



**Stó:lō Collective - Commonage Lands Meeting**  
September 8, 2022 | 9:00 am – 12 pm  
Government House / ZOOM  
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Màthxwi (Matsqui)	Chief Alice McKay Councillor Brenda Morgan Administrative Assistant, Angela Ryan
Shxwhá:y (Skway)	Chief Robert Gladstone
Shxw'ōwhámél (Shxw'ow'hamel)	
Sq'ewá:lxw (Skawahlook)	Office Manager, Michael Suedfeld
Sq'ewqeyl (Skowkale)	Councillor Darcy Paul
Sqwa (Skwah)	Councillor Alisha Peters Councillor Eddie Gardner
Sq'ewqeyl (Skowkale)	Councillor Darcy Paul
Ch'iyáqtel (Tzeachten)	Councillor Sandra Bonner-Pederson
Sxwoyehà:là (Squiala)	Chief David Jimmie (Chairperson)

Staff:

Administrative Support	Abby Duncan
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Absent:

Athelets (Aitchelitz), Chawathil, Cheam, Kwantlen, Kwaw-Kwaw-Apilt, Leq'á:mel (Leq'a:mel), Pópkw'em (Popkum), Sq'éwlets (Scowlitz), Seabird Island, Shxw'ōwhámél, Soowahlie, , Sts'ailes (Chehalis), Semà:th (Sumas), Yeqwyeqwí:ws (Yakweakwioose)

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at: 9:20 am

## 1.0 Opening Prayer by Councillor Eddie Gardner

## 2.0 Coqualeetza Additions to Reserve (ATR) Discussion

- There are out outstanding funds being held in trust due to a trespass on the property by Knight Road that will be released once the ATR is complete.
- The discussions so far have been regarding the structure (entity) that will manage the properties, decision making process, collective land code option, funding opportunities and legal requirements.
- A draft "concepts and ideas" sheet has been created to ensure all voices are heard.
- The SSA Executive Director, Chairperson and SSA administrative assistant have started by providing historical information and meeting minutes for the initial stages.
- The Stó:lō Nation Chiefs Council (SNCC) have had discussions on Coqualeetza property improvement (i.e. Government House renovation), however, it has been put on hold until the ATR process is complete.
- The Chair invited the bands to provide their logos to add to the 11 Stó:lō Service Agency drum collection at government house.

**Q:** Matsqui asked what is the amount for each band held in trust - \$600,000?

**A:** \$28,571 / band.

- There has been previous discussion for the bands to allow those funds to be used as seed money for the operation and legal costs of the entity going forward.
- 19/21 are in Land code, Popkum and Skwah are in development stage.
- Andrew Benyon of LAB was not clear at the time of the request to provide funds as a collective. It was recommended that the 19 bands provide their request for funding on their own letterhead (wording will be provided.)
- Skwah suggested a clear vision, timelines, and ceremony. Discuss decision-making process when all the BCR's are complete

**Q:** Matsqui asked for clarification on the SSA rental income and Tribal Council Funding.

**A:** The chairperson acknowledged the work managing the properties and buildings at Coqualeetza and St. Mary's. Matsqui should submit specific question to SSA for response.

Outstanding BCR's	Person responsible to contact
Chawathil	Skowkale Chief Mark Point
Popkum	Shxwhá:y Chief Robert Gladstone
Shxwhá:y	Abby Duncan
Shxw'owhamel	Matsqui Councillor Brenda Morgan
Soowahlie	Squiala Chief David Jimmie
Sumas	Abby Duncan
If these bands require any further information or assistance to contact: <a href="mailto:Abby.Duncan@stolonation.bc.ca">Abby.Duncan@stolonation.bc.ca</a>	

### **3.0 Stó:lō Collective Meeting Minutes on June 2, 2022 review.**

Attachment.

- Accepted as presented.
- A motion is not required as this is not a formal entity yet.

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

Attachment.

See updated list.

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

Living document created on April 14, 2022 to capture all the concepts and ideas for Coqualeetza, Pekk’Xeyles, and Xá:ytem properties.

Please email all concepts and ideas anytime to Abby to add to the list.

### **6.0 Other**

#### **Stó:lō Collective Logo**

- Each band put a post out for a “Create a Stó:lō Collective Logo” Contest.  
If you could create a new Stó:lō logo, what would it mean to you?

#### **Comprehensive Community Plans (CCP)**

- Please provide your CCP’s if they are available to share.

### **7.0 Announcement**

1. Skwah First Nation Job Postings:  
Chief Executive Officer  
Lands Manager  
Emergency and Safety Officer.
2. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
Qwi:qwelstom Justice will be selling “Purple Light Nights” t-shirts with proceeds going to Wilma’s House, Anne Davis Society and future events.

### **8.0 Scheduling**

Stó:lō Collective Meeting	November 14, 2022	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Government House and ZOOM		

Meal prayer by Councillor Eddie Gardner

Meeting concluded at 11:40 am

## 9.0 New Action Items

#	Topic	Person	Action	Target	Status
15	Surpluses	SSA Staff	SSA staff to clarify where surpluses are targeted.	Nov. 14	Pending
16	Outstanding BCR's	Abby	Abby to email the list of outstanding BCR's to respective bands.		Complete
17	Lands Advisory Board (LAB) Funding	Stó:lō Collective	Each band to submit a request on their own letterhead to Andrew Benyon of LAB to access the entitled legal funding.	TBD	Pending
18	Decision making Process	Stó:lō Collective	21 bands to submit their decision-making process suggestions to Abby. For example 50+1, 75%, 50% of attendees. Consensus will prevail for the decision on decision making (at what %)	TBD	Pending
19	Additions to Reserve Ceremony	Abby	Once all the BCR's have been submitted – survey a date for a Stó:lō Collective Ceremony	TBD	Pending
20	Survey to Stó:lō Collective Entity	Chief David Jimmie	Create a high-level briefing note with questions around concepts, seed money with option if communities need money currently and willingness to put back their money later.	TBD	Pending
21	Stó:lō Collective Logo	Stó:lō Collective	When ATR is complete, each band reach out to their youth to create a logo.	TBD	Pending