



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
C&C Trailer RRFNS & Zoom  
10:00AM

**PRESENT:**

Chief Robin McGinnis

Councillor Gary Medicine

Councillor Jason Wilson

Councillor Willie J. McGinnis

Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

**OTHER:**

Lauren Hyatt – Acting MOA /Executive Assistant

**Opening**

*10:10AM Meeting was opened*

**Agenda Approval:**

Agenda was approved as presented.

**MOTION # 2020-07 -07-001**

To approve the agenda as presented

Moved by: Will McGinnis

Seconded by: Karen Oster-Bombay

**All in Favour - Carried**

10:