



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Community Meeting  
Wednesday April, 3 2019  
Resource Centre – RRFN  
5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Chief Robin McGinnis

Councillor Willie James McGinnis

Councillor Shawn Brown

Councillor Gary Medicine

Councillor Kathy Bombay

Councillor Marcel Medicine-Horton

**OTHER:**

Lauren Hyatt- EA

Haley Broadbent

Mookii Morrison

Verna Debungie

Stacey Jack- Band Manager (temporary)

Bev Wilson

Wallace Wilson Jnr.

*Meeting Opened 5:34p.m.*

**Review from Previous Meeting:**

Rental Payments

Chief and Council had previously approved that if a renter paid 12 consecutive months of rent on time, their 13<sup>th</sup> month would be free.

Winterization of Residence

Maintenance has assessed and addressed G. Short's residence.

Establishment of a Business

Forwarded to Lands team.

Storage of Personal Property

Maintenance continue to look into a place for M. Morrison's lumber storage.

Garbage Collection

A new garbage truck has been ordered. It should be here by the week of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Housing Manager

The position has been reposted.

Manager of Administration

Chief Robin McGinnis introduces temporary Band Manager, Stacey Jack who is present at the meeting. The position has been reposted.

Hydro Conservation Program

Haley Broadbent stated that there are currently 35 households signed up for the program. Chief Robin McGinnis encouraged people to get involved with the program as it has many benefits.

### **Update from Chief Rob McGinnis on Economic Development Strategy:**

Chief and Council will be meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to discuss and finalize Economic Development Strategy. Two to three weeks after this, ample notice of a special community session will be given to discuss the strategy.

### **Community Comments and Concerns:**

#### **Mookii Morrison**

Mookii expressed concern about the practice surrounding sign-up for community activities. She feels people are getting priority based on who they know rather than a first come first serve basis. She believes people who pay first should be put on the list first and that information regarding the details of such activities should be given to the groups they apply to with advanced notice. Chief R. McGinnis responded saying that there is currently a deposit policy in place to reserve spots. With the specific Ski Trip example that Mookii is referring to, he explained that due to hotel availability, the dates changed at the last minute and were out of RRFN's control. This issue will be passed on to social services committee to discuss at their next meeting.

Mookii's second concern was that new staff are not known by the community. The staff list and contact details will be posted in the next Community Newsletter.

Mookii's third comment was that she would like the community to have access to community photos taken over the years. Councillor Kathy Bombay explained that there is no central place to access these at the moment, yet she will look into how we can get them up online on a separate page for access.

#### **Bev Wilson**

Bev was concerned Sara Duck, who comes into the community and may be selling drugs. Sara is not a community member and Bev asked that council address her concern.

#### **Wallace Wilson Jr.**

W. Wilson asked if Chief and Council have any portfolios. Chief R. McGinnis responded that portfolios are not assigned.

W. Wilson enquired if there is a drug testing policy in place for Chief and Council and staff. The policy is not for C & C, but in the past members of C & C have voluntarily taken tests. Councillor M. Horton explained that every staff member undergoes drug testing when they are hired and there is random testing as well. Chief R. McGinnis explained that as far as Chief and Council, drug testing will be finalized with the Election Code implementation.

**Update on Administration Building by Chief Rob McGinnis**

The construction from start to finish has been projected to be 18 months after the process has begun. RRFN is trying to secure funding from every avenue possible. The contractors that are being hired will have a policy to hire locally. The water treatment plant construction will also include local employment.

**Update on Hydro One Conservation Program**

Haley Broadbent explained that 35 households have signed up. There will be a site visit about the program later in April. Fair notice will be given to tenants before this happens. Local hiring is preferred by Hydro One when it comes to doing any upgrades.

Haley brought up a concern that her house was leaking and which led to soggy dry wall. She also explained that other people have had similar issues. Chief R. McGinnis encouraged her to put these incidents in writing for Chief and Council so that the issues can be addressed.


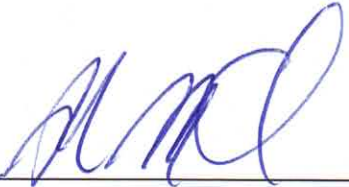
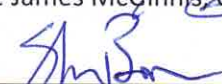
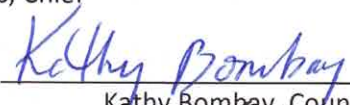
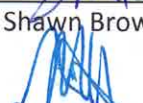
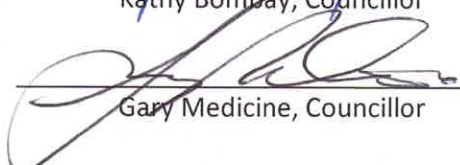
**The next meeting date is May 1, 2019.**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.*

*Previous Minutes approved and signed by Chief and Council*

The minutes dated **Wednesday April 3, 2019**, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

 _____ Willie James McGinnis, Councillor	 _____ Robin McGinnis, Chief
 _____ Shawn Brown, Councillor	 _____ Kathy Bombay, Councillor
 _____ Marcel Medicine Horton, Councillor	 _____ Gary Medicine, Councillor