Kwanlin Dün First Nation Annual General Assembly
October 25-26, 2025
Kwanlin Dün First Nation Cultural Centre and Zoom

Council:
Chief Sean Smith
Councillor Charlene Charlie
Councillor Charles Chief
Councillor Jesse Ryder
Councillor Jolene Smarch
Elder Councillor Elaine Shorty
Youth Councillor Natilee Thompson

Regrets:
Councillor Linda Moen (on leave)

Citizens: (Citizens may also be Staff)
Shirley Allison, Oct. 25
Shirley Bien, Oct. 25 and 26
Doris Bill (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Haily Bill (Zoom Oct. 25)
May Bill, Oct. 25 and 26
Nina Bolton, Oct. 25 and 26
Veronica Boss, Oct. 25 and 26
Brenda (Bunny) Bruton, Oct. 25 and 26
Amanda Calbery (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Dennis Calbery (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Bruce Campbell, Oct. 25
Dale Charlie, Oct. 25
Elsie Charlie, Oct. 25 and 26
Floyd Charlie, Oct. 26
Harry Charlie, Oct. 25 and 26
Helen Charlie, Oct. 25 and 26

Jason Charlie, Oct. 25 and 26
Justin Charlie, Oct. 25
James Coyne, Oct. 25
Richard Craft, Oct. 25 and 26
Kayden Davies, Oct. 25 and 26
Christopher Dawson, Oct. 25 and 26
Edith Dawson, Oct. 26
Loretta Dawson, Oct. 25 and 26
Malinda Dawson (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Pricilla Dawson, Oct. 26
Shirley Dawson (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Valerie Dawson, Oct. 26
Derek Dennis, Oct. 25 and 26
Jennifer Edzerza, Oct. 25 and 26
Settea Edzerza-MacNeill (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Wynette Elliott (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Marion Fayant, Oct. 25
Tamara Fischer, Oct. 25 and 26
Jacine Fox, Oct. 25 and 26
Mikah Fox (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Roxanne Frankie (Zoom Oct. 26)
Barbara Fred (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Kerry Fred (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Victoria Fred (Zoom Oct. 25) Oct. 26
Troy Friday, Oct. 25 and 26
Jeanine George (Zoom Oct. 25) Oct. 26
Jefferey George, Oct. 25
Judy Gingell, Oct. 25 and 26
Abigail Gordon, Oct. 25
Donovin Gordon, Oct. 25
Jeremiah Gordon (Zoom Oct. 25) Oct. 26
Aurora Hardy, Oct. 25 and 26
Gloria Henry, Oct. 25 and 26
Hank Henry, Oct. 25 and 26
Aaron Holway, Oct. 25 and 26
Helen Holway, Oct. 25 and 26
Marian Jackson (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Rox-Anne Jackson (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Tammy Joe, Oct. 25 and 26
Floyd Johnston, Oct. 25 and 26
Kaylie Krogsgaard, Oct. 26
Judith Kuster, Oct. 25 and 26
Christine Lewis, Oct. 25
Ronald MacIntosh, Oct. 25 and 26
Victor MacIntosh, Oct. 25
Kerry MacIntosh-Smarch, Oct. 25

Alisha Malcolm (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Harvey Malcolm, Oct. 25 and 26
Sharon Mankowske (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Shawn Mankowske, Oct. 25 and 26
Carel McDonald (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Linda Karen McKay (Zoom Oct. 25)
Margaret McKay, Oct. 25 and 26
Gerald McLeod, Oct. 25 and 26
Karen McLeod, Oct. 25 and 26
Renaldo Aaron Menzi, Oct. 26
Rae Mombourquette (Zoom Oct. 25), Oct. 26
Aaron Mullin, Oct. 25
Tera Nicholson (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Charlie O'Brien, Oct. 25 and 26
Rick O'Brien, Oct. 25 and 26
Tyler O'Brien (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
David Patrick, Oct. 25
Katherine Pelletier, Oct. 26
Kenneth Quock, Oct. 25
Annie Ranigler, Oct. 25 and 26
Bernadette Richard, Oct. 25 and 26
Julien Richard, Oct. 25
Anna Sam, Oct. 25 and 26
Carl Sam, Oct. 25 and 26
Johnny Sam, Oct. 26
Serge Sawrenko, Oct. 25
John Scarff, Oct. 25
Marlon Scarff, Oct. 25
Dolly Scurvey, Oct. 25 and 26
Doreen Scurvey, Oct. 25 and 26
Eddie Scurvey, Oct. 26
George Scurvey, Oct. 25 and 26
Johnny Scurvey, Oct. 25 and 26
Jordana Scurvey, Oct. 25
Daniel Shorty, Oct. 25 and 26
Eddy Shorty, Oct. 25 and 26
Elsie Shorty, Oct. 25 and 26
Jacqueline Shorty (Zoom Oct. 25) Oct. 26
Norma Shorty (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Steven Shorty, Oct. 25 and 26
Elaine Smarch, Oct. 25 and 26
Gary Smarch, Oct. 25 and 26
John Smarch, Oct. 25 and 26
Kristine Smarch, Oct. 25
Kyle Smarch, Oct. 25 and 26
Larry Smarch, Oct. 25 and 26

Nora Jean Smarch, Oct. 25 and 26
Vincent Smarch Sr., Oct. 25
Ann Smith, Oct. 25 and 26
Brenda Lee Smith, Oct. 25
Cathy Smith, Oct. 26
Darlene Smith, Oct. 25 and 26
Dianne Smith, Oct. 25 and 26
Frankie Smith, Oct. 25 and 26
Georgina Ann Smith, Oct. 26
Johnnie Smith, Oct. 25 and 26
Kalea Cathy Ann Smith, Oct. 25
Kayla Smith-Clarke, Oct. 26
Keith Smith, Oct. 25 and 26
Lisa Ann Smith, Oct. 25
May Smith, Oct. 25
Philip Smith, Oct. 25
Randall Smith, Oct. 25
Rose Marie Smith, Oct. 26
Shirley Smith, Oct. 25 and 26
William Smith, Oct. 26
Michael Stanley, Oct. 25 and 26
Stephanie Ann Stewart, Oct. 25 and 26
Colleen Storer-Williams (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Rachel Sutherland, Oct. 26
Charli-Rae Sydney, Oct. 25 and 26
Sarina Sydney, Oct. 25 and 26
Allan Taylor, Oct. 25 and 26
Santana Taylor, Oct. 25
Debra Thibodeau, Oct. 25 and 26
William Thibodeau, Oct. 25
Ronald Thompson, Oct. 25
Stewart TomTom, Oct. 25
Alicia Vance (Zoom Oct. 25)
Teresa Ward, Oct. 26
Teresa Waugh, Oct. 25 (Zoom Oct. 26)
Anne Marie Webb, Oct. 25
Marie Elizabeth Webb, Oct. 25
Raymond Webb, Oct. 25 and 26
Diana White Oct. 25 and 26
Marie Wilcott (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Les Wilson (Zoom Oct. 25)

Staff and Guests (Staff may also be Citizens)
Tosh Southwick, Co-Chair
Ben Chief, Executive Director
Matthew Dickson, Director of Community Services

Greg Thompson, Director of Economic Development
Dawn Waugh, Director of Education & Social Development (Zoom Oct. 25)
Stephanie Campbell, Director of Finance
Jordan Holway, Director of Human Resources
Nadia Joe, Director of Heritage, Lands & Resources
Terri Cairns, Director of Justice (Zoom Oct. 26)
Brandy Mayes, HLR Operations Manager
Joseph Fred, Implementation Advisor
Elaine Smarch, GA Coordinator
Marney Paradis, Senior Policy and Legislative Analyst
Lydia Warkentin, Policy Analyst (Zoom Oct. 25)
Jennifer Burns, Citizenship Registrar (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Blair Hogan and Robert Joe, Gúnta Business
Cynthia Harper, minute-taker (Zoom Oct. 25 and 26)
Elaine Tan and Christabelle Consolacion, Estrada & Tan
Rick O'Brien, CEO, Chu Níikwän
Jim Coyne, Board Chair, Chu Níikwän
Jacob Heigers, Director of Business Development, Chu Níikwän
Jesse Bouchard, Operations Manager, Chu Níikwän
Dennis Calbery, General Manager, Chu Níikwän
Peter Sandiford, Legal Counsel

Day 1: Saturday, October 25, 2025

Opening Prayer

- **GA Co-Chair Tosh Southwick** called the General Assembly to order at 10:21 a.m.
- **Dianne Smith** offered the Opening Prayer.

Welcoming Remarks

- **GA Co-Chair, Chief Sean Smith:** It was good to be on the shores of the Chu Níikwän — the shiny river — and on the land that Kwanlin Dün negotiated into its Final and Self-Government Agreements. They share their Traditional Territory with the Ta'an Kwäch'än and connect with the Tagish Kwan people or Tagish Dene. Nations to the north, the Northern Tutchone; to the west, the Southern Tutchone; to the east, the Kaska and Tagish; to the south, the Tlingit people — connections that are the foundation from which Kwanlin Dün does its work as a self-governing First Nation. The work over the past 20 years has been impactful with agreements with the territorial and federal governments. He thanked **Dianne Smith** for her prayer.
- **Co-Chair Tosh Southwick:** A Citizen of Kluane First Nation from Burwash, she has chaired 15 General Assemblies for eight First Nations. She will work to keep the spirit of the Opening Prayer in the meeting.
- **Councillor Charlene Charlie:** She said she has been accused of things that aren't true. She put her name forward to try to make change for the better for the community. Many families are going through rough times. All need to be treated with respect. She thanked everyone for coming and was glad they were there. She

wanted positivity for their First Nation because they all want to make a better Kwanlin Dün.

