



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Community Meeting
Wednesday May 1, 2019
Resource Centre – RRFN
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chief Robin McGinnis
Councillor Willie James McGinnis
Councillor Marcel Medicine-Horton

Councillor Gary Medicine
Councillor Kathy Bombay

OTHER:

Lauren Hyatt- EA
Patrick Morrissette-Band Manager (temporary)
Carolynn McGinnis
Karen Bombay

Stacey Jack- Band Manager (temporary)
Agnes Grover
Annie McGinnis

Meeting Opened 5:37p.m.

Review from Previous Meeting:

Storage of Personal Property

M. Morrison's lumber has been removed.

Garbage Collection

A new garbage truck has arrived. Regular garbage collection will resume.

Housing Manager

There are interviews set up for this position.

Manager of Administration

Chief Robin McGinnis introduced interim Band Manager, Patrick Morrissette. This position will be reposted.

Hydro One Conservation Program

Materials for the program to be implemented have arrived. Assessments of properties will be done for implementation of the program.

Community Activities Policy

Chief and Council have passed this on to the Lands team.

Community Photographs

This will continue to be looked into by K. Bombay.

New Employees of RRFN's

New Employees were introduced in the recent newsletter.

Chief and Council Drug Policy

Chief R. McGinnis took a drug test after the April 3rd, 2019 meeting. Chief and Council drug testing will be finalized with the Election Code implementation.

Update from Chief Rob McGinnis:

Economic Development Strategy

Chief and Council met on April 11th, 2019 to finalize the Economic Development Strategy. Edits to this were requested. When received, a package regarding the strategy will be sent out to the community to review for a few weeks after which a community consultation meeting will be held.

Administration Building

The costs of the Band office will now be funded by RRFN's and not the RRFN Trust. It is a two-storey building to avoid extending into residences, it will be accessible and security measures will be implemented. The plans are available for the community to view at the temporary Band Office.

Community Emergency Plan

F. Shepard has been contacted to work with RRFN staff to put together an all-encompassing emergency plan. Chief R. McGinnis has been in contact with CN regarding derailment concerns.

Grand Council Treaty 3 MAI Committee

A committee has been formed to address Hydro One passing through Treaty Three land. Under the Great Earth Law, dues should be paid to communities that this affects. Chief R. McGinnis and two former RRFN's chiefs sit on this committee.

Fish Fry Volunteers

Chief R. McGinnis requested volunteers for this event on May 17th, 2019. Community members can sign up to do so at the Band Office.

Boat Policy

The Lands team have been directed by Chief and Council to create a policy regarding use of the boat landing by non-band members.

Community Comments and Concerns

Prolonged Train Whistle

A .Grover expressed concern about prolonged train whistles in the evenings. Chief McGinnis was informed by CN that protocol is 2 short and 1 long whistle at crossings. However, it sounds like one very long whistle in our community due to the short distance between the 2 crossings.

Street Light Outages

K. Bombay expressed concern that the street lights in the community are not being maintained. Some are on all day and others have not been connected. Hydro One will be contacted to maintain and upgrade these lights to be more energy efficient as it is their responsibility.

Stray Cats

K. Bombay stated that there is a stray/wild cat overabundance in the community. Chief R. McGinnis explained that there is a program to get pets spayed/neutered partially funded by the RRFN's and encouraged members to promote and make use of this program. Chief and Council will research a solution for the removal of the cats where necessary.

Matrimonial Law

The Land Code will be inclusive of the Matrimonial Law.

Building Construction Enquiry and Unused Vehicles

A.McGinnis enquired if G. Mosher had permission to build on the property adjacent to her home. She expressed concern that there are unused vehicles in the yard that people come to her to enquire about purchasing. There was discussion regarding unusable vehicles being removed to be considered by Chief and Council.

RRAP Housing Programs

A.McGinnis enquired how to apply to have renovations done to her property through RRAP programs. Chief and Council advised her to put her request in writing to be passed on to Advisory Services for consideration.


The next meeting date is June 5, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


Previous Minutes approved and signed by Chief and Council

The minutes dated **Wednesday May 1, 2019**, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: _____

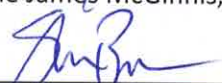
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Robin McGinnis, Chief



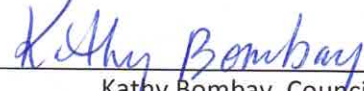
Willie James McGinnis, Councillor



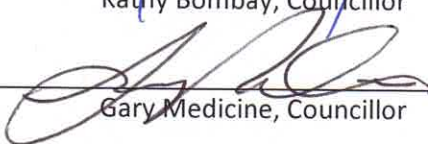
Shawn Brown, Councillor



Marcel Medicine Horton, Councillor



Kathy Bombay, Councillor



Gary Medicine, Councillor