

Chief and Council Business Meeting
Monday February 29, 2016
Emo Inn
9:00 am

In Attendance: Chief Jim Leonard, Councillor Robin McGinnis, Councillor Gary Medicine, Councillor Sonny McGinnis, Dean Wilson – Manager of Administration, Tammy Ryll – Human Resources, Natalie Katona – Human Resources, Tracy Oshie-Horton – Executive Assistant, Carolyn McGinnis – Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Councillor Shawn Brown

Also in Attendance: Cindy Judson, Sara McCormick

9:09am meeting begins.

Agenda for the Monday February 29, 2016 Chief and Council Business Meeting;

1. Review and accept the agenda.
2. Frances Flook – request to speak to Council regarding a possible daycare center in Emo.
3. Human Resources Update; Tammy Ryll and Natalie Katona.
4. Letter from RRFN Chief and Council to Weechi-It-Te-Win Family Services; Executive Director Laurie Rose requesting a meeting.
5. Request from Wally and Kim Detweiler to meet with Chief and Council.
6. RRFN Internet Issues.
7. Board Appointments; Manitou Forest Products and Onikaajigan.
8. Riverside Health Care Physician Recruitment and Retention letter Committee letter.
9. Ontario Works Residency Requirements.
10. Maintenance/Repairs on homes that are not owned by RRFN.
11. Participation in the Cross Route Forest Contingency Plan.
12. RRFN Draft Chief and Council Policy Manual.

Agenda Item #1 – Review and accept the agenda;

Agenda Item #2 – Frances Flook – request to speak to Council regarding a possible daycare center in Emo.

A working committee is looking at establishing a daycare in the Knox United Church with a goal of starting it in September 2016. They would like a letter of support from Rainy River First Nations (RRFN). The committee will write a letter outlining what services and programs will be offered and what they would like from RRFN. They will email the letter to Council for review by the next business meeting.

9:23am Sarah McCormick arrives.

9:37am Cindy and Sarah leave.

Agenda Item #3 – Human Resources Update – Tammy Ryll and Natalie Katona;

See Confidential Notes.

Agenda Item #4 – Letter from RRFN Chief and Council to Weechi-It-Te-Win Family Services; Executive Director Laurie Rose requesting a meeting;

Chief Leonard signs the letter to Weechi-it-te-win Family Services. Councillor Sonny McGinnis will write up a briefing note to present to Council before the next business meeting.

Agenda Item #5 – Request from Wally and Kim Detweiler to meet with Chief and Council;

Wally and Kim Detweiler have requested a meeting with Chief and Council to discuss their concerns with Onikaajigan. Council requests that Wally and Kim write their down their concerns and submit to Council for review before the meeting. Council agrees to meet with them at the next business meeting.

Agenda Item #6 – RRFN Internet Issues;

A letter from Bell about internet usage and speed in the community was received with the recommendation to increase the speed to all the residents. An agreement will be drawn up and in the interim Dean Wilson (Manager of Administration) is looking into cell internet for the offices.

Agenda Item #7 – Board Appointments; Manitou Forest Products and Onikaajigan;

Councillor Gary Medicine volunteers for Manitou Forest Products and Councillor Sonny McGinnis volunteers for Onikaajigan. There is an issue with a Councillor on the board for Onikaajigan so for the interim Councillor Sonny McGinnis will sit on the board until an Economic Development Officer is hired. Council agrees by consensus to appoint Councillor McGinnis for the interim. A letter will be drafted for Chief Leonard's signature.

Agenda Item #8 – Riverside Health Care Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee letter;

Riverside Health Care Physician and Retention Committee is looking for support/contributions from Rainy River First Nations. Chief Leonard will see if Emo has a recruitment committee. Council agrees by consensus to decline the request.

Agenda Item #9 – Ontario Works Residency Requirements;

There are community members who are receiving Ontario Works (OW) but not actually living in the community. They have a tenant agreement and bills in their name which makes them eligible to receive OW. See confidential notes.

Agenda Item #10 – Maintenance/Repairs on homes that are not owned by RRFN;

RRFN is obligated to provide water and sewer to residents due to health and safety. RRFN has replaced furnaces and they need to be maintained to work properly but there needs to be a maintenance program if RRFN is repairing furnaces. Council will have more discussion on housing at a later date. There is a recommendation to Council to spray foam insulation in the skirting of trailers in the community. Councillor Sonny McGinnis motions to accept the recommendation, Councillor Rob McGinnis seconds and the motion is carried by consensus.

Agenda Item #11 – Participation in the Cross Route Forest Contingency Plan;

Dale Kaemingh attends on behalf of Manitou Forest Products (MFP). If there are any issues he informs Chief Leonard. If there a political presence needed then Chief Leonard attends. Councillor Sonny McGinnis would like a member of Council to attend these meetings. For the interim, Council will ask for a report from Dale Kaemingh.

Agenda Item #12 – RRFN Draft Chief and Council Policy Manual;

Dean Wilson (MOA) asks Council if they can review the draft Chief and Council Policy Manual and provide comments for the next business meeting.

Agenda Item #13 – Indian Residential School Monument Project;


Marcel Medicine-Horton has advised Dean Wilson that he will not be providing any more reports for this project. A report is needed for the audit and to see what needs to be completed. Council recommends not releasing any more funds until a comprehensive report is provided.

Agenda Item #14 – Letter to Allan and Beverly Wilson;

The letter will be discussed with Allan and Beverly at the next community meeting.

12:36 pm meeting adjourned.

Date minutes accepted: April 25, 2016



Chief Jim Leonard



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