

Stó:lō Collective – 21 Communities

September 15, 2025 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Government House, Building 8B, 7201 Vedder Rd, Chilliwack

And via ZOOM

Community:

Aitchelitz	Chief Angie Bailey (Zoom)
Chawathil	Chief Aaron Pete (Zoom) Councillor Norman Florence (Zoom) Councillor Audrey George
KwawKwawApilt	Councillor Sandra Hudson (Zoom)
Leq'a:mel	Councillor Lance Campo
Seabird Island	Councillor Rodney Peters (Zoom)
Skawahlook	Chief Sharron Young
Skowkale	Chief Darcy Paul
Skwah	Chief Johnathan Prest Councillor Tana Mussell
Tzeachten	Jennifer Janik (Zoom)

9 / 21 communities in attendance

Guests:

Coqualeetza Cultural and Education Centre (CCEC)	Patricia Raymond-Adair
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Administrative Support:

Project Coordinator (PC)	Val Sam
PC Assistant	Murray Sam (Zoom)
Executive Assistant	Kelly Willmets (Zoom)
Administrative Support	Abby Duncan

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

1.0 Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with an opening prayer led by Chief Darcy Paul.

1.0 Introduction

The meeting began discussions about quorum requirements for First Nations meetings and deadlines for submitting preferences. Updates were provided on Coqualeetza Cultural and Education Centre (CCEC) relocation efforts, including their temporary setup and ongoing projects, as well as details about a modular building project and potential fundraising events. The group reviewed various administrative matters including BCRs for demolition projects, terms of reference for this committee, and established procedures for the Stó:lō Collective working group, with plans for the next meeting in November.

2.0 Sto:lo Collective Meeting Notes Draft Review/ 2.1 Action items follow up/ 3.0 Historical meeting list

- Abby: Remove references to quorum being set at 11 communities from the meeting minutes and send out revised notes.
- Val/Murray: Reach out to First Nations marked in yellow on the list to get their decision on quorum by December 31, 2025.
- **ACTION#2** Submit quorum preference by December 31, 2025, especially those highlighted in yellow on the tracking sheet.
- Val/Murray: Reach out to First Nations that have not responded or attended meetings as a priority for this month.
- Val/Murray: Continue pursuing Band Council Resolutions regarding quorum determination.
- Abby: Correct the July 17th meeting minutes to include Chief Bailey's attendance.
- **ACTION#3** Send the historical meeting attendance list again to those who haven't received it.- Abby
- Abby/Kelly: Send the Terms of Reference separately to Councillor Lance Campo.
- Val/Murray: Send an email to Sandra Hudson from KwawKwawApilt regarding their quorum preference.
- Lance Campo: Bring the Terms of Reference to Leg'a:mel Council for discussion on quorum preference.
- **ACTION#4** All First Nations: Submit their appointed representatives, especially those highlighted in yellow on the representatives list.

4.0 First Nations Quorum Requirements

The meeting focused on establishing quorum requirements for First Nations meetings, with 11 out of 21 First Nations currently attending. The group discussed setting a December 31, 2025 deadline for communities to submit their quorum preferences via BCRs or email, with 11 BCRs already received and 10 still pending. The meeting also addressed the need for appointed representatives from various First Nations, with 9 still pending submission. Councillor Lance Campo from Leg'a:mel requested more time to

discuss quorum preferences with his Chief, and Sandra from KwawKwawApilt indicated they preferred 15 First Nations for quorum but needed to consult with their Chief.

5.0 Update on the Coqualeetza Cultural Education Centre (CCEC)

5.1 CCEC Relocation and Projects Update

Patricia provided an update on CCEC's relocation efforts and current activities. She explained that the organization had to exit their previous location on August 18th and is currently setting up in a temporary space in Building 10. Patricia outlined several ongoing projects, including digitizing language and audio recordings, working with Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Center (SRRMC) on The Map project, and transcribing documents with the help of post-secondary students. She also mentioned that CCEC has received financial support from several local bands, including \$15,000 from Skowkale, \$10,000 from Sumas, and \$15,000 from Skwah.

5.2 CCEC Modular Building Project Update

Patricia Raymond-Adair presented an update on CCEC's modular building project, explaining that they initially considered a used modular from Fort Modular but discovered structural issues requiring \$15,000 in renovations. The project's total funding requirement is \$130,000, with \$97,500 already secured from internal revenue and band contributions. A new location has been identified near the Metis building, requiring \$29,000 in site preparation work that Stó:lō Service Agency has offered to finance. The board will discuss these options at their upcoming meeting, with Patricia noting that while new modulares cost around \$285,000, used options remain more economical despite concerns about longevity.

5.3 Gala Planning and Portable Building

Patricia discussed plans for a potential gala in October or November, mentioning that Gracie Kelly is interested in participating and helping to align people for the event. The group also discussed the setup of a portable building. Councillor Rodney Peters asked about hydro and water connections for the portable, and Val explained that they would need to negotiate separate accounts for these services. The conversation ended with a discussion about securing funding and support letters from the band council.

ACTION #5: Val agreed to work with Patricia on drafting a support letter and BCRs for the communities.

6.0 St. Mary's Demolition BCR Review

The meeting focused on reviewing BCRs (Band Council Resolutions) for the St. Mary's demolition project, where 11 BCRs were confirmed received to date. The group discussed obtaining a map showing which buildings would be demolished. The meeting

also addressed the Terms of Reference (ToR), noting that a draft had been prepared combining work from Sto:lo Collective with previous documentation, though some corrections were needed including spelling corrections and clarification about Xá:ytem involvement given its 24 First Nation title holders not 21.

ACTION#6 Executive Assistant Kelly Willmets to follow up with Amber Kostuchenco and Dave Schaepe of SRRMC to provide a map showing which out-buildings are scheduled to be demolished due to disrepair and hazardous.

ACTION #7 Agreement from those present is to remove references to Xá:ytem from the TOR.

7.0 Sto:lo Collective Working Group Procedures

The meeting focused on discussing the composition and procedures for the Stó:lō Collective working group. Key decisions included allowing proxies with a template to be added, confirming that administrative representatives would be appointed by Chief and Council, and establishing that decisions would be made through consensus with the Chair having voting power in case of ties. The group clarified that two chairpersons would be elected for two-year terms, with one serving as the main chair at each meeting and agreed that the record keeper and secretariat roles should be non-voting members. An open question remained about the current chairperson's status, as Chief Darwin Douglas had previously held the role but had been unable to attend recent meetings.

8.0 Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) Review

The group reviewed the ToR for a committee, identifying several areas for revision including meeting frequency (changed from "3 times annually" to "3 times"), minutes distribution process, and removing outdated language about posting physical copies. They decided to revise the document outside the meeting and set a deadline for receiving comments by end of year.

ACTION#8 Review ToR and have communities' forward updates to the document to Project Coordinator Val Sam and Administrative Support Abby Duncan by December 31, 2025.

9.0 Scheduling

Thursday, November 13, 2025
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Government House Building 8B and via Zoom
7201 Vedder Rd, Chilliwack

Meeting concluded at 11:56 am