



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting
Monday January , 7 2020
East End Hall – RRFNS
10:00 AM

PRESENT:

Chief Robin McGinnis
Councillor Willie J. McGinnis
Councillor Leona McGinnis

Councillor Jason Wilson
Councillor Gary Medicine
Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

OTHER:

Jeremiah Windego- M.O.A.

Lauren Hyatt – Executive Assistant

Opening

10:20 am: Meeting Opened Chief R. McGinnis
Councillor W. McGinnis was delayed and said he would join at 11a.m.

Agenda:

The Agenda was presented: MLT Aikens invoices and an In-Camera request for L. McGinnis was added to the Agenda.

MOTION # 2020-01-07-001

To accept the amended agenda

Moved by: Jason Wilson
Seconded by: Gary Medicine

All in Favour - Carried

Review of Previous Minutes:

The Minutes from December 16th, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

MOTION # 2020-01-07-002

To accept the minutes from December 16th, 2019

Moved by: Gary Medicine
Seconded by Jason Wilson

All in Favour - Carried

Business Arising:

- It was reported that once stairs are constructed for the Triple Wide Trailer, the CCP Team will be relocating.

10:45 a.m. S. McGinnis Joins to present Economic Development Invoices

Economic Development:

- S. McGinnis presented to Council 4 different sets of Invoices for costs incurred in Economic Development ventures:
 - MLT Aikens: Oni Dissolution & Ongoing
 - Gowlings Law: Riversedge Partnership
 - Planet & Company: Scientis Pharma and Feasibility Options
 - MNP: Oni Dissolution
- All four invoices were reviewed and approved.
- S. McGinnis stated that the Ec. Dev Board is in the process of recruiting members: the deadline for application is Jan 31st, 2020.

MOA Report: J. Windego:

- The next staff and Managers' meeting will be on Wednesday January 8, 2020. Reports will be presented here.
- The Personnel and Finance Policies have now been implemented.
- The policies that still need to be reviewed at the Managers' table are: Social Media Policy, the Community Code of Conduct and the Drug Policy.
- The invoice for H.R. Peoples First was received: J. Windego has some questions re: fee schedule. This service has been working well and is a great resource for staff. Our representative continually works on Job Ads and will be updating the organizational chart.
- Staff Training: staff will be attending professional development training next week in Winnipeg. A second group will be attending in February.
- J. Windego spoke with Lands re: the purchase of an Emo Property for use as a transition house. This property is in great demand, however, and is working to get it appraised and put in an offer.
- The new group insurance for staff will be effective February 1st, 2020. All staff have completed the necessary forms.
- A notice will be going out on Friday for seniors to apply for the East End Apartments.
- Long term Care Facility: the deadline for funding applications has been extended until March, however, the project is still moving along at a good pace to ensure that all is collected prior to this deadline. A one-page summary of the project will be provided to C&C to assist in lobbying support for the facility. Chief R. McGinnis will be presenting the project at the next Chiefs' meeting. A location for the facility is being investigated.
- Palliative Care: this addition to the East End will be proposed to ISC on February 10th, 2020 for funding.

- Timber frame: A local contractor provided a quote for the project. This was for budgeting and funding purposes. The contract will be put up for tender when specifics have been arranged. J. Wilson suggested that the R.F.P process for all tenders become anonymous and electronic.

Chief's Report: Chief R. McGinnis

- 1) Fuel Contract: Contract discussions are being finalized with New Gold and Imperial Esso. The main purpose of negotiations is to ensure that RRFNs has equal voice and rights in the agreement.
- 2) A meeting was held with ISC representatives to discuss various projects and funding opportunities. Several projects will be presented in Thunder Bay to ISC on February 10th, 2020. All C&C were requested to attend.
- 3) Eriksons: a letter was received from this Law Firm regarding payment for RLTD business. Chief R. McGinnis will be meeting with Chief Smith from North West Bay to gather more information on this.
- 4) MLT Aikens: A meeting was held on community with T. Tomson. Several ongoing files were discussed: Fuel Contract, Oni Dissolution final documents, the Economic Development Corporation and Aramark. All these files are moving along smoothly, and C&C will be made aware of developments as they arise.

New Accounting Software:

A quote for Adagio Accounting System from Aboriginal Strategies was presented. The goal to have the staff trained and the software installed is April 1st, 2020. J. Windego recommended that C&C accept this quote.

MOTION # 2020-01-07-003

To purchase and implement the Adagio Accounting System

Moved by: Gary Medicine

Seconded by Jason Wilson

All in Favour - Carried

Jordan's Principle:

A review of and a report from this program was requested. There is a desire to investigate and create a plan as to how to best utilize the funds available through this program and look into the viability of making this a separate department. Uses for this funding suggested were: Trauma counselling, organized sports, and facility enhancements.

Life Benefits C&C Plan:

An option for benefits for C&C through the Staff group insurance provider was presented. There are certain benefits C&C can opt out of, yet life insurance coverage for all was suggested.

MOTION # 2020-01-07-004

To accept the quote for C&C benefits

Moved by: Leona McGinnis

Seconded by Jason Wilson

All in Favour - Carried

RRFNs Trust:

It was suggested that a meeting be set up between C&C and the Trustees to discuss services offered, policy changes, the Trust Agreement and the Trust A.G.M. L. Hyatt will contact the Trust to set up this meeting.

Maintenance:

It was suggested that a checklist of duties for the maintenance department be created and completed daily/weekly to give the department and positions more guidance and structure. J. Windego commended the department for the work they completed over the Christmas break. A record of hours for Water Plant maintenance will be requested to present at the ISC meeting to impress upon them the urgency of a new Water Treatment Plant.

Elders:

A disagreement between two Elders has been resolved on a legal level and the assumed guilty party absolved. It was stated that an Elders group is being reassembled and it was suggested that the Community Wellness Worker coordinate programming for this group.

Repatriation of Veteran Lands:

There was discussion regarding the granting of lands to First Nations Veterans and how they were treated unfairly in this process. Information will be gathered in concert with the Lands Department regarding this process and fair treatment will be lobbied for by this Council.

Land Purchases:

It was stated that a plan be put in place for current and future purchased lands. The two avenues to consider are fee simple and additions to reserve. The plan must include a way for members on or off-reserve to access these lands.

Council Renumeration:

Before Renumeration amounts can be discussed, a pseudo job description for full time councillors needs to be created as a guideline for duties for which compensation will be granted. Chief R. McGinnis stated that once this is completed, it will be brought to the community. Council will receive an honorarium for additional meetings attended per the fee schedule presented.

In-Camera Session Begins
4:32pm Meeting Adjourned.

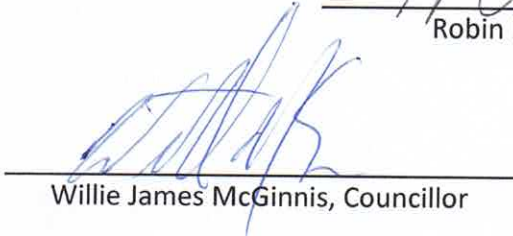
The minutes dated **Monday January 7th, 2020**, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: Jan 21, 2020

Date signed: Feb 11, 2021

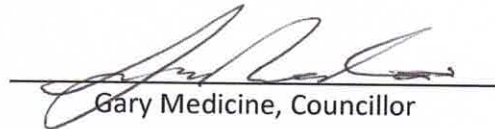
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Robin McGinnis, Chief



Willie James McGinnis, Councillor



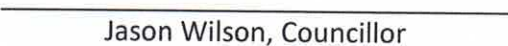
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