



Gitxsan Child and Family Services Society
22nd Annual General Meeting - August 11, 2021
10:00 AM - 3:00 pm Gitwangak Community Hall
Meeting ID: 872 5195 6481 Passcode: 720 310

Present:

Doug Daniels Sr.	Elaine Wilson	Geraldine Shanoss
Vernon Smith	Roxanne Robinson	Barb Hyzims
Venita Hyzims	Sharla Hyzims	Ashley Williams
Susanne Blackwater	Hal Blackwater	Suzie Rush
Sandra Larin	Glen Williams	Gary Williams
Barbara Duncan	Tony Morgan	Tammy Daniels
Stacey Hyzims	Bill Blackwater Sr.	Erica Williams
Georgina Martin	Rosa Daniels	Mel Harris
Jane Watts	Brenton Williams	

Board: Katie Ludwig, Valerie Spence, Brenda Johnson, Lorne Wilson

Regrets: Perry Sampson

Staff: Cheryl Williams, Andrew Tom, Susan Upfold, Natasha Blackstock, Corinne Littlewood, Alysha Stewart, Austin Baker, Louise Johnson, Louise Wilson, Val Simms-Muldoe, Veronica Green

Chair: Andrew Tom **Recorder:** Austin Baker

Called: 11:22 am **Prayer:** Tony Morgan

Agenda:

1. Opening prayer
2. Territory Welcome
3. Agency Welcome
4. Quorum
5. Staff Introductions
6. Board Voting - Kispiox and Gitanyow
7. Board Introductions
8. Revision of October 30, 2019 AGM minutes
9. Business arising from 2019 Minutes
10. Financial Report
11. Social Work Presentation
12. Annual Report/Strategic Plan
13. Voting Tally
14. Closing/Adjournment

1. **Opening Prayer:** Tony Morgan
Moment of Silence
2. **Territory Welcome:** Brenton Williams
3. **Agency Welcome:** Valerie Spence
4. **Quorum:**

Constitution and Bylaws require there to be 3 members from each member band to be present, given the loss in one of our villages, some members were not able to attend. We require a motion to proceed with business from the membership.

Motion #08-2021-001:

The floor moves to accept quorum as is:

Moved: Bill Blackwater Sr. **Seconded:** Tony Morgan

All in Favor

Motion Carried

5. Staff Introductions:

Val Simms-Muldoe	Administrative Assistant
Natasha Blackstock	Generalist Social Worker
Louise Wilson	Cultural Enrichment Worker
Corinne Littlewood	Generalist Social Worker
Austin Baker	Operations Assistant
Alysha Stewart	Communications Officer
Gail Shaw	Director of Operations
Cheryl Williams	Executive Director
Louise Johnson	Finance Officer
Veronica Green	Prevention Manager
Susan Upfold	Social Work Team Leader
Andrew Tom	Associate Director

6. Board Voting - Kispiox and Gitanyow

Open ballots until noon of August 11, 2021

Voting has been open for the past four months

July 13th 2021 - Gitanyow, July 15th 2021 - Kispiox for advance polling

We required a declaration form to be accompanied with every ballot

7. Board Introductions:

Katie Ludwig - **President** - Gitsegukla Representative
Valerie Spence - **Vice President** - Gitwangak Representative
Brenda Johnson - **Secretary Treasurer** - Gitanyow Representative
Perry Sampson - Glen Vowell Representative
Lorne Wilson - Kispiox Representative

8. Adoption of October 30, 2019 AGM Minutes:

No errors or omissions.

Motion #08-2021-002:

The floor moves to adopt the October 30, 2021 AGM Minutes as presented:

Moved:	Valerie Spence	Seconded:	Brenda Johnson
	<i>All in Favor</i>	Motion Carried.	

9. Business arising from October 30, 2019 AGM Minutes:

None at this time.

10. Financial Report:

Audit of March 31st 2020: Louise Johnson

To the members of Gitxsan Child and Family Services.

Opinion:

We have audited the financial statements of GCFSS which comprise the statement of financial position, as at March 31st 2020 and the statement of changes in Society position, financial activities and cash flows for the fiscal year that ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, and all material respects, the financial position of the society as at March 31st 2020 and results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The accounting principles used in preparing the financial statements have been applied on a consistent basis with that of the previous year.

