

Chief and Council Community Meeting
Wednesday January 13, 2016
RRFN Resource Centre
5:30 pm

In Attendance: Chief Jim Leonard, Councillor Robin McGinnis, Councillor Shawn Brown, Councillor Gary Medicine, Councillor Sonny McGinnis, Dean Wilson – Manager of Administration, Carolyn McGinnis – Administrative Assistant

Also in attendance: Joe Medicine, Delores Nanie-Braddick, Marcel Horton, Lucille Eldridge, Karen Oster, Berla Horton, Kathy Bombay-Lyons, Vernon Horton, Brian Cochrane Sr., Leona McGinnis, Dorothy Medicine, Brian Tucker, Billy Tucker

5:36 pm Chief Leonard calls for a moment of silence
5:40 pm meeting begins.


Community Concerns:

1. There was a general discussion on the RRFN membership code. The items discussed were:
 - Joe Medicine asked about the membership request for his grandchildren. A suggestion was made that he consider legally adopting his grandchildren;
 - Council has begun the development of a membership code with community involvement, including both on and off reserve members, adopted by referendum;
 - Council will research other membership codes and examples of best practices;
 - Classification of members, ie. '6-1's and '6-2's and their membership with RRFN.
2. Karen Oster has a concern about the drug use in the community. Dean Wilson (Manager of Administration) suggest 3 options:
 - Call Crimestoppers;
 - Meet with the Narcotics Unit in the Treaty 3 police service;
 - Make a statement with Treaty 3.Dean Wilson can provide a number to contact the Narcotics Unit. Council can discuss the Treaty 3 Police Services Board at their next business meeting.
3. Marcel Medicine-Horton presented to Council his proposal for Cultural Revitalization. It includes many cultural activities promoting community involvement. Council is interested in supporting this proposal and would like to review the budget.
4. There was a discussion on the RRFN by-election. Council has decided the membership code should be in place before there can be a by-election.
5. Council was asked by a community member to support Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Men with a declaration. Council agreed to make a declaration supporting this.

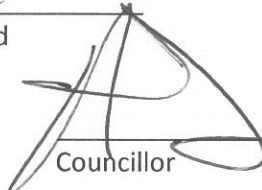
6. Project Green Light was discussed by Council. On the 22nd of January, green light bulbs were handed out to the community. If the light bulb was displayed then that showed a residence was a safehouse for a victim of violence. RRFN received a bundle from Naicatchewenin last spring, and on the 28th of January, RRFN will be handing the bundle over to Mitaanjigamiing. Agnes Grover and Leona McGinnis have been working on this project.
7. Marcel Medicine-Horton presented his proposal for a short term tree cutting contract. Council will discuss this at the next business meeting.
8. Oaths of Confidentiality will be signed at the next community meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm

Date minutes accepted: Wed. March 2/2016


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