



Elders Council for Parks In British Columbia

June Minutes

Tuesday June 10, 2025 – 10:00am

Meeting held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Wayne Stetski (President), Mel Turner, Nancy Wilkin, Mark Haddock, Bev Ramey, Ric Careless, Tory Stevens, Colin Campbell, Bob Peart,
Gallivanting: Kaaren Lewis, Bill Henwood,
Guest: Jim Standen (10:30)

President Stetski thanked everyone for attending the meeting and acknowledged the meeting on traditional territories.

1. Approval of the Agenda

*Moved by Colin, seconded by Tory, that the agenda be approved. **CARRIED***

2. Approval of May Minutes

*Moved by Nancy, seconded by Tory, that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED***

3. Treasurer's Report

In Bill's absence, Mel reported that the General Account had just over \$2808 cash and a \$9,000 term deposit, and the Gaming Account had about \$7700.

4. Round Table

Tory raised the issue of the recent deletion of a portion of Nuchatlitz Provincial Park. General discussion centered on next steps.

Wayne asked for the members to send him suggestions for a letter to Minister Davidson of potential court, treaty and industrial use deletions from provincial parks and other protected areas.

5. Guest Presentation

Jim Standen joined the meeting at 10:30. Jim reported that there was no reduction to the parks budget. He also noted that the potential 15% increase in protection areas to reach 30% does not necessarily mean that will see park designation.

The issue of the change in land title in Nuchatlitz Provincial Park was raised. Jim outlined that the change was the result of a court decision and that the agency is in discussion with the First Nation on future use of the titled lands and the provincial park.

Ric queried the relationship between the BC Parks Foundation and the management of protected areas. Jim reported that discussions on that issue were underway.

Bob commented on the lack of public input in changes to park boundaries. Colin noted the importance of public input into changes in park boundaries or changes in park management.

Wayne asked about the potential designation of the national park in the Okanagan. Again, Jim noted that work is occurring on an agreement.

Wayne thanked Jim for contributing to the discussion.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting: September 9, 10am.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.