



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting  
Monday April 8, 2019  
C & C Trailer – RRFN  
10:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

Chief Robin McGinnis  
Councillor Willie James McGinnis  
Councillor Gary Medicine

Councillor Kathy Bombay  
Councillor Shawn Brown

**OTHER:**

Stacey Jack – Manager of Administration (Temporary)  
Lauren Hyatt – Executive Assistant  
Juanita Hunter-Connon (Presentation)  
Dean McMahon (Presentation)

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Marcel Medicine-Horton

**Opening**

Chief Robin McGinnis called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Stacey Jack requested the following items be added to the Agenda.

- HR Report and Meeting Date
- BCR from Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nations
- Van Purchase

**MOTION # 2019-04-08-001**

To accept the revised Agenda

Moved by: Willie James McGinnis  
Seconded by: Shawn Brown

**All in Favour - Carried**

**Review of Previous Minutes**

Minutes from February 25, 2019 reviewed and signed by Council.

**MOTION # 2019-04-08-002**

To accept the Minutes from 25/02/19

Moved by: Shawn Brown  
Seconded by: Willie James McGinnis

**All in Favour - Carried**

Minutes from March 25, 2019 reviewed and signed by Council.

**MOTION # 2019-04-08-003**

To accept the Minutes 25/03/19

Moved by: Shawn Brown

Seconded by: Willie James McGinnis

**All in Favour - Carried**

**a) Review of Action Items**

Action Items from previous meetings reviewed by Chief and Council.

**Community Health Update- J. Hunter-Connon**

a) Jordan's Principle:

J. Hunter-Connon explained that Jordan's principle funding is used as a last resort to avoid delays and denials in provincial/federal funding for people who need immediate assistance until a long-term solution and access to other funds can be put in place. There is currently a funding list of what will be approved and the documentation that is required. This list will continue to change.

b) Other:

Circle of Courage: this proposal has come out of the fact that there is a lack of culturally specific anti-bullying programs at schools. This program is in its early stages and needs to be discussed with the School Board.

J. Hunter Connon provided documentation re: M. Hunter.

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-001**

S. Jack to draft a letter adding two conditions to current M. Hunter's letter.

J. Hunter Connon provided an update on individual who was BCR'd off of RRFN's.

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-002**

Chief Rob McGinnis will contact the Chief of Whitefish Bay First Nations regarding CCP.

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-003**

Chief Rob McGinnis will meet with Amanda Jordain regarding CCP homes in RRFN's.

*Break 11:48 a.m.*

*Return 11:57am*

**Update on Addictions Programs- D. McMahon**

D. McMahon provided statistics regarding the success of the program from January 2016 to February 2019. The addictions team works closely with other Treaty Three communities to secure treatment.

RRFN's program has a successful model and is in high demand. RRFN's sits on the Treaty Three Drug Enforcement Committee.

Dean reported that there is a 94% decline in intravenous drug use since he started. Maintenance staff will be advised to keep an eye out for needles that need to be disposed of.

The budget for the addictions program is challenging to fix as there are unexpected expenses that arise due to the nature of the work and number of clients. When this budget is completed, enhanced funds for exceptional situations need to be considered. Policies need to be put in place as to who has access to treatment based on the new Membership Code. It was suggested that we focus efforts on preventative programs and messages with youth in the community. D. McMahon suggests that these measures can be built into existing programs. He is also looking into a short program for Chief and Council to attend re: understanding addiction issues.

12:10 Gary Medicine steps out.

12:15 Gary Medicine returns.

Recording interrupted for 30 mins

Recording resumed.

**Report from Chief Robin McGinnis**

a) Tribal Health Update:

The investigative of the MINOAYAATAWIN Healing Centre found deficiencies. The report gives a list of recommendations to implement going forward that the Board will address with their employees.

b) Follow up with Trust:

Chief and Council accepted W. Wilson Jr.'s application to sit on the trust.

**MOTION # 2019-04-08-004**

To nominate W. Wilson Jr.

Moved by: Willie James McGinnis

Seconded by: Gary Medicine

**All in Favour - Carried**

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-004**

Stacey Jack will get the application process for the selection committee underway.

c) New Gold Meet and Greet:

There has been a change in management at New Gold so this Meet and Greet with the new manager will be scheduled for a later date.

**Housing**

a) D. Medicine Housing Concern

Deferred to next meeting as report is needed.

- b) K. Kavanaugh Request  
Request to purchase trailer denied.

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-005**

S. Jack to contact K. Kavanaugh to inform her of request denial.

**Other**

- a) Transitional Housing  
Research on and funding for a transitional housing plan is in process. No definitive decisions have been made to date.
- b) Family Well-Being Program:  
J. Hunter-Connon provided an update on the program. Jordan's Principle could fund the program if refigured.
- c) Boat Landing Use  
There have been complaints regarding the use of the boat landing by non- Band Members. Chief and Council directed the Lands Department to create a policy regarding conditional use and permits for the landing.

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-006**

S. Jack meet with Lands to discuss creating a Boat Landing Use Policy.

- d) Repatriation Timeline  
K. Speirs and J. Hunter to work together to develop a process.

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-007**

S. Jack to speak with K. Speirs and J. Hunter regarding return of remains.

*2:04 p.m. Gary Medicine steps out.*

*2:10 p.m. Gary Medicine returns.*

- e) Sunset Protection Systems Proposal  
Request to establish a business out of the West Building on the Lowe's property. Chief and Council deferred to this to the Lands team.

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-008**

Stacey Jack will put the Lands Team in contact with Sunset Protection Systems.

- f) Little NHL Request: J. McGinnis  
Request Denied. Chief R. McGinnis provided information to J. McGinnis.
- g) Cover on Deck:  
RRFN will not proceed with the cover as more trailers may be required.
- h) Request to purchase a new van for the Family Well Being Program and other social programs.

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-009**

Stacey Jack will get quotes on and research what programs will use a van.

- i) BCR update from Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nations:  
Nigigoonsiminikaaning provided information on an individual who was BCR'd off their community.
- j) R. Bodnarchuk has agreed to establish budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

*Break 2:29 p.m.*

*Return 2:40 p.m.*

*Willie McGinnis leaves for the remainder of the meeting.*

**Information**

- a) J. Danard Update:  
Chief and Council advised that J. Danard is trespassing and the Lands team should proceed with eviction.

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-010**

Stacey Jack will speak with Land's team regarding this matter.

- b) New Gold Environmental Monitoring Board:  
Kathy Bombay submitted her name to be RRFN's representative on the environmental monitoring board.

**MOTION # 2019-04-08-005**

To appoint K. Bombay to the New Gold Environmental Monitoring Board

Moved by: Shawn Brown

Seconded by: Gary Medicine

**All in Favour - Carried**

**ACTION # 2019-04-08-0011**

Stacey Jack will inform T. Oshie- Horton of the appointment.

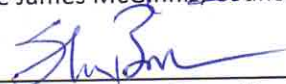
- c) Election Code Dates:  
C & C need to think about who we want to appoint as an electoral officer. Deferred to next meeting.


The minutes dated **Monday April 8, 2019**, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated:

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

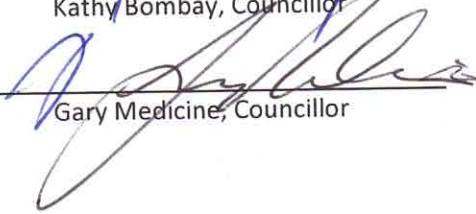
  
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