



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

PRESENT:

Chief Robin McGinnis
Councillor Kathy Bombay
Councillor Shawn Brown

Councillor Willie James McGinnis
Councillor Marcel Medicine-Horton

OTHER:

Lauren Hyatt- EA
Jeremiah Windego- MOA
Brain Cochrane Snr.
Tony Bombay
Verna DeBungie
Brittany Myers
AJ Bombay
Wally Wilson Jnr.

Beverly Wilson
Agnes Grover
Leona McGinnis
Irene White
Hannah Myers
Ashely Bombay
Kristina Bombay

Meeting Opened 5:45p.m.

Review from Previous Meeting: Chief R. McGinnis

Meeting Protocol Reminder

Chief R. McGinnis reminded Band Members that each individual attending the meeting will have 10 minutes allotted to them to express any concerns or comments. It was also stated that these monthly meetings will be for Band members only and meetings concerning the Community as a whole will be separately scheduled.

Manager of Administration

Jeremiah Windego was introduced by Chief R. McGinnis as the newly hired Manager of Administration.

Jordan's Principal Report:

A JP report is in the process of being compiled for Council review.

Language Program

The Family Well- Being Program has received funding however, it was decreased. Thus, when the budget is being compiled, we will attempt to include the language program in it as it is something we believe should continue.

Elders Conference/Senior Services

A call is being put out to elders to attend the annual elders conference in Winnipeg this year.

Undesirable Members

Various departments are being consulted about the whereabouts and status of individuals who have either been BCR'd off the community or continue to cause issues

Update from Chief Rob McGinnis:

Housing Concerns:

There is currently no Housing Manager, however, J. Windego has experience in the housing field and will be setting up housing to train someone as soon as a successful candidate is found. A housing meeting is being held on July 8th, 2019.

Membership Committee & Forms:

The application to be part of the Membership Committee is due on July 12. Once this is established a Membership Registrar will be hired and the Membership Code will be more fully implemented.

Upcoming dates

Chief McGinnis made people aware of the following events:

- 1) Solar Payments July 10, 2019
- 2) Ec Dev Community Meeting- July 15, 2019@ 5:30pm
- 3) Education Awards July 17, 2019 @ 5pm: Pow Wow Grounds

Community Comments and Concerns

Minutes on Website

B. Cochrane Snr. enquired as to when the pervious Community and Business Meeting Minutes will be posted on the RRFN website. L. Hyatt responded that once minutes are signed that they will be posted. She also explained that some minutes from previous meetings cannot be located, however, what can be will be posted and going forward, all minutes will be diligently made available online.

Pow Wow Committee

B. Cochrane Snr. expressed that he felt like the Pow Wow Committee was not supported. He explained that approval all seemed to happen at the last minute. Chief R. McGinnis stated that the Pow Wow Committee has the full support and appreciation of Chief and Council. It was suggested that a budget be compiled and submitted earlier for the 2020 Pow Wow.

Pow Wow Grounds Updates

W. Wilson Jnr enquired why the Pow Wow Grounds update were done by an off-reserve, non-Band Member contractor. Chief R. McGinnis explained that it was a timing issue and that this contractor was available to complete the job immediately. Going forward, scopes of work and tenders will be put out to the community to bid on.

Maintenance

B. Wilson enquired as to whether they can have easier access to contacting maintenance when jobs need to be done like cutting grass and minor housing repair emergencies.

Strategic Plan

V. DeBungie enquired as to when the Strategic Plan compiled by Chief and Council will be shared with the Community. Chief R. McGinnis stated that it was completed and it will be shared with the community.

CP Codes & Housing Repairs

V. DeBungie enquired when her house will be brought up to code since her arrears are paid. Chief R. McGinnis stated that inspections will be done and the house will be brought up to code.

A. Grover made Chief and Council aware that she paid for the renovations needed to her house to be brought up to code and expressed a need for her roof to be looked at for repair/upgrade.

B. Myers explained that her in floor heating controls are not working and thus her hydro bills are very high. She also requested that her windows be looked at to make them safe for her daughter.

L. McGinnis expressed concern that work that was done on her house was not inspected before the contactor was paid.

Arrears

Members enquired as to what is happening with the Arrears Program that was implemented. Chief R. McGinnis stated that letters were sent out to individuals who have outstanding arrears and these arrears will be further investigated at the upcoming housing meetings.

Thank you

K. Bombay thanked Chief and Council for their work.

Hydro Program

Members enquired as to when the new appliances they were assessed for through the Ontario Hydro Program would be arriving. Chief McGinnis stated that this will be followed up on.

Election Process

L. McGinnis enquired when the Election process will begin. Chief R. McGinnis stated that Connie Kress has been appointed the electoral officer and One Feather will be contracted by Advisory Services to run the online voting process. Everything is ready to go per the new Custom Election Code; Chief R. McGinnis is just waiting to receive the Ministerial Order to proceed.

Traditional Ceremonies & Elder Services

L. McGinnis expressed some concern that Elder's were not receiving sufficient services from Program departments. She informed Chief and Council that they are looking at renewing the Elders Group to make sure that ceremonies that need to be performed in the community are done.

The next meeting date is August 7, 2019.

Break at 6:45pm
Resume at 6:55PM

In Camera Session

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Previous Minutes approved and signed by Chief and Council

The minutes dated Wednesday July 3, 2019, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: _____

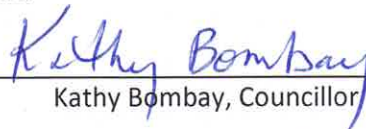
Date signed: _____



Robin McGinnis, Chief



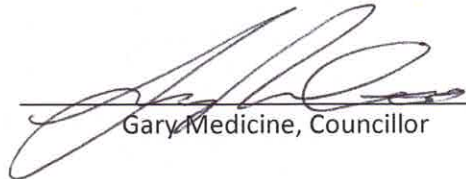
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