- **Elder Councillor Elaine Shorty:** The Elders Council is working on its Rules and Procedures and budget. Last fall, the Elders appreciated the moose meat distribution. Elders attended the Elders gathering in Edmonton and some went to Anchorage for a salmon meeting through Lands. A person will be hired to work with her. Her dream is for an Elders department within Kwanlin Dün, so Elders are not forgotten. Elders need help with home cleaning and other things. She hoped to have an office at the administration building soon.
- **Councillor Jolene Smarch:** She welcomed everyone, people online, staff and the young gofers. She thanked **Dianne Smith** for the Opening Prayer. Sometimes Councillors feel defeated, but Elders lift them up. She missed her mother and her kind words. Jolene has been on her healing journey for 18 years and credits people who helped her along the way. She said to greet and hug a person they see on the street as it helped her. Everyone has suffered losses. The declaration on drugs and alcohol last September is slowly working. Change is slow but it's seen. There have been personal losses from this crisis. She appreciated kind words from Elders like **Margaret McKay**.
- **Councillor Charles Chief:** He thanked **Dianne Smith** for her prayer. It was an honour to be there as a Councillor — to listen and work for Citizens. Feedback is critical to shape Kwanlin Dün's future. Many have lost loved ones, and it is felt deeply by all. 2025 marks the 20th year of Kwanlin Dün's self-government. Their agreements have been critical in shaping the future of Kwanlin Dün. The 20-year milestone anniversary in the spring was uplifting with a week of culture, storytelling, and traditions. He acknowledged ancestors and past leaders who laid the foundation for self-government. He thanked staff and young people. He encouraged Citizens to open their hearts and minds and treat each other with kindness and respect.
- **Councillor Jesse Ryder:** He thanked Elders, staff, Citizens, Youth, and those online. The agriculture project was successful. He thanked Chief Smith for opening and closing Council meetings in Southern Tutchone. It sticks because it's always repeated. For ones who are grieving, it is understandable.
- **Councillor Ray Sydney:** Kwanlin Dün has come a long way since the Old Village. He acknowledged past Elders who fought for early land claims and for Kwanlin Dün's rights. Previous leaders in the room and online also brought them this far. Working with municipal, territorial and federal governments has helped to improve the lives of Kwanlin Dün people. Council listens to Citizens and tries to implement the will of the people. Kwanlin Dün is one of the first Nations in Yukon that is strategically located to take advantage of its agreements and powers.
- **Ann Smith:** She thanked Council for all their work. The *Constitution* ensures Citizens are dealt with in a fair manner. She got involved with Kwanlin Dün in the early 1970s. They are there to look after their families, their loved ones, and each other. She said it was never easy for their ancestors. They used the clan system to work with each other. They relied on memory. She encouraged Leaders to include culture in their meetings. Her hope for the future is fluent speakers at Kwanlin Dün First Nation. They need to learn to lift each other up. The spiritual side helps them endure difficult times and to heal.

- **Chief Smith:** He said Councillor Linda Moen is on leave as she is currently running in the territorial election for Mountainview — McIntyre/Hillcrest area. The *Constitution* allows for that. Recruitment for the Executive Director position was filled. He recognized **Judy Gingell** as one of those who went to Ottawa in 1973 to start the self-governing process, as well as the work of previous Chiefs going back to the 1950s when they were amalgamated under Whitehorse Indian Band. He spoke of former Chief Rick O'Brien and the late Chief Mike Smith who moved Kwanlin Dün forward.

Agenda

- **Darlene Smith:** 2024 Audited financial statements and clarity for Range Point OICs.
- **Judy Gingell:** Clarity on Council motions and OICs.
- **Ray Webb:** Why is it the second year in a row with no audited financial statements? What are the salaries of Council?
- **Ben Chief:** They don't need the most recent statements; they can use the 2023-2024 financial statements and will not breach the *Constitution*.
- It was noted that there are no current audited financial statements available for this meeting, but they will be reviewing the most up-to-date financial statements.

General Assembly Motion 2025-01 To accept the agenda of the 2025 General Assembly as amended to include the Council report, review of OICs, Range Point OICs, and the issue of audited financial statements 2024-2025.

Moved by:	***Judy Gingell***
Seconded by:	***Ann Smith***
Decision:	***Passed by consensus***

Housekeeping and Announcements

(a) Review and Approval of Rules of Order and Procedures

- **Tosh Southwick** read into the record *Kwanlin Dün First Nation Rules of Order for the 2025 General Assembly*.

General Assembly Motion 2025-02 To accept the Rules of Order for the 2025 General Assembly.

Moved by:	***Darlene Smith***
Seconded by:	***Darren Holway***
Decision:	***Passed by consensus***

Review and Acceptance of Minutes

(a) October 26-27, 2024 GA Minutes

- **Dianne Smith** requested action items in future minutes.

General Assembly Motion 2025-03 To approve the October 26-27, 2024, General Assembly minutes as presented.

Moved by: ***Nina Bolton***
Seconded by: ***Debra Thibodeau***
Decision: ***Passed by consensus***

(b) December 7-8, 2024 GA Minutes

General Assembly Motion 2025-04 To approve the December 7-8, 2024, General Assembly minutes as presented.

Moved by: ***Teresa Waugh***
Seconded by: ***Aurora Hardy***
Decision: ***Passed by consensus***

Establishment of Committees

(a) General Assembly Resolution Committee

- Joseph Fred, Hank Henry, Shawn Mankowske as Chair, and John Smarch.
- **Victoria Fred** and **Dianne Smith:** They recommended Resolutions be submitted in advance of the General Assembly.

(b) General Assembly Voting and Ballot Committee

- Joseph Fred as Chair, Dianne Smith, and Debra Thibodeau.

(c) Nomination for the Judicial Council

- **Wynette Elliott:** She would accept the nomination but lives out of the territory.
- **Ben Chief:** He said persons must be residents of the Yukon Territory. He summarized the purpose and requirements of the Judicial Council.
- **Teresa Waugh:** Training is very informative and is an excellent opportunity for Citizens and Beneficiaries.
- **Judy Gingell:** Table for tomorrow so Citizens can review the Terms of Reference.
- **Margaret McKay:** Because there are specific requirements, she received excellent training and education. It is an excellent opportunity for Youth.
- **Elder Councillor Elaine Shorty:** Provide hard copies of the Terms of Reference to Citizens.
- **Karen McLeod:** She put her name forward.
- **Teresa Waugh:** One person is nominated by Council, and one from the GA.

The General Assembly adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

General Assembly Motion 2025-05 For the General Assembly to amend the agenda to have the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Society presentation on October 26 and Chu Níikwän's presentation on October 25.

Moved by:	***Judy Gingell***
Seconded by:	***Dianne Smith***
Decision:	***Passed by consensus***

Nomination for the Judicial Council — *continued*

- **Tosh Southwick:** During the lunch break, it was confirmed that there is nothing in the *Constitution* nor in the policy that someone must be a resident of Whitehorse for the Judicial Council. The residency requirement is for elected Council members.
- **Teresa Waugh:** It would be difficult and complicated for hearings or reviewing files.

Financials

- Document: KDFN Departmental Budget 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.
- **Chief Smith:** Issues for the delay of the Consolidated Financial Statements for 2024-2025: IT communication with auditors, capacity within the Department of Finance and no one to fill the Executive Director position. He said Council reviewed an OIC from October 2023 for a deep forensic audit for the past 10 years. The Executive Director will initiate that to ensure transparency.
- **Ray Webb:** What is the salary of each member of Council and Executive Director?
- **Doris Bill:** She said the *Constitution* needs to be read in its entirety. She cited page 24 of the *Constitution*, section 30: Meetings of the General Assembly: 30(1) *The Council:* (a) *must convene an Annual General Assembly before the end of October in each calendar year.*
    - Page 25: (8) *The information package prepared for an Annual General Assembly must include copies of: (b) the most recent audited financial statement of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation*.
    - Page 41: *Chapter Nine — Finance and Administration, section 61: Annual Audits (1) For each fiscal year, the Council must appoint an auditor who will audit the books accounts and records of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. (2) The Council must review the auditor's report and take appropriate steps to implement the auditor's recommendations. (3) The Chief must submit the auditor's report, and a report on steps taken to implement the auditor's recommendation, to the annual General Assembly*.
- **Dianne Smith:** The *Constitution* and policies need to be followed. Council signed the Code of Conduct and took the Oath of Office.
- **Darlene Smith:** The minutes from last year's General Assembly on October 26-27, 2024 had the same issues as to why the Audited Financial Statements weren't provided. They had one year to fix the problem.
- **Ray Webb:** They can't approve the budget with no financial statements.
- **Margaret McKay:** Kwanlin Dün is accountable for how it spends its funding. Maybe a new auditor is necessary.
- **Stephanie Campbell:** She showed salaries of Council members on the screen.
- **Ray Webb:** Does Council have portfolios?

- **Chief Smith**: It was last implemented in 2011. Council has discussed it. The next election is an opportunity to have further discussions. The *Governance Act* allows for setting up a wage remuneration committee.
- **Ray Webb:** When he was in office from 2008 to 2011, Council had portfolios to ensure Council was in charge. His was Economic Development and Housing. He said it seems Managers and Directors have control.
- **Tosh Southwick:** Every Yukon First Nation has alternated between having portfolios and not. There are pros and cons with each. The GA can make a change by way of a Resolution.
- **Darlene Smith:** A forensic audit for 10 years is expensive and time-consuming. She wanted a Resolution to not allow it.
- **Elaine Tan:** The term "forensic audit" is not correct as it implies fraud. It should be called a "program audit". A forensic audit is very expensive and someone from down south must do it as it is specialized accounting.
- **Tosh Southwick:** She asked that the OIC from 2023 is provided.
- **Darlene Smith:** She referred to the 2023-2024 Consolidated Financial Statements. Council salary figures are different from last year.
- **Stephanie Campbell:** Council wages stay the same. The only increase is if they approve the cost-of-living adjustment — COLA. Staff are part of that as well.
- **Darlene Smith:** What is referred to in Note 4: "Accounts receivable — Funds held in trust by Lawyers" of $200,000?
- **Elaine Tan:** That money was held with Lamarche for the purchase of Sky High Wilderness Ranch in December 2023. As part of the purchase price, some monies remained with lawyers. As of March, that fund had not yet been released and that is why it is "Funds held in trust". It's a Receivable and will go back to Kwanlin Dün when everything is finalized.
- **Stephanie Campbell:** She answered Darlene's question about the difference in wages. This was a question that **Malinda Dawson** had last year. Part of that was Malinda's assumption of wages and a disconnect between the assumption and the actual.
- **Doris Bill:** Salary has increased since she was Chief and was due to COLA. She said the audited financial statements weren't going to be available until November and now it's December. Citizens want time to review them.