Basis for Opinion:

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements:

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance of whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

Responsibilities of Management and Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal controls as management determines are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless conditions exist that do not allow for the going concern basis to be used.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the society's financial reporting process.

Summary of the year's programs

Operations schedule:	Surplus of \$121,622
Foster Parent / ISC:	Break even
Foster Parent / MCFD Operations:	Break even
Family Group Conference / MCFD:	Surplus \$7,076
Family Support Worker / MCFD:	Deficit \$22,292
Investment/Other:	Surplus \$700,092
Group Home / ISC:	No Longer in existence
Culturally Based Funding:	No longer in existence
Needs Assessment:	Break even
Family Skills/MCFD:	Program Completed
Strengthening Families / MCFD:	Break even
Children in Care / Cultural Planning:	Break even
Prevention / ISC:	Break even
BC Housing / GV Project:	Break even
Children's special allowance:	Surplus \$431,480
Family Enhancement:	Break even
Cultural:	Break even
Social workers:	Break even
Unity:	Break even
Surplus Overall - \$1,238,788.00	

Motion #08-2021-003:

The floor moves to accept the Audited Financial Statements as read and presented:

Moved: Georgina Martin
All in Favor

Seconded: Tammy Daniels
Motion Carried.

Question 1: Are investments culturally based funding?

Answer: - Those were projects, proposals or initiatives;

- from \$700,000 to \$8,600,000 in the last 7 years in terms of funding overall;
- amendment of \$3,800,000 to \$8,600,000;
- investment for youth mentorship home.

Question 2: What's the investments account and children's allowance?

Answer: - We are a year behind in AGM's so GCFSS is hosting the 2020 AGM as of August 11, 2021 and the 2021 AGM is to be done later in the year.

- Money that is surplus, aren't really surplus, it's for the children we serve, once there is a recommendation or plan for service with these dollars they will be utilized after being approved by board;
- We're fortunately able to salvage child tax credits into an investment savings account;

- Funds will be used for Gitxsan benefit and use, it will provide direct benefit of the nation.

Question 3: What is the children's special allowance?

Answer: - Child tax benefits that we have been able to keep and will be utilized for services.

Question 4: Are there initiatives for sports and equipment? Any travel for sports?

Answer: - GCFSS directs services to protect children in terms of prevention.

- It would be great if those clients would reach out and we can go through the process of utilizing prevention dollars for use in such circumstances;
- Prevention dollars rolling out to each village as of this year.

Question 5: Is there concrete support for youth as some communities have under-funded youth programs or no youth centre and temporary youth workers.

Answer: - Band Chiefs and Councils are informed of what the Society does.

- Office spaces in each community, through ISC funds;
- Youth program: YEN and Supervisor to come to each community to talk about what GCFSS can do alongside the community for youth services.

Motion #08-2021-004:

The floor moves to appoint our auditors who are already working from March 31st 2021 and onward:

Moved: Valerie Spence
All in Favor

Seconded: Bill Blackwater Sr.
Motion Carried.

11. Social Work Presentation

Corinne Littlewood, Natasha Blackstock, Susan Upfold

- Introduction and staff
- Community Wellness Team
- Responsibilities
- Mandate
- Child and Family Community Services Act
- Services Provided under the Child and Family Community Services Act

- Child Protection Services Program
- Advocacy
- Our Process
- Community Steps
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Moving Forward

12. Annual Report/Strategic Plan

- Mission
- Vision
- Principles
- Board Introductions
- Message from our President
- Message from our Executive Director
- Goals from our Strategic Plan
- Executive Summary
- Our 4 departments:
- Social Work -Administration -Prevention -Housing
- Longhouse Project -Glen Vowell
- Safe house - Gitsegukla
- Youth Mentorship House
- Prevention Funding
- Community Engagement
- Administration
- Finance
- Fleet
- Urban Support Program
- Food Hampers

13. Voting Tally:

Numbers & results

Gitanyow:		Kispiox:	
Betty Campos	1	Laverne Williams	24
Kim Gonu-Good	14	Lorne Wilson	27
Brenda Johnson	22		
Vernon Smith	4		

14. Closing/Adjournment