



May Minutes

Tuesday May 12, 2026 – 10:00am

Meeting held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Mark Haddock (President), Mel Turner, Wayne Stetski, Bev Ramey, Tory Stevens, Bill Henwood, Nancy Wilkin,
Regrets: Kaaren Lewis, Bob Peart, Colin Campbell, Denis Moffat, Ric Careless,

President Haddock 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 Bev, that the agenda be approved. **CARRIED***

2. Approval of March and April Minutes

*Moved by Bill, seconded by Wayne, that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED***

3. Treasurer's Report

Bill reported that the General Account had just over \$2500 cash and a \$9,200 term deposit, and the Gaming Account had about \$9200. The Elders Council received a \$3900 grant from the Gaming Commission: \$2900 is for the Outreach Program and \$1000 for the Collections Program.

4. 2026 Priorities

Mark asked for comments on McDade's presentation at the previous meeting. Mark will follow-up to see if we can get some pro bono advice.

Fuel management was discussed previously but the discussion wished Bob to be present for the topic. Mark will ask about the status of fuel management plans in parks.

On the issue of co-management of province parks with First Nations. Mark approached BC Parks to get a list of parks that have co-management agreements. Mark will review his request to get the list. In addition, he will also ask for agreements where First Nations have an agreement on First Nations lands to be managed as a provincial park.

Nancy suggested that the Elders need to have a discussion on the risks that recent court judgements have on the provincial park system.

Bill noted that Canada has been aggressive on 30x30 protection but BC does not seem to have the same commitment. Bill will contact Kaaren to discuss and report back.

Mel suggested that we focus on First Nations/Federal/Provincial future and the relationship between Canada and BC on the Canada Nature Strategy.

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting: June 9, 10am.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.