Action: There was a commitment from Administration to provide the audited financial statements one week ahead of the General Assembly.

- **Ann Smith:** Citizens need to be informed well in advance of the meeting so they can be involved. They need to compensate those who stand up as Leaders. If a mistake has been made, own up to it and correct it.
- **Dianne Smith**: It's important that minutes are accurate as they are legal documents.
- **Tosh Southwick**: She read a comment from **Rae Mombourquette**: "Is it just a time-management issue? Where is the breakdown in the system to accomplish this task?" Tosh said there was a willingness at the GA for a motion around that.

- **Elaine Tan**: She and Stephanie agree they will release the draft in the first week of November. Council will review it. It is targeted to have a meeting with Council in the third week of November for approval.
- **Tosh Southwick**: The date of the continued GA for audited financial statements will be December 6, 2025. Citizens can expect copies a week before. She said **Amanda Calbery** commented that someone from Council/Finance/IT needs to be held accountable. There should be a consideration to Council going back to working under the portfolio management model to keep Council 100-percent updated on what each department is.
- **Malinda Dawson**: She said last year she went through six years of audit to show how much KDFN is growing. The wage sheet shown was Stephanie's, not hers.
- **Steven Shorty**: Citizens aren't a community when they're all online.
- **Stephanie Campbell**: Kwanlin Dün is the owner of Sky High. It is a subsidiary, and a for-profit business. It is part of Kwanlin Dün's consolidated financial statements. Any earnings, profit or equity in the business gets reported in the financial statements. It is hoped it is profitable. If not, it impacts Kwanlin Dün in their consolidation — their overall financial picture.
- **Steven Shorty**: What are the final costs for Sky High and the farm lease? What are you getting back for each of those investments?
- **Greg Thompson:** The total cost to purchase Sky High Wilderness Resort was $3.5 million. It is not paying dividends back to Kwanlin Dün. Rather, it is completely self-sustainable and adds community advantage to Kwanlin Dün and the community can use it.
    - The main reason to purchase Sky High was not for the business. It is a 60-acre parcel at the head of Fish Lake and the zoning on that parcel is very permissive. Someone else could have bought it and built houses there. The concern was that it might change the way Fish Lake looks, works and operates for Citizens. Kwanlin Dün only has eight percent of its territory that is in non-overlap. The centre of that is at Fish Lake. It's about protecting Fish Lake and area and making sure that negative things didn't happen on the land base that Kwanlin Dün did not want to see. This allowed Kwanlin Dün to take control of that.
    - The farm lease is $24,000 per year with a two-year commitment that can be renewed for another two years.
- **Allan Taylor:** What is Council's severance package? How many have received a severance package if they're not voted in or re-elected? When he was on Council, no one got a severance package. They had many meetings and they had portfolios. They went to meetings with the City of Whitehorse, Canada and YTG.
    - He thought Kwanlin Dün had protection under their agreements that they can't build 300 houses at Fish Lake.
    - He said Citizens don't have input on how their money is being spent. They don't have meetings for community concerns — what Citizens and Beneficiaries want.
- **Stephanie Campbell**: Council gets a severance package upon leaving that position if they are not revoted in. There is a Council pay policy. It depends on the length of term. The completion of one term of three years — a person would get five months' worth of pay; two or more terms or six years would be six months of pay; and one month for every additional year after six years. If there are any resignations, it's

prorated, depending on the length of the time served. There is no severance for removal from office. If there is a death, it's same as completion of the term. It would be prorated to the length of time served. The Youth Councillor gets one month for each one-year term served.

- **Greg Thompson:** The price of $3.5 million also includes a trapline of $250,000. The purchase was time limited. They offered several lower amounts throughout the process that were rejected by the owners, and it ended up at $3.5 million. This year they added $1 million capital investment to the project done through over 90-percent funding and the rest is coming from the Sky High business. Sky High has been able to invest the 10-percent of that money to get another total of $1 million of capital investment through two cabins that Chu Níikwän built and a visitor centre that is being built now.
    - It's better to go to the community but it was a limited time offer. If Kwanlin Dün didn't move on it, it would go to the public which Kwanlin Dün was concerned about. "Commercial tourism zoning", is very open as to what can be done.
    - They were under a non-disclosure agreement. It had to be kept quiet. They started with lower offers. They knew $3.5 million was too much but ultimately, Council wanted to protect Fish Lake and control that piece of property and the zoning that goes along with it.
- **Judy Gingell:** What is the legal status of this opportunity?
- **Greg Thompson:** Sky High Wilderness Ranch is an arm's-length corporation and is set up like Chu Níikwän. They have appointed a community board working on a strategic plan like how there is a board for Chu Níikwän. But there are different outcomes and goals. It is not for financial profit as much as for community development and community wellness.
- **Judy Gingell:** She requested a written report on the Sky High Wilderness Ranch. She said the money came from Surplus. Will any come back to Surplus?

Action: Provide Citizens an updated written report on the Sky High Wilderness Ranch

- **Greg Thompson:** At this point, Sky High has paid no money back to Surplus. Sky High is not on a repayment program with Kwanlin Dün. They were able to take the extra profit they had and reinvest that into larger capital investments and expansion of the ranch itself.
- **Ann Smith:** She saw this as an investment for the future, for their children, the next generation. She liked that it was tied to a trapline. The land issue is so important, and the corporation needs to hang on to it.
- **Doris Bill:** She said Council didn't consult **all** Elders. What was it appraised at? What due diligence was done? Who did that due diligence? She said that can be included in the report that Judy requested. She didn't see any OICs on the farm or Sky High in the General Assembly binders. She asked: Did these projects go through FMC?
- **Greg Thompson:** Kwanlin Dün knew the business was worth less than what Sky High was asking, and they wanted to use that as information to convince them to accept lower bids. The business evaluation was conducted by Hugh Livingston out

of Vancouver and well-respected. The business was valued between $1.5 million and $1.8 million as a business so significantly lower than the purchase price.
    - The OIC was from a couple years ago, so it is not in the GA binders.
    - As far as the farm, he was confident that there are motions or OICs related to it. $24,000 is below the $40,000-threshold at the Department of Finance. He expects it was done because of the limited investment involved. He said it may have been done through a motion if there was no OIC.
- **Stephanie Campbell:** The agricultural farm is housed underneath an OIC for supplementary budget. The farm was allocated $398,000 to support the lease and operations for this current fiscal year — April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.
- **Doris Bill:** The trapline was done toward the end of her administration; Jackson Lake was included in that trapline concession. They were going to sell it off and Kwanlin Dün didn't want that.
- **Greg Thompson:** The trapline was purchased in the Ibex Valley as a separate trapline. They purchased this trapline for the same value as the other trapline for $250,000 as part of the purchase. In the Fish Lake area, Kwanlin Dün owns two of the three traplines.
- **Chief Smith:** During his first year on Council, the owners of Sky High approached Kwanlin Dün and contacted Chief Smith and shared the idea. Chief Smith brought it to Council. There was no consultation because at the beginning of conversations, the owners wanted a confidential agreement. Negotiations were initiated. Greg assisted with the discussions and cost. Sky High had a strong stance on the price. The owners said there were interests by other parties in acquiring that site. The conversations at Council were about Kwanlin Dün's control within the whole Fish Lake area — when all they had was Settlement Land to the east, a big plateau. They also have land by Jackson Lake and other land connected to Mount Sima. All that area is the heart of Kwanlin Dün's territory — many ancestral connections that date back 8,000 years.
    - The late Rosie Charlie shared stories with Chief Smith; those teachings are important. The late Chief Mike Smith also expressed that if Fish Lake ever came up for sale, then Kwanlin Dün should take steps to acquire that to protect that whole area. Now that Kwanlin Dün is the owner of Sky High, including the 60-acre parcel of land around Sky High Ranch — there is a 500-plus hectare agricultural lease that reaches to Jackson Lake lands. A trapline goes from the Coal Lake area to Mud Lake which is the old traditional trapping grounds of the late Johnny Joe. Other businesses and governments within Yukon are paying attention — City of Whitehorse, Yukon government, the federal government. Within six to eight months, Kwanlin Dün locked up over $1 million worth of additional dollars at the federal level for tourism and protect the interests around Łu Zil Män — Fish Lake area. He went to the area this fall and saw nothing but Citizens hunting, fishing, and camping there which made him feel good.
- **Dianne Smith:** Out of respect, a meeting should have been called with Citizens. Was the money taken from Surplus? Will they seek funding for the garden?
- **Greg Thompson:** The report should come from the Sky High Wilderness Ranch Board that is now functioning. It was a last-minute opportunity. They negotiated the farm lease and the farm opportunity at the end of May. A crop was planted within

two weeks of negotiating the deal. The focus this winter is creating a fundamental agricultural strategy with funding for a farm on Kwanlin Dün land. They grew just over 13,000 pounds of vegetables with several Citizens employed. He said Troy Friday, Gary Bailie, Rae Mombourquette, Hank Henry, Alicia Vance are on the board.

