



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting  
Monday August 12, 2019  
East End Hall – RRFN  
1:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Marcel Medicine-Horton  
Councillor Willie J. McGinnis  
Councillor Gary Medicine

Chief Robin McGinnis  
Councillor Shawn Brown  
Councillor Kathy Bombay

**OTHER:**

Jeremiah Windego- M.O.A.      Lauren Hyatt – Executive Assistant

**Opening**

*1:00pm: Meeting was opened*

**Agenda:**

Two Items were added to the agenda:

- Sapawee Crossroutes Board Appointment
- Treaty Three Police Summary

**MOTION # 2019-08-12-001**

To accept the agenda with amendments

Moved by: Marcel Horton  
Seconded by: Shawn Brown

**All in Favour - Carried**

**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

July 29, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Two spelling corrections were found: page 12 (“lead”- “leave”) page 3 (“Jordain” -“Jourdain”) The minutes were accepted with correction and signed.

**MOTION # 2019-08-002**

To accept the July 29, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes with correction

Moved by: Shawn Brown  
Seconded by: Willie J. McGinnis

**All in Favour - Carried**

**MOA Update: J. Windego J.**

- Joe Hunter was spoken with RE: NORR Reports: they will be completed in the next two weeks.
- J. Windego is working with S. Jack on completing and tracking reports.

- The next staff meeting will be on the August 15, 2019. Managers will hand-in reports here for presentation at the next business meeting.
- The Personnel Policy has been reviewed in its entirety by the management team. The tracked changes will be sent to Chief and Council prior to the retreat in Thunder Bay on September 14 and 15.
- The Finance policy will be reviewed on August 22, 2019 by the management team.
- A question was posed as to why the HR Manager does not attend regular Council Meetings. It was determined that it hasn't been common practice in the past year.
- J. Windego stated that it is the job of the MOA to report to Council any HR issues brought to his attention by the HR Manager. He further stated that he believes managers, with his guidance, should be permitted to run their programs as they have the expertise to do so.
- Performance Appraisals are being coordinated with HR.
- There was a delivery complication with the new trailers. The issue was resolved and the costs were halved with ATCO.
- Staff Raise: J. Windego recommended a 3% increase for all staff who are no longer in their probationary period. The cost savings were found in the MOA travel budget which is not currently being used and some positions have been made redundant.
- J. Windego is currently looking into training programs for staff and avenues to fund it. There has been money allotted for training via Shooneyaa.

*2:25pm Break*

*2:45pm Meeting Resumes*

### **Report from Chief Rob McGinnis**

Treaty 3 Chiefs Committee restructuring:

There are 4 committees in the Treaty 3 area: Environmental, Economic, Cultural and Justice. There was concern that there was not sufficient representation in the South. Each Committee will rotate attending meetings to ensure that reports are being received at the Secretariat level.

New Gold Man Camp:

An offer to purchase the Man Camp was made by New Gold and is currently being negotiated. There will be a meeting with NWB at 8AM on August 14 to discuss the camp operations. It was voted by Council that if NWB wishes to stay partnered with Sauteaux, that RRFN will not be part of a partnership with NWB.

### **Membership Committee:**

It was brought up at the Member Meeting that the current Membership Committee does not meet the criteria set forth in the Membership Code. Thus, the application to apply for this committee will be reposted.

### **Election Code:**

Staff that are currently on Council will be permitted to run for Council for this term but not terms going forward.

**Education:**

M. Horton will be putting in an application to the Trust to bring the high school bursary program back. It will be set up as an annual revolving policy. It was brought up at the Membership Meeting that a band member was not recognized at the Education Awards. It was determined that this was because this member was not on the Nominal Role.

**Women's Council:**

A request for a Letter of Support to form a Women's Council was brought forward at the Member Meeting. Council have agreed to provide this letter once they have submitted their terms of reference and statement of purpose.

**ACTION # 2019-08-12-001**

L. Hyatt to contact C. Oster re: the statement of support

**Fire Department:**

There was concern at the Member Meeting about lack of interest in the Fire department. S. Brown, had a training session with the summer students which will hopefully spark their interest. S. Brown will be looking into a recruitment strategy. Although there is no official Mutual Aid agreement with surrounding townships, they have verbally agreed to provide support in the event of an emergency. S. Brown will look into setting this agreement up officially.

**Land Code Draft:**

Council were provided with a copy of the Draft Land Code. A motion will be sent out on Friday August 16 to approve this draft for printing. K. Shebagegit requested access to the membership list to mail out the Draft Land Code.

**MOTION # 2019-08-003**

To give K. Shebagegit access to the membership list  
Moved by: Gary Medicine  
Seconded by: Marcel Horton

All in Favour - Carried

**Hunting Permissions:**

There was a request by an individual to hunt on RRFN land. This request was unanimously denied.

**Treaty Three Police Summary**

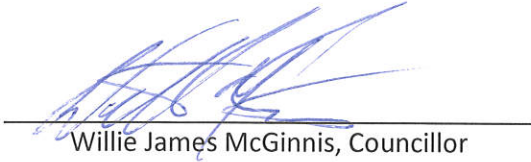
A summary was presented to Council for information. Questions can be brought to the next Business Meeting.

The minutes dated <sup>12</sup>Monday August 12, 2019, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: \_\_\_\_\_

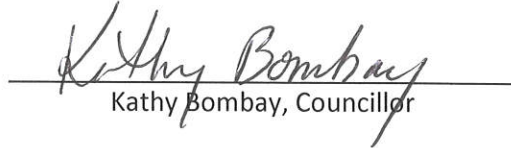
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Robin McGinnis, Chief



Willie James McGinnis, Councillor



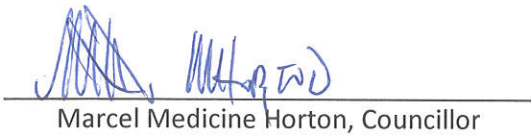
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Shawn Brown, Councillor

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Gary Medicine, Councillor



Marcel Medicine Horton, Councillor