



November Minutes

Tuesday November 4, 2025 – 10:00am

Meeting held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Wayne Stetski (President), Mel Turner, Nancy Wilkin, Mark Haddock, Bev Ramey, Tory Stevens, Colin Campbell,
Regrets: Kaaren Lewis, Ric Careless, Bob Peart. Bill Henwood.
Guest: Jim Standen. Assistant Deputy Minister (Parks)

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of September Minutes

*Moved by Colin, seconded by Bev, that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED***

3. Treasurer's Report

In Bill's absence, Mel reported that the General Account had just over \$2500 cash and a \$9,000 term deposit, and the Gaming Account had about \$5500.

Mel has submitted a \$10,000 request to the Gaming Branch for the upcoming year programs and we expect to hear this month on the application.

4. Round Table

Nancy met with Minister Neill and discussed the South Okanagan National Park Reserve proposal and regional governance. Nancy told the Minister that the regional governance model was not embraced by headquarter staff. Nancy, in her capacity with the Wildlife Advisory Council, also addressed several other issues with the Minister.

Mark went to the opening of the Widgeon Park Reserve and commented on the lack of progress at the development of Pinecone Burke Provincial Park.

5. Guest Presentation

Wayne welcomed Jim Standen to the meeting. Jim noted that the recent job action impacted progress on a number of park management issues.

Jim noted that a land transfer agreement with Parks Canada on the South Okanagan National Park Reserve proposal is underway. Nancy offered the Elders assistance if it might help move the process along. Bev asked for clarification on the water issue associated with the proposal and Jim responded that technical issues were being addressed.

Wayne asked about the creation of more marine conservation areas and the Flathead. Jim responded that progress is being made on the marine envelope and the Flathead is quiet.

Nancy asked about the Northwest Strategy. Jim responded that he is involved in an advisory capacity. Nancy also asked about regional governance. Jim confirmed that Parks is providing regional governance in its management structure.

Wayne thanked Jim for his time.

6. LG Invitation

Wayne received an invitation from the LG as our patron to a gathering at Government House on December 10. Tory will represent the Elders at the reception.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting: The AGM on December 9, 10am.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:16am.