- **Nina Bolton:** She commended Council and Administration for Kwanlin Dün's growth. There was a display yesterday of each department and Citizens could provide input. There is much notice of what Kwanlin Dün is doing. The Lands Department has done well to protect their fish, wildlife and land. Health, Economic Development and Education departments have also done well. She said communication is a two-way street. She encouraged Citizens to make their First Nation work, stop putting each other down and hold each other up. Little ones act out what they see.
- **John Smarch:** He thanked Council for their work. Are any Citizens working at Sky High? Is there a plan for Youth to go there for summer jobs? What are they doing to make it a KDFN-run business?
- **Troy Friday:** The Sky High Board offers training and mentorship opportunities for Citizens. There is a small team of employees. Youth and Recreation has booked the venue for Spring Break. This fall, Troy was part of the Caribou Days hunt. They got to see kids working on caribou with Elders teaching. Meat was hanging in the trees by the cabins. He has never experienced such a sense of community, and he was honored to be part of it.
- **Greg Thompson:** Chu Níikwän was directed to build a couple cabins. They have done snowplowing, They want benefits from employment, through community use of the site and capital opportunities. Three Citizens took the equine or horse first-aid training course. Dog-sledding tours in the winter are popular.
- **Margaret McKay:** She understood the need for quiet negotiations for Sky High. There would have been competition to purchase Sky High like from a mining company. Fish Lake is worth the money that was invested as Kwanlin Dün has control on what goes on there and it's an investment for their future. Jackson Lake land is just as important as Fish Lake and needs to be worked on.
- **Judy Gingell:** She recommended reports, so they don't have to take so much time at the General Assembly. The Elders Council is to give advice and guidance, and they should have been consulted. There is a procedure for sitting on boards and committees. Are there any plans to build dog houses?
- **Chief Smith:** In reference to "We talked to Elders," Chief Smith clarified that he was referring to talking to previous Elders going back 20 years.
- **Judy Gingell:** She said it was 20 years ago. According to the *Constitution*, the Elders Council is for advice and guidance.
- **Bunny Bruton:** Why did we lease land for the farm? Do we not own enough property that we could have done this on our own land?
- **Greg Thompson:** A challenge is that Kwanlin Dün doesn't have land that is agriculture ready and irrigated. He said they worked on identifying potential agriculture locations on Kwanlin Dün land. There are 120 dog houses. Youth painted six so far.
- **Chief Smith:** Food security has been an important issue at previous General Assemblies. CYFN were looking to purchase the small turnkey operation five years ago. There is enough acreage to produce 30,000 to 40,000 pounds worth of food.

There is over $500,000 of water and irrigation infrastructure from the Yukon River. Yukon Grain Farm is the highest producing farm in the territory and have done it for 25 years. Chief Smith did a tour, and the owner offered seed for Kwanlin Dün.
- **Darlene Smith:** Bring back ‘Let’s Keep Talking’ meetings. Trade shows provide education.

Break from 3:07 p.m. to 3:37 p.m.

Action: Revisit Council OIC on whether it was a forensic or program audit. Report back to the December General Assembly.

Chu Níikwän

- Rick O’Brien, Jim Coyne, Jacob Heigers, Jesse Bouchard, Dennis Calbery, Charlie O’Brien, and Eddy Cletheroe.
- **Rick O’Brien** showed a PowerPoint slide presentation on projects, investments, sponsorships, and employment opportunities for Citizens.
- **Councillor Charlene Charlie:** Kilrich gives a 10-percent discount to Citizens. She said Council gave dollars to Chu Níikwän to build 12 new homes.
- **Jacine Fox:** How many properties does Chu Níikwän own?
- **Rick O’Brien:** Three properties. There is a focus to build on Kwanlin Dün land.
- **Jacine Fox:** She asked **Dennis Calbery**: When Chu Níikwän gets the contract, do they subcontract to somebody else to build the houses?
- **Dennis Calbery**: Yes.
- **Jacine Fox:** There are serious deficiencies with some houses, and they need to look at the people they hire to do the work. People who have come up short in this round should be disqualified from future projects within Kwanlin Dün. There is nothing in writing to say when Chu Níikwän will pay back the $7.5 million it owes Kwanlin Dün. Is there an agreement with Council to build houses in lieu of a payment plan?
- **Rick O’Brien:** There is no agreement to build houses in lieu of payment but they are working on it. As far as walls not being insulated, they have strict quality control for houses.
- **John (**no last name given)**:** He works for Canadian Services. There have been no complaints. If there is, he wanted Citizens to contact his office.
- **Victoria Fred:** She congratulated the team for what they have accomplished. In every General Assembly she has attended, she keeps hearing about the debt of the corporation. She wondered if there was an opportunity for Council and Chu Níikwän to come together to potentially write it off. She asked about the relationship between Chu Níikwän and NVD.
- **Rick O’Brien:** They own a very small number of shares in NVD. NVD assists them as a team at City Council meetings for building permits, so they work together.
- **Chief Smith:** He didn’t see the Convention Centre on the presentation.
- **Rick O’Brien:** Council was going through orientation at the time. It made sense to have it attached to the Cultural Centre. Two parties competed. Chu Níikwän was the winning bid. Funding through CanNor for a design; $57 million for the Convention

Centre. Chu Níikwän's number is just shy of $100 million. YG is supposed to put in money, but it has stalled with the upcoming election. Chu Níikwän needs a mandate from Council to move ahead. He supported carving out $7.5 million for a detailed design.

- **Chief Smith:** Council has supported Chu Níikwän since 2015.
- **Rick O'Brien:** He thanked Councillor Charlene Charlie and Council. He said the $13-million asset is in housing.
- **Dianne Smith:** She thanked Rick for the beautiful, detailed presentation, his crew and support from Leaders. She said this type of report is what they need for Sky High and the garden to show them because they are visual people. They have come a long way since Lot 226.
- **Karen McLeod:** She talked about rising electricity costs. She wondered if Citizen can "dip into their energy" and not have to pay ATCO. She was told that some people pay almost $2,000 a month for electricity; their homes are heated with electricity. They should have wood heat. She talked about charging for gravel where she lives for gas for the truck and loader.
- **Rick O'Brien:** To access electricity funding, they must sell energy back to the grid at displacement costs of LNG which is 19 cents per kilowatt hour. Escalation is built in. They're proposing to give that money back to Citizens if something can be worked out. If not, he suggested Council give gift cards at Christmas. A historical debt is the Lynn Building. The asset is there, and it grew. He said some of that can be written off; they can do more investments.
- **Jacine Fox:** She said that **Victoria Fred** mentioned writing off the overall bill that is owing to Kwanlin Dün. She didn't agree. She said they got the money from Kwanlin Dün from its coffers. Those coffers should be filled. Regarding potentially giving money from Haeckel Hill to Citizens, she said Chu Níikwän has rental units and they should be given to Citizens of Kwanlin Dün.
- **Doris Bill:** It's amazing to see how much the company has grown and what they are involved in, and she was very proud. What is the Panache investment? Why has the cost for the Convention Centre jumped so much from when it was first brought to the former Council? Cuts will come from the territorial and federal government coffers. She asked: What is your concern around this project?
- **Rick O'Brien:** A concern is the tariffs that will add more costs with steel for the building. It will cost more than anticipated. Also, there are more predevelopment costs. Whitehorse and Yukon support it as it complements Sky High Ranch and other tourism businesses. Currently there is only conceptual drawings. He said they want 750 seated and 1,000 standing. Costs may go down if requirements go down. Costs will increase the longer it takes.
- **Doris Bill:** What is the percentage YG will contribute?
- **Rick O'Brien:** $28 million.
- **Chief Smith:** He thought it was $16 million to $18 million.
- **Rick O'Brien:** He said there has been delay in Ottawa to get Treasury Board approval for carving out the $7.5 million. In partnership with NVD, they are looking at a parkade downtown in a corner lot by the Fire Hall. Panache is an angel investment company that focuses on IT. Several First Nations have invested in that. The Board gave approval to invest up to $500,000 in Panache; they have given $350,000.

- **Amanda Calbery:** Chu Níikwän needs a working relationship with KDFN and Citizens. They're being accountable about the money that they owe, and she liked the conversation about it will be resolved.
- **Troy Friday:** Is it Chu Níikwän gravel for Range Point?
- **Rick O'Brien:** They are not going to make any money on it and will lose some money on that project.
- **Greg Thompson:** Sometimes it is mandated to buy gravel from Chu Níikwän, but it wasn't done with Range Point. Funding from the Canadian Infrastructure Bank obligated them to do an open tender with few restrictions. For the main part of the project, they created a Kwanlin Dün business benefit plan. Any Kwanlin Dün business or any Citizen — besides Chu Níikwän — up to the $2 million mark, Chu Níikwän would pay 25 percent of that cost. It encourages KDFN businesses to work on the site and for Citizens to be hired. There is no benefit on the gravel itself. It is Kwanlin Dün's gravel that Chu Níikwän has the right to harvest. But if the gravel is trucked, there is a 25-percent discount. If the gravel is crushed, there is a 25-percent discount.
- **Troy Friday:** Isn't this a potential loss of revenue because it's bought from a competitor?
- **Rick O'Brien:** All resources are mandated into the projects, whether it's buying lumber at Kilrich or gravel or using equipment. Sidhu is undercutting everybody in town, and not just Chu Níikwän because his gravel is near the tank farm. There is no discount from Nuway to crush gravel. But Chu Níikwän wants to be involved in all projects Kwanlin Dün does and support the government moving forward. He said they have an appeal with Greg and they are looking at it. He said "procurement of material not included" is very bold.
- **Darlene Smith:** The OICs are confusing. Why isn't Chu Níikwän Development Corporation not involved in Range Point?
- **Greg Thompson:** They are involved in Range Point. They were direct awarded $1 million dollars of work, and they are currently supplying some gravel. To get the financing terms from the Canadian Infrastructure Bank, it was financed at one-percent interest with deferred payments for many years. It was obligated to have an open tender, and the lowest price would take the project.
- **Darlene Smith:** Why isn't Chu Níikwän leading the project?
- **Greg Thompson:** It's almost impossible in the Yukon to develop a residential subdivision and make a profit. Chu Níikwän sells gravel very well and makes a profit. Developing the 25 lots in Copper Ridge is very hard to make any profit on the lot sales. The profit from Range Point comes later through the income tax provisions. Once people live on the site — and there are about 350 units that will be built on that site — 95 percent of that income tax year after year flows into Kwanlin Dün. Even with great financing, partnership with Yukon government, Yukon asset construction agreement (YACA) — it is still not profitable until people live in the houses and create income tax.
- **Doris Bill:** Let Chu Níikwän decide whether it's an attractive project or not. They can make those decisions. A lot of information is missing from the OICs. One is concerning because it gives sweeping power to Greg Thompson and Finance.

