longer required. Stó:lō Collective will continue to meet on a regular basis.
- A motion is not required as this is not a formal entity yet.

### **4.0 Action Items List review**

Attachment.

See previous action items list update.

See new actions from today, June 2, 2022 under minutes item 3.0 and added to the list.

### **5.0 Stó:lō Collective Properties 'Concepts and Ideas' spreadsheet review**

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Living document created on April 14, 2022 to capture all the concepts and ideas for Coqualeetza, Pekw'Xe:yles, and Xá:ytem properties.

Matsqui added the Leq'a:mel, Matsqui, Sumas (LMS) properties to the Low-Income Housing item listed under "other". The LMS has created a society being the owners of the 149 acres next to Pekw'Xe:yles. The City of Mission has an Official Community Plan (OCP) that will include realignment of the riverfront that may resemble White Rock or Stanley Park.

Please feel free to forward your additions and comments to

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### **6.0 Summary and Next steps**

1. BCR's from all 21 to be submitted by July 15, 2022.
2. Murray Browne suggested to ask ISC about the timeframe. Possibly invite a Minister to mark the occasion as it is a significant addition to reserve that has been many years in the making. It's also a success story, starting with the Coqualeetza Indian TB hospital and turning it into a shared cultural, administration and program centre.
3. Matsqui requested to invite Richard Jock from FNHA to have discussion around a potential healing centre.
4. Discussion on possible brand and logo.
5. Broader discussion on shared taxation should tax place.  
i.e. Non-member tenant tax management.
6. Highlight conversations and break them down to smaller groups/committees.  
Which comes back to the structure of this group.
7. Look at funding opportunities that will support each of the properties.

## 7.0 Scheduling

Stó:lō Collective - Commonage Lands Meeting  
In-person only meeting  
September 8, 2022  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Government House

## 8.0 New Action Items

#	Topic	Action	Person	Target	Status
11	Stó:lō Collective Correspondence	Provide all correspondence on a USB for information sharing; power-point presentation, minutes, actions items, concepts and ideas, management agreement and BCR.	Abby	Jun 9	Pending
12	Outreach to City of Mission	Outreach to the City of Mission re: their Official Community Planning (OCP) <b>Update:</b> Abby telephoned Mike Dickinson at City of Mission on June 6th. He will send a follow-up email. He would be happy to attend our next meeting.	Abby	Jun 6	Complete
13	Chief and Council meeting dates	Chief and Council meeting dates sent to Abby. <b>Update:</b> Abby emailed contact/info sheet out on June 2, 2022 waiting for updates from each of the 21.	Abby	Jun 30	Pending
14	ATR BCR Submission	Each of the 21 submit their BCR's by July 15, 2021 <b>Update:</b> Abby emailed the updated BCR to the 21 on June 2nd. Abby to send out minutes and BCR asking the 21 to submit BCR by July 15th.	Abby/ Collective	Jul 15	
15	Xyólheméylh Building Plan	Abby to request Xyólheméylh Building Plan from Penny Trites <b>Update:</b> Abby received the briefing note from Penny for the Stó:lō Collective records.	Abby	Jun 9	Complete

Meeting concluded at 10:30 am