



Elders Council for Parks In British Columbia

June Minutes

Tuesday June 9, 2026 – 10:00am

Meeting held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Mark Haddock (President), Mel Turner, Wayne Stetski, Bev Ramey, Bill Henwood, Colin Campbell, Denis Moffat (10:30), Bob Peart (11:00)

Regrets: Kaaren Lewis, Ric Careless, Tory Stevens, Nancy Wilkin

Guest: Lindsay Vandesteeg

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

2. Approval of May Minutes

*Moved by Bev, 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 \$9200 term deposit, and the Gaming Account had about \$7800. The Elders Council received a \$3900 grant from the Gaming Commission: \$2900 is for the Outreach Program and \$1000 for the Collections Program.

Colin suggested that the upcoming Oceans Conference might be a focus for the Elders. Bill will give that some consideration.

4. 2026 Priorities

Bill has finalized the letter on BC's participation in the 30x30 initiative. Mark will sign the letter.

Mark corresponded with Parks on co-management. He learned that Parks is responsible for implementing agreements that are produced by Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship. Access to agreements are apparently restricted.

5. BC Parks Presentation

Mark introduced Lindsay Vandesteeg from BC Parks to make a presentation on fire management in parks and protected areas.

Several questions were asked of Lindsay.

Mark thanked Lindsay for her presentation.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting: September 8, 10am.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.