    - The Economic Development department should be focused on soft economic development — developing projects for Citizens. That's why it was set up. Where is that plan?
    - Chu Níikwän was set up to develop subdivisions, and they have the expertise. She didn't understand why the First Nation was leading it. If the First Nation is leading this, what are the implications of that?
- **Rick O'Brien:** They had no experience going into the Copper Ridge dogleg project. They are fortunate to have Jacob who is an engineer. Castle Rock had a lot of experience. They knew going in that no money would be made on this project. The *Lands Act* regulations state that they must sell the property at development costs. It came in around $200,000 per lot.
- **Greg Thompson:** This project will be a net loss when they sell the leases. The money comes from the construction of the subdivision and the income tax long term.
- **Darlene Smith:** She referred to nine OICs in the binder about this project.
- **Victoria Fred:** Council needs to provide briefing notes to Citizens for major projects.
- **Rick O'Brien:** He thanked Council and Citizens for allowing them to make a presentation.

Action: Council should provide briefing notes to Citizens for major projects.

Chief Sean Smith offered a prayer for Victor MacIntosh's family and the Webb family as their dad Jack is in the hospital.

The General Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Day 2: Sunday, October 26, 2025

- Co-Chair **Tosh Southwick** called the General Assembly to order at 10:10 a.m.

Welcome Remarks by Chief Smith

- He reviewed yesterday's agenda.

There was a moment of silence for the Webb family

Councillor Charlene Charlie: She said **Ray Webb** deeply appreciated the prayer yesterday and the moment of silence today for his family.

OICs and Council Minutes — Director of Economic Development Greg Thompson

- Greg talked about the relationship between Chu Níikwän and Kwanlin Dün — the Shareholder. Chu Níikwän is to create profit for Kwanlin Dün. Council as the elected representatives are responsible to the community on how dividends are used.
- Range Point: Administration thought Chu Níikwän would take on the Range Point subdivision but Chu Níikwän didn't think they could make that happen at the time. There were two choices: not move forward with the project or take the project on internally. That is how the Economic Development department moved forward with it.

- **Darlene Smith:** The nine OICs in the binders are confusing. OIC 2024-14 is worrisome as Council gives full authority to the Director of Economic Development of Range Point. Also, $5 million out of Restricted Surplus and opening a credit account: Was $27 million taken out of Surplus for was it a loan? What are the provisions on the loan and the interest payments?
- **Greg Thompson:** $5 million — there is an economic development restricted fund — for economic development projects. That is forming the bulk of the equity for the project to get a loan with the Canadian Infrastructure Bank. He spoke of all the things that that bank required to get the loan.
    - $27 million is contingency money for cost overruns. Currently it is on budget and on time.
    - Interest rate: no interest on the restricted fund.
    - They negotiated the interest rate at one percent with the Canadian Infrastructure Bank loan. Principal payments don't have to made until after construction is complete. There is a 15-year amortization period to pay it back. Payments are minimal.
    - He read and explained OIC 2024-14 — Authority to Develop Range Point Subdivision.
- **Doris Bill:** How will the land be priced?
- **Greg Thompson:** They have not decided on the prices for leases. A small working group will work with the Board of Chu Níikwän as they have more experience. The goal is to charge as much as they can for each lease but know that the key to financial success of the project has more to do with houses being built and the long-term collection of income tax. More money comes through income tax than through the leases.
- **Doris Bill:** She didn't want the land devalued. What if they don't sell the lots? Yesterday, they learned the Nation is not using its resources such as gravel. She said it should have mandated to use their resources. Another company is undercutting everybody and it's detrimental to Chu Níikwän.
- **Greg Thompson:** The Canadian Infrastructure Bank obligated Chu Níikwän to do an open tender. They unbundled part of the contract around clearing and grubbing but it had to go out to an open-source tender. A challenge with buying gravel from Chu Níikwän is it would increase the net price of the project. There are three companies that build subdivisions and supply gravel: Norcope, Sidhu and Castle Rock. Greg said they created a KDFN business benefit plan that allowed all Kwanlin Dün businesses to compete for the opportunity to get work on the site. Kwanlin Dün would pay 25 percent of any work. It had to be people or machinery working on the site or doing the work actively and it focused on employment. $500,000 was added to the tender to focus on KDFN businesses and Citizens.
- **Doris Bill:** It doesn't appear that the Nation is using its own resources. Chu Níikwän could easily have built the cabins. Cabins designed by architect Tony Zedda were built at Fish Lake that were turned over to Colliers.
- **Tosh Southwick:** She read **Victoria Fred's** comment: "I support Doris's comments on evaluation of the land and being careful. We already made compromises on the lands Kwanlin Dün owns, taking less lots, parcels, compared to other First Nations but valued higher in the municipal context so we don't want to continue to reduce."

- **Greg Thompson:** This year, 75 percent of Community Services' capital budget was awarded through direct contracts to Chu Níikwän. For Sky High, $1 million worth of infrastructure is being built. The cabins were $250,000 each and were awarded to Canyon City. Canyon City was offered $500,000 to build a visitor experience centre but didn't submit a bid. Another company will be building it.
- **Chief Smith:** Council identified issues with supporting their companies. Council wants Citizens hired with their preferential Citizen hire policy. For the land leasing system, they looked at the Westbank First Nation model in Kelowna. The contract was given to Colliers as Canyon City overbid.
- **Greg Thompson:** Colliers helped with project management for the cabins and visitor experience centre get built.
- **Tosh Southwic:** She read **Sharon Mankowske's** question**:** Who is the targeted customer for leased properties?
- **Greg Thompson:** The preference is for Citizens by lottery for 32 serviced single-family and duplex lots. Every unit on the site that is sold — there is preferential opportunity for Citizens to buy.
- **Darlene Smith:** The signed agreements for the loan are holding KDFN's hands in not even having Chu Níikwän — our own development corporation — even considered in the agreements. She said information and education to Citizens and Beneficiaries is key.
- **Greg Thompson:** Chu Níikwän decided not to take it.
- **Doris Bill:** Kwanlin Dün is not Westbank. Westbank is okay when looking at the terms of the lease. The land in Yukon is not valued the same as in Westbank. The *Lands Act* lays out the process for evaluation of the land and how it is to be priced. There are stipulations that say no less than the cost of development unless it's a special warrant by Council. It should be mandated that Chu Níikwän's resources are used now and into the future. Chu Níikwän has done amazing work and should be supported.
- **Greg Thompson:** For lease pricing, no decisions have been made. They are collecting information.
- **Troy Friday:** He asked about the housing accelerator fund. He thought a large part of this fund is going to engineering and marketing costs, park development costs of Range Point instead of homeownership for Citizens.
- **Greg Thompson:** They received $3.5 million in housing accelerator fund money that is based on different initiatives. If Kwanlin Dün builds enough houses, then the money is given back. They must show they have accelerated the number of houses that are built on Kwanlin Dün land. A key initiative is the creation of a homeownership down payment assistance fund for Citizens that is in draft. He said Kwanlin Dün only pays 25-percent of his wage, so he has put himself under that fund to decrease costs to Kwanlin Dün. They are paying for project management and engineering help for the project. They are paying for the park to be designed by a Citizen Renee Lindsey. There is also $800,000 toward infrastructure upgrades in McIntyre.
- **Troy Friday:** Has any of the fund been allocated to provide homeownership opportunities for Citizens?
- **Greg Thompson:** No.

- **Rick O'Brien:** Exclusion of gravel was concerning. In Chapter 22 of the *Final Agreement*, there are provisions that are interpreted and applied consistently with the intent of maximizing First Nation businesses — their business participation with both labour and material supply. They own Kilrich. They took out a loan for Beryl Place and gravel was included. They got funding for the windmill. In that funding, there was a provision that said, "You have to use so much percentage of Kwanlin Dün resources," so that was in the federal government's policy.
    - Chu Níikwän did a package for Castle Rock that they would supply the gravel. It was concerning the way the tender went out. The best intention was to get the best price, but values were left behind. Their interpretation of that procurement of materials was like they had to buy it and sell it.
    - He said: "It felt like we rolled the dice on this. If Sidhu would have got this project, he was $250,000 shy of Castle Rock and Norcope was excluded. Norcope didn't talk to us; Sidhu did not talk to us." When Castle Rock got the project, they were happy because they knew Chu Níikwän would be involved.
    - He said when Greg first sat down with Chu Níikwän, he said he would mandate the gravel in. Rick took that into consideration too. Gravel was part of negotiations. Chu Níikwän could do the project with support mechanism. Properties sold at market value. Six fourplexes on Jarvis Street have gone up in value. Need to incentivize people to build on their land. Concern that tax share can go down to 50 percent. Developing team with **Dennis Calbery** as leader. He thanked **Councillor Charlene Charlie** for pushing this. He wants Kwanlin Dün branding with their logo. Lynn Building has undergone $7 million in renovations in partnership with VGFN. Look at incentives for Citizens to build.
- **Chief Smith:** Establish a meeting for Citizens on Range Point.
- **Judy Gingell:** Go back to 'Let's Keep Talking' meetings. Schedules should be attached to the OICs. Citizens have the right to know how the money is spent. Councillor Charlene Charlie spoke yesterday about supporting Citizens and their businesses. Citizens also need to be informed when money is spent.
- **Dianne Smith:** Council's decisions need to be based on the *Constitution*. Citizens need to be part of big projects to know where the money is going.
- **Councillor Charlene Charlie:** She reads the Oath of Office and the *Constitution* regularly. Council seeks Citizens' input regularly. She said Uncles House mandate changed from controlled alcohol to no alcohol. Council will have more public presentations as Citizens are visual learners.
- **Ben Chief:** Quarterly meetings would be good.
- **Rae Mombourquette:** There is a social responsibility to assist in shared goals. The City of Whitehorse deals with the housing crisis. Her recommendation: post projects online. Procurement: promote KDFN businesses.
- **Karen McLeod:** Her parents and grandparents asked their children to protect the land, water and people. Rick is doing that for Kwanlin Dün and they need to back him. Costs are skyrocketing.
- **Jennifer Edzerza:** She needed someone talking to her in a survey.
- **Ben Chief:** He noted that Terri Cairns from Justice said Citizen meetings will be a priority.
- **Darlene Smith:** For OIC-2025-30, she requested a copy of what is being amended.

