



Chief and Council Community Meeting
Wednesday July 6, 2016
RRFN Resource Centre
5:30 pm

In Attendance: Chief Jim Leonard, Councillor Rob McGinnis, Councillor Gary Medicine, Councillor Sonny McGinnis, Dean Wilson (Manager of Administration), Carolyn McGinnis (Administrative Assistant)

Regrets: Councillor Shawn Brown

Also in Attendance: Katie Sadewasser, Star Hawk, Brian Cochrane Sr., Wally Detweiler, Kim Detweiler, Karen Oster, Lucille Eldridge, Delores Nanie-Braddick, Al Braddick, Ethel Nanie, Joe Medicine, Dorothy Medicine, Pam Rittau, Will McGinnis, Tina McGinnis, Dean McMahon, Eliza Smith, Berla Horton, Cassandra Cochrane, Beverly Wilson, Allan Wilson, Genevieve McGinnis, Christie Hunter, Dwayne Blackburde, Leona McGinnis, Agnes Grover, Jason Wilson, Chris Medicine, Gloria Short, Ashlee Cochrane, Verna Debungee.

5:35 pm Chief Jim Leonard calls meeting to order.

5:35 pm Chief Jim Leonard begins with a moment of silence.

Chief Leonard reviewed the minutes from the last meeting.

The Code of Conduct for meetings will be introduced for the next Community meeting.

Update on Membership Code;

Karen Oster asks Council for an update on the Membership Code. Council is meeting with the lawyers (Falconer's) who are going to present a work plan. Council is also looking into other community's membership codes for comparison. Council would also like to consult with off reserve community members and have community involvement. Ms. Oster asks when the date Falconer's is presenting to RRFN. Council is looking at the fall for the first community consultation with 2 or 3 consultations across the country for off reserve members. Council is looking at meeting monthly to discuss the membership code.

Community Concerns:

- Brian Cochrane Sr. asks about the internet speed in the community. Bell is going to put in a new hub to increase speed. The community should see increased speed once the new hub is in.
- Lucille Eldridge wants to know if a family member can pick up solar payments for family in the states. There was a problem with family members picking up payments for other family members. Verna Debungee asks if a family member can pick up a payment with a note. Council will work on a solution for this problem.
- Karen Oster asks about the duplexes. There are 3, two are over in the east town site and one is in the main town site.

- Will McGinnis asks about the treatment centre. Chief Leonard and Councillor Sonny McGinnis went to see the treatment centre in Thunder Bay. Dean McMahon was asked to put a plan together and present to Council. Once the plans are done, Council will present it to the community.

- Jason Wilson has a concern about his parents. They are continuing with legal proceedings against the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Treaty Three Police regarding allegations made about guns on their property. Jason has concerns about the process when there are allegations made against another community member. He doesn't support the allegation process, but we need to have a plan. Community members have concerns about the letters sent out to certain community members regarding their alleged drug use. Ashley Cochrane feels we should be supporting our members. Community members also have concerns with the police involvement. Jason wants to see referendum voting and an ombudsman. He feels there is harassment by police happening and this is an issue Council should look into. When dealing with allegations Council doesn't just go with one source, they act on multiple sources. Brian Cochrane Sr. feels the alleged community members were approached wrong. Council is meeting with the addictions team to discuss revamping the suboxone program. A new position has been posted. Community members would like to see a plan regarding how Council is handling the drug problem. Jason would like to see Treaty 3 police at the next meeting.
Jason has handed in a document for Council.

- Beverly Wilson presents a letter to Council on behalf of a community member regarding a condemned home.

- Beverly and Allan Wilson has a concern about a letter to renovate her house being denied. They would like to have a reason why it was denied. Council informs Beverly and Allan that it was denied because they felt RRFN shouldn't be paying the homeowners to fix their own house. Council feels it was a conflict of interest.

- Delores Nanie-Braddick wants to know the status of the housing committee. She feels they need to work together.

- Karen Oster wants to know why there are no Housing Committee meetings. Housing was directed from Council to not hold meetings in the interim until Council can meet to discuss housing at a later date.

- Ashlee Cochrane has some concerns for Council:
 - She made a housing application and was offered a one bedroom apartment but refused due to the fact she has a son and needed a larger place. She asked the Housing Director about the status of her application and was told she didn't have one. Ashlee would like to see changes made to the Housing Policy. Council will discuss Housing at a later date.
 - She wants to know about the clearing at the lots on the East side. Council informs Ashlee there will be more duplexes on the lots. Foundations will be put in this fall if funding is approved.
 - Ashlee also has concerns about the partnerships RRFN has with various organizations.
 - The minutes from previous meetings are not updated on the website. Council inform Ashlee they will be updated tomorrow.

- Karen Oster wants to know about CP lots on RRFN. CP are for the exclusive use of the homeowner. Council is looking at membership regarding this. Council is cautious regarding these types of lots.
- Delores Nanie-Braddick would like to remind everyone that September 30th is Orange Shirt Day. She would like some suggestions for activities on this day. Orange Shirt Day is in remembrance of residential school survivors.

7:23 pm Treaty 3 Police is checking into a suspicious black van in the community.

Jason Wilson is going to email Council a picture of his license plate due to the fact he was stopped 3 times by police.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Council went In-camera at 7:48 pm.

Date minutes accepted: September 7, 2016



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