- **Chief Sean Smith:** McIntyre Creek — Chasàn Chùa — move with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Carcross/Tagish First Nation.
- **Elder Councillor Elaine Shorty:** A young girl was almost grabbed last night in McIntyre. Many streetlights are out.
- **Dianne Smith:** Where does Uncles House funding come from?
- **Stephanie Campbell:** It is a contribution agreement from the federal government.
- **Doris Bill:** $375,000 to Department of Health, Justice, ED from the Trust. Explain if they have been rescinded.
- **Stephanie Campbell:** Proposal process to Trust. Community benefit period, annual monies to support Beneficiaries. It's the first stab at an internal process. The OIC will be amended. There's a new Administrative Trustee as well.
- **Jacine Fox:** Concern that benefits are going to Citizens and not Beneficiaries. Do Elders Council motions and resolutions go to Council?
- **Elder Councillor Elaine Shorty:** Yes.
- **Judy Gingell:** Forward Elders Council minutes to Council.
- **Tamara Fischer:** Will there be a Beneficiary meeting on the Trust?
- **Stephanie Campbell:** November 5, 2025.

Lunch break from 12:02 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Review of 2024 Resolutions

- General Assembly Resolutions from October 25-26 and December 7-8, 2024.
- **Norma Shorty**: Update on GAR-2024-01 Freshwater Fish.
- **Brandy Mayes**: She talked about training opportunities with land stewards, a pike workshop, contaminant testing, mercury in lake trout, YG agreement for water quality testing, need for a lake boat, testing program fish is distributed to Citizens, spin surveys at lakes in collaboration with YG, launch of signage and education programs, struggle for YG and federal government to change regulations, working on fish camps.
- **Unidentified Citizen:** Recommend signs that no hunting is allowed at Marsh Lake.
- **Chief Smith:** That's within the designated area for the Marsh Lake special management area or Lewes Marsh. They shouldn't fire a firearm within 1 km. of any residences. It should be a no-hunting zone.
- **Brandy Mayes:** YG and CTFN weren't ready for the collaboration project to do the Lewes Marsh habitat protection area. The money needs to be spent. Delayed because of the relicensing project.
- **Jacine Fox:** She said the *Constitution* refers to General Assembly resolutions as "recommendations" whereas Council's Oaths of Office says in part: "*I will uphold Kwanlin Dün First Nation laws, and act in accordance with Kwanlin Dün First Nation General Assembly resolution, policies, mission statements, culture, language and spirituality*." She said there is conflict when saying resolutions are "recommendations" because Council's Oath of Office says Council will follow the General Assembly resolution.
- **Karen McLeod:** What does "tabled" mean?
- **Tosh Southwick:** It didn't go to a vote. It wasn't dealt with.

- **Chief Smith:** Some Resolutions are similar in overlap.
- **Judy Gingell:** Nothing is stopping Leadership from carrying out Resolutions. A lot is subject to financial resources.
- **Amanda Calbery:** GAR-2024-07 Hand Games Sponsorship. 18 Youth went to Hand Games in Dawson Creek. She said there was pushback from Kwanlin Dün. She wasn't satisfied with the comments under Action/Follow-Up: "Justice currently working on modifying and updating Donations Committee Policy." That isn't what was discussed about her Resolution last year. Her Resolution was about Kwanlin Dün putting money forward for February annual hand games, for out-of-town tournaments and for gear — traditional regalia or merchandise.
- **Darlene Smith:** She spoke to GAR-2024-08 Creation of a Sports Fund. She also was not satisfied with the Action/Follow-Up. Discussions were to stand behind Youth within the community and to support them in recreation activities. There was talk of developing a separate budget and line item to request Council put some money behind the Resolution.
- **Terri Cairns:** She apologized for the updates on the Resolutions not being clear. There are many requests to the Donation Committee for sport sponsorship and hand games. If the trend continues, policy needs to be changed to address that.
- **Stephanie Campbell:** There is growing support in the community for group activities with sponsorships and hand games.
- **Chief Smith:** This relates to other supports for Citizens for healthy, traditional activities, like hand games and traditional dancing. There is also an emergency need that is being drafted.
- **Amanda Calbery:** Cultural events should have a line item. When they approached Council for money, they were told there was no policy. She asked: Why is there no policy? This affects working families. 12 Youth who went to Dawson Creek only have one parent in their life.
- **Darlene Smith:** She referenced GAR-2024-08 Creation of a Sports Fund on page 20 of the December 7-8, 2024 General Assembly Continuance minutes. It spoke of creating an actual budget line item for a sports fund. They wanted $1 million from deferred revenue to start this.
- **Ann Smith:** Regarding the fish Resolution, she spoke about climate change on land and in the water. City of Whitehorse has caused pollution by dumping garbage next to the Yukon River. Fish need clean water in creeks, rivers and lakes. The impact of YG dam is there today.
- **Karen McLeod:** Take an interest in having Youth in sports so they don't get into drugs and alcohol. She supported Amanda.
- **Jacine Fox:** Income tax money from Citizens who live on First Nation land used to go to a fund. She recommended those monies to create a pot for sports or traditional pursuits. She recommended Amanda have the kids do fundraising. Will tabled 2024 Resolutions come forward?
- **Tosh Southwick:** She suggested to review policies and funding for hand games. Also, it is not normal practice that tabled Resolutions are brought back. They can be redrafted.
- **Rae Mombourquette:** Last year 13 Resolutions were tabled.

- **Amanda Calbery:** She replied to Jacine that they do fundraise. Steven Shorty put in two drums for the last raffle. Letters were sent to businesses. She asked: Is our hockey team asked to fundraise? She has always promoted that Citizens should be going out of town to represent Kwanlin Dün. They wouldn't have to fundraise if there was a budget.
- **Tosh Southwick:** She read a comment from **Dennis Calbery** how the Pow Wow Brothers placed second out of 36 adult teams representing KDFN and KDFN Youth placed first in their division. She also read a comment from **Misty Fayant** about putting funding into recreation activities. There are free music lessons for children ages 10 and up offered through Big Cedar Music. There are free programs at CGC through their youth program. She would send the information to the Communication team at the main Administration building. She read a comment from **Doris Bill:** Amanda said hand games is not a sport so would this sport fund apply to hand games?

Nomination for the Judicial Council

- **Peter Sandiford** and **Stephanie Campbell**.
- **Wynette Elliott** and **Karen McLeod** were nominated. A question was asked: Are honorarium and travel covered?
- **Peter Sandiford:** He said Stephanie Campbell confirmed the Judicial Council is compensated through the Honoraria Policy. KDFN has five distinct branches created by the *Constitution*. Council is the central body with the power to spend money and make laws. Three advisory bodies are the Youth Council, Elders Council, and the General Assembly.
    - The Judicial Council is responsible to review past actions or conduct of Council but also of other branches of KDFN government — to determine their legality or whether procedures were followed or decisions were reasonable.
    - They can hear appeals under the *Citizenship Code*, the *Election Act*, and *Referendum Code*.
    - They can review where it's alleged that they have violated a Citizen's rights and freedoms as defined by the *Constitution*.
    - They can review Council decisions including decisions to enact legislation on the grounds that it was outside of their jurisdiction or that it violated rights and freedoms of Citizens, or that it's inconsistent with the *Constitution*, including actions of Administration, and on the grounds that the enactment of the law didn't follow the specified procedures in the *Constitution*. It can review administrative decisions that affect Citizens and any other task that KDFN law assigns to it.
    - An appeal invites the Judicial Council to look at the quality of the decision itself and whether the right decision was made. A review looks at whether the procedures were fair and whether the decision was reasonable. He said most of the Judicial Council's work is on a review basis. But on matters of Citizenship, elections and Referendums, there are powers to appeal.
    - Hearings: Can be complex with complicated facts and law. Important skills are needed. The duty on the Judicial Council is to issue reasons that are written and reasoned. Those reasons can be reviewed by the Supreme Court of Yukon. Hearings are generally public and Citizens may attend.

    - All Judicial Council members must preside at the hearings. They must also run another branch of government. It needs to set its own policies, hire and guide staff, undertake their own professional development, develop their annual budgets and other procedures.
    - Appointments: Five years with five members plus one. Council appoints or selects one member; Council appoints two people recommended by the GA. The Council appoints two people recommended by the Elders Council. There is one Youth observer.
    - Qualifications: 25 years old, cannot be on Council, on the Citizenship Committee or an employee of KDFN and can't have been convicted of an indictable offense. Both the GA and Council can consider that person's experience resolving disputes, familiarity with Kwanlin Dün families and traditions, and the person's suitability for the office.
- **Tosh Southwick:** The *Constitution* doesn't say a Citizen must reside in Whitehorse.
- **Peter Sandiford:** There is no express provision that a person must be a resident. A Judicial Council hearing must be public. Participants have the right to ask to appear by telephone. In the *Judicial Council Act*, there is nothing about residency, but it says that other businesses — business meetings that determine policies and to set budgets — that a member of the Judicial Council may attend those meetings by telephone. There is no equivalent provision with respect to hearings. If they are a member of a judicial body tasked with assessing somebody's credibility, noting facial expressions, trying to understand whether what they're saying is truthful and believable, and comparing competing pieces of information — sitting face-to-face with someone provides a lot of value when trying to determine issues of credibility. He said Citizens and the General Assembly may consider how important that is. It can be sorted through further laws.
- **Hank Henry:** People need grade 12 and a good education.
- **Tosh Southwick:** She read a comment from **Teresa Ward** who requested an update from Council on their selection process. Teresa said the Judicial Council is waiting for the appointment selected by Council to be filled and according to the *Constitution*, the appointment should have been filled 90 days after being vacated in January 2025.
- **Judy Gingell:** The Judicial Council can establish their own rules of procedure. People who live outside of Yukon can be flown to Whitehorse when required. Other committees have done that and that avenue can be implemented.
- **Peter Sandiford:** The Judicial Council can establish its own rules and procedures. He cited section 57(9) of the *Constitution*: "*Kwanlin Dün First Nation law may establish additional requirements or procedures concerning the proceedings of the Judicial Council generally, or in relation to specific matter*s." The *Judicial Council Act* addressed some of these matters.
- **Doris Bill:** Citizens who live outside of Yukon shouldn't be excluded.
- **Ronald MacIntosh:** Council needs to look for other ways to get Citizens involved.
- **Ann Smith:** Young people should step forward, learn how to take the lead and get involved. They will be compensated. A person who puts their name forward should commit. They help each other to make things work.
- **Rae Mombourquette:** Provide a list of Boards and Committees.

- **Wynette Elliott** and **Karen McLeod** let their names stand.
- **Chief Smith:** He talked about how **Judy Gingell** helped him in his educational journey for the Judicial Council. He cited section 54(2): "*In considering appointing or recommending a person to the Judicial Council, the Council, General Assembly or Elders' Council, as applicable may consider the person's: (a) experience in resolving disputes; (b) familiarity with Kwanlin Dün families and traditions; and (c) personal suitability*." Section 54(3) and (4) talk about the restriction for an indictable offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.
    - Regarding the position open since January 2025, he noted that Marney Paradis said: "We were waiting for the GA appointment for the other one nomination from Council because they released three expressions of interest and they received no interested applicants."
- **Teresa Waugh:** She said **Rosemarie Wilson** accepted her nomination.

Action: Provide a list of Board and Committees, membership, and upcoming terms.

2025 Resolutions

- **GAR-2025-01: Increase to Elders Allowance —** Moved by Allan Taylor, Seconded by Anna Sam.
- There were discussions on: when the benefit began; Harvey Malcolm said he has never received $200; Citizens and Beneficiaries under the *Constitution*; the number of Elders in Kwanlin Dün; and how the benefit affects Elders' pensions.
- The Resolution was tabled pending revision.

KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
Chronological No: GAR-2025-02
Date: Day: 25; Month: 10; Year: 2025

RESOLUTION TITLE:
DEDICATING RESOURCES TO FAMILY TREE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS

1. A lot of work has been put into the creation of Kwanlin Dün family tree documentation, but this work is not yet complete.

2. Family tree projects have not been adequately resourced.

3. The current KDFN Strategic Plan identifies genealogy as a priority.

4. Remembering our ancestors and knowing who we come from is critical to our identity and we need to make sure our young people can see themselves as part of a larger family at all times.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Council prioritizes the completion of a family tree project by:

    a. Dedicating resources to fund a position that is solely for the completion of the KDFN family tree; and
    b. Creating opportunity for Citizens to provide feedback through consultations, one-on-one meetings, and other engagement sessions.

Moved by: **Judy Gingell**
Seconded by: **Jacine Fox**
In Favour: **Carried**

- **Judy Gingell:** She sits on the Citizenship Committee with Tammy Joe, Amanda Calbery, Hank Henry, and Judith Kuster. The Resolution was important in their work as some don't know their heritage.
- **Jacine Fox:** It will give direction for those coming back into the community.
- **Dianne Smith:** She talked of her work with Tammy Joe in the 1990's: to identify a list from the Marsh Lake area, the traditional people from the Tagish Kwan, the separation from Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, identifying Crow and Wolf, and a list of dual Citizenship.
- **Ann Smith:** They used to operate according to the Clan system. They need the First Nation names of the Clans. It will help the Citizenship Committee that have a lot of work. Youth can help as they have the energy; Elders have the knowledge. KDFN is a matriarchal society, and it should be kept that way.
- **Amanda Calbery:** Citizenship within Kwanlin Dün is very complex. They are made up of at least 14 First Nations. She was the previous Registrar for three years. She identifies as Kwanlin Dün even though her lineage is Hän and Kaska. KDFN are from the Yukon River, and she said it should be named in the *Constitution*.
    - They needed to appreciate what Harvey Malcolm said earlier on the Elders Resolution (GAR-2025-01) He identifies as a Kwanlin Dün Elder who has never seen $200. It may be because of his parents being from other First Nations.
    - She talked about a status card that anyone can apply for from the federal government. The KDFN *Constitution* is for Citizens, and the land claims are for Beneficiary rights. The language in the *Constitution* created confusion.
- **Rae Mombourquette**: The Resolution is just to establish a family tree which will include non-Indigenous, Indigenous and people from all Nations. It should not be a contentious issue. Categorization of Citizens and Beneficiaries can come later. The family tree will be beneficial as the Heritage department has photographs, sound clips and video that can be attached to the project.

KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
Chronological No: GAR-2025-03
Date: Day: 25; Month: 10; Year: 2025

RESOLUTION TITLE:
CREATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS

1. The Department of Economic Development is a newly formed department that is tasked with generating economic wealth by building skills and increasing asset value.

2. Staffed by only a few employees, there is potential for restricted information flow and increased risk of unintended impacts.

3. The decisions made through the Department of Economic Development today are likely to have generational impacts, including risks associated in the untested real estate market of Range Point.

4. Kwanlin Dün First Nation may be taking on significant liability through the purchases and commitments made through the Economic Development Department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. An Economic Development Oversight Committee be developed to review decisions and proposals of the department.

2. The Oversight Committee membership be reserved for Citizens.

3. The Oversight Committee be in receipt of a budget sufficient to contract third party experts who may help advise the Committee on Economic Development matters.

Moved by: **Troy Friday**
Seconded by: **Doris Bill**
In Favour: **Carried**

- **Troy Friday**: There was lots of new information from the Economic Development department regarding where monies are going and whose gravel is being used. Citizens are learning of them after the fact. The Resolution was ensuring transparency.
- **Doris Bill**: Importance of communication, transparency, and more Citizen input into large projects.
- **Ben Chief**: Council recently passed a Financial Oversight Committee OIC.
- **Rae Mombourquette**: She opposed the Resolution. A committee might be “over-engineering the situation.” The department needs a proper flow of communication outwards. The Lands department registry has an online platform available to

Citizens to provide feedback on land use and land applications. A similar position could be available in the Economic Development department for community engagement and communication outflow.

- **Ann Smith**: Decisions will be made after financial statements are given in December.
- **Jacine Fox:** Information about Chu Níikwän was given "second hand or after the fact." She said it was backwards. Citizens should be consulted first. She said a committee was appropriate. The Lands department is understaffed.
- **Troy Friday:** He hoped that the proposed Resolution is not intertwined with the Financial Oversight Committee Ben spoke of. The mandate of both committees needed to be separate.
- **Victoria Fred:** She said Council has authority to make determinations and decisions on Citizens' behalf and to be accountable to Citizens. Her concern with an oversight committee — who is the Director responsible to? Who does the Director take instructions from? They are an employer of KDFN government. Confusion around accountability and direction. They need more General Assemblies as well as more specific community sessions where Citizens are informed. She also didn't see a Terms of Reference. Was it just advisory or providing instructions?

Break from 3:14 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
Chronological No: GAR-2025-04
Date: Day: 25; Month: 10; Year: 2025

RESOLUTION TITLE:
CREATION OF A SUSTAINABLE HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED DIALYSIS PROGRAM

WHEREAS

1. Many Kwanlin Dün Citizens requiring dialysis must travel outside the Yukon for treatment, causing emotional, physical and financial strain on individuals and their families.

2. A local and home-based dialysis care model would allow Citizens to receive consistent and culturally safe care within their community.

3. There is limited access to trained medical professionals in the Yukon to support dialysis patients, and local training opportunities are needed to build health capacity.

4. In accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), Indigenous people have the right to access health services without discrimination and to participate in developing and delivering community-

based health programs that support preventative health measures and overall well-being.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Kwanlin Dün First Nation collaborate with the Yukon Government, Health Canada, Whitehorse General Hospital, Yukon University and other institutions of higher learning, CYFN, Yukon Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research, and the Kidney Foundation of Canada to:

    a. Open a space in McIntyre that is dedicated to providing dialysis to Citizens;
    b. Establish a sustainable home dialysis program for Citizens;
    c. Ensure funding is available to provide ongoing care and maintenance.

2. Kwanlin Dün Health identify and support a qualified nurse to receive specialized dialysis training to lead and oversee home-based dialysis care.

3. Visiting doctors and nurses from Vancouver or other regional facilities be invited to train local health staff and conduct regular safety and quality reviews.

Moved by: **Shirley Smith**
Seconded by: **Shawn Mankowske**
In Favour: **Carried**

- **Shawn Mankowske**: Citizens should get care in the community.
- **Dianne Smith:** Citizens do not want to move to Vancouver for dialysis treatment. Other Yukon First Nation Citizens may need dialysis.
- **Jacine Fox:** She recommended that the Resolution is taken to CYFN.
- **Doris Bill:** She said, “We’re stronger in numbers,” so it should go to Leadership. For Citizens on dialysis, their families have little financial support.
- **Dianne Smith:** When Citizens gives up their Citizenship and become BC residents — when they pass away, it costs a lot of money to bring the person rightfully back to where they ought to be put away and the ceremony involved.

KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
Chronological No: GAR-2025-05
Date: Day: 25; Month: 10; Year: 2025

RESOLUTION TITLE:
PRIORITIZING DIABETES EDUCATION AND KIDNEY HEALTH EDUCATION

WHEREAS

1. Indigenous peoples are among the highest risk for developing serious and life-threatening complications from diabetes.

2. One of the main complications from diabetes is chronic kidney disease, a serious condition that often ends in end-stage renal disease.

3. Complications from diabetes and from poor kidney health can be reduced through community-based education efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Council direct administration to appropriately budget the prioritization of training of appropriate staff in the Health Department to obtain the status of Certified Diabetes Educators, and once Educators are in place, report back to the General Assembly.

2. Council direct administration to present at regular community-based meetings on the status of the Certified Diabetes Educators training and proposal on program delivery.

3. Council direct administration to ensure that a proposal to deliver kidney health and diabetes community-based education opportunities be implemented once the appropriate training and expertise is developed.

Moved by: **Shirley Smith**
Seconded by: **Rae Mombourquette**
In Favour: **Carried**

- **Shawn Mankowske:** Upfront prevention with proper nutrition saves people.
- **Rae Mombourquette:** While pregnant, she learned that studies indicate that populations that have higher instances of early childhood effects — divorce, parents leaving, abuse — has a proven impact on life expectancy, reproductive health, chronic conditions such as diabetes and obesity.
  - A TED (Technology, Entertainment Design) talk said it takes three generations to devolve out of early adverse effects. There are four generations of residential school and the three generations for healing — seven generations that Elders talk about.
- **Amanda Calbery**: Bring back a dietician at the Health Centre and passes to CGC.
- **Steven Shorty:** He beat Type 2 diabetes in four months through diet and no alcohol.
- **Tamara Fischer:** Citizens can get walking passes for CGC. There are also dieticians. She suggested including a budget in the Resolution.
- **Shawn Mankowske:** Include a budget for transparency. Outreach is important.
- **Ann Smith:** More Citizens will go to Vancouver for treatment. They and their families need support. She spoke of her own experience.
- **Tosh Southwick:** She asked the Assembly whether to proceed with the following Resolutions or go into Open Forum.
  - GAR-2025-06 Citizen Consultation on Housing Policies and Allocation Policies
  - GAR-2025-07 The Preservation of Tagish Kwan

- GAR-2025-08 Advancing Kwanlin Dün Economic Development and Accountability to Kwanlin Dün
- GAR-2025-09 Reliable Fuel and Energy Support for Kwanlin Dün First Nation Elders
- GAR-2025-10 Establishment of a Salvage Yard and Recycling Program
- GAR-2025-11 Removal of Intergenerational Clutter
- GAR-2025-12 Support for Medical Travel
- GAR-2025-13 Develop Policy on Housing When in Bereavement
- GAR-2025-14 Equal Representation on Council
- GAR-2025-15 Develop a Census for KDFN
- GAR-2025-16 Increase Safety Measures for Children in Community Spaces
- Revisit GAR-2025-01 Increase to Elders Allowance

- **Jacine Fox**: Table resolutions and go into Open Forum.
- **Elder Councillor Elaine Shorty**: Citizens want to talk about things. Add two days to the December General Assembly.
- **Victoria Fred**: Defer resolutions. Section 30 of the *Constitutio*n allows for a Special General Assembly.
- **Tosh Southwick**: She clarified it would be an extension of the existing GA.
- **Rae Mombourquette:** The 2024 General Assembly was extended to four days. There were many tabled resolutions. She said resolutions are a way for Citizens to bring topics for discussion and are as important as the Open Forum.
- **Judy Gingell:** Open Forum is important. When the audit is ready, add two more days.
- **Brandy Mayes:** People need their time to talk. Sometimes people don't know how to put resolutions forward or get their message out. She reminded all to be kind to each other, not point fingers and come up with solutions.
- **Tosh Southwick:** She said **Victoria Fred** recommended that copies of the resolutions and financial materials be distributed prior to the date of the extension — a week before as promised by Administration and the Auditors.

Nomination for the Judicial Council — *continued*

- There was a secret ballot for Wynette Dawson, Karen McLeod and Rose Wilson. The vote was 62 percent for **Rose Wilson**.
- **Tosh Southwick**: She said a couple Elders approached her. They want to ensure Council hears there are two other interested Citizens for the Judicial Council.

Open Forum

- **Jacine Fox**: She saw Gina Nagano talk about the Deadly Aunties program where two or more Elders police the community. She recommended Council revise the CSO program to include Deadly Aunties.
- **Shirley Bien:** A big shout-out to **Steven Shorty** and **Tyler O'Brien** for their excellent work holding up Kwanlin Dün youth and making summer job creation.
- **Judy Gingell:** She suggested Council meet with the Housing Allocation Committee. Many people, including mothers with small children, have applied for housing for

many years. Yet some who just became a Citizen of Kwanlin Dün or dual Citizens were given a house. The preamble of the *Constitution* says how Citizens should be treated.

Action: Council meet with Housing Allocation Committee as soon as possible

- **Amanda Calbery**: Some are on the housing list for way too long. There is new housing being built. Some relocate back to the Yukon because of the economy and get houses right away. Sitting as the Registrar for three years, she knows the Citizenship list well. During the last Council, there were 25 percent Citizen staff. Yesterday, based on her knowledge of Citizenship and the Staff director — 40 percent are KDFN. This doesn't include employees of other Kwanlin Dün companies and organizations.
- **Malinda Dawson**: She successfully passed her school courses with a 4.0 GPA. She applied for schooling the following semester with House of Learning. They refused funding because her repayment agreement wasn't paid. She thought a repayment agreement meant that House of Learning would deduct the payments directly from her school cheques. The total amount was only $100. If she had known, she would have paid it right away. It was upsetting and discouraging. Elders requested a meeting with the House of Learning manager and were declined. An Elder went to House of Learning to speak with the manager and no approval. House of Learning would fund Malinda for tuition and books and not living allowance. Eventually an Elder went to Council about Malinda's situation, and her living allowance was approved. She had to sign another repayment agreement which is one roadblock after another. Then she got an e-mail from the House of Learning manager stating that Malinda's schooling application was amended. Malinda said it brings unnecessary stress to a person and their family. She thanked Elders who stood up for her and believed in her. She thought land claims were based on schooling.
- **Elder Councillor Elaine Shorty**: Take care of those who have been waiting for a home for so long like young families.
- **Derek Dennis**: There needs to be courses on getting into mining industries and driving heavy equipment. He suggested building wall tents at Jackson Lake for people who want to go on the land. He said people feel like trespassers on their own land.
- **Dianne Smith**: She was concerned about the Housing Policy, and decisions of the Housing Allocation Committee that reflect the federal government's policy.
- **Rae Mombourquette:** She had a similar issue as Malinda Dawson with unanswered e-mails and phone calls. She asked for training for staff on client relations and customer service. She suggested a KDFN campground with wood, maintained outhouses, firepits, day areas and playgrounds.
- **Jennifer Edzerza:** Staff and Council do not return calls. Community Christmas parties and dinners have stopped, replaced with a gift card. Staff have a big Christmas party in the office and departmental Christmas parties. When they were under the *Indian Act*, they had less money but there were dinners and gatherings. Elders without family members are neglected.

- **Elder Councillor Elaine Shorty:** Elders Christmas party is November 25 at KDCC.
- **Jacine Fox:** Council suggest that Chu Níikwän provide Christmas hampers. With housing, she said two single men on her block live in homes with three bedrooms. She cited a HR issue.
- **Allan Taylor:** A family member is not getting a response for a Beneficiary application. Council must step up for Citizens who need housing. Children shouldn't be taken away from their families. The multiplex needs to be used.
- **Ron MacIntosh:** Kwanlin Dün needs healing like Medicine Wheel training. Lots of programs are run by the wrong people. He said they all need to be on the same page. People are suffering from jealousy, gossip and fighting.
- **Jason Charlie**: Colonization took away Kwanlin Dün's independence. Council should continue to invest in their people. He thanked young people for their good work, kindness and respectful behavior. He commended Tyler, Steven and Amanda for their work with youth. He loved seeing Citizens working and setting a good example.
- **Amanda Calbery**: There are many programs but there is no harm-reduction training. She has taught her children to recognize signs of an overdose and how to use a naloxone kit. People want something to do, and she helps people move forward. She wondered why they can't talk about HR.
- **Tosh Southwick**: There are legal obligations around confidentiality.
- **Amanda Calbery**: She said her mother beat cancer this year. Non-insured health benefits cover only one family member. She and her family did fundraising for her brother and his wife to assist their mother. Justice helped one of Amanda's children to go. She approached Council for food her two other KDFN children for five days. She was told there's no policy. Her mother also needs a $2,000 CPAP machine for sleep apnea. There's not even a repayment plan. She said Kwanlin Dün has a repayment plan to assist Citizens for fuel for a house as they're protecting their assets. Also, she said there are no turning lanes going into McIntyre at the store.
- **Brandy Mayes**: Derelict vehicles are environmental hazards and misuse of the land. It costs $800 to remove one vehicle. She said it could bankrupt the First Nation with the number of vehicles on their land. Citizens could be held accountable under the *Environment Act.* The *Constitution* says they are to be stewards of the land. One parcel cost Kwanlin Dün $150,000 to clean up 25 derelict vehicles. Kwanlin Dün shouldn't have to pay it. There needs to be responsibility and accountability of the Citizen or Beneficiary. For healing, she said there is no long-term aftercare for when people come back from treatment. She spoke of keeping drugs out of the community.
- **Derek Dennis**: He said Pelly Crossing has Auntie camps, Uncle camps, and harvest camps. People used to go to Jackson Lake but now there are too many roadblocks.
- **Dianne Smith**: She has asked for something to create a card with their picture and land claims number. There are non-insured health benefits for those who have sleep apnea. She asked that each program identify staff that is needed. She suggested Yukon University go back into House of Learning for Citizen training. There was basic carpentry training at Kishwoot Hall and now they are Red Seal carpenters. What is the outcome if Leadership has breached confidentiality or policies on the Trust?

- **Tosh Southwick**: The *Constitution* outlines the process for elected leaders who have violated the Oath that they signed. There is only provider of CPAP machines in Whitehorse, but they are substantially cheaper Outside.
- **John Sam**: He was brought up in foster care. He recently found out he is a Citizen of Kwanlin Dün but is a Beneficiary of Little Salmon-Carmacks First Nation. Ceremony helped him to heal. He said, “I have to say what I feel in order to heal.” He has been sober and clean for 18 years. Kwanlin Dün needs to work together as one.
- **Gerald McLeod**: He has been sober for 30 years. Those on the sober journey can help the community. Nechi training helped him.
- There were discussions on possible dates and venues for the General Assembly continuance for the audit and resolutions. It was noted that the Potlatch House began renovations September 1, 2025.
- **Tosh Southwick**: She commended all for their respectful conduct and it was a pleasure for her to be Co-Chair.
- **Elder Councillor Elaine Shorty:** She commended Tosh Southwick for her work as Co-Chair of the General Assembly.

Closing Prayer

- **Ann Ranigler** offered the Closing Prayer in Northern Tutchone. The General Assembly adjourned at 6:17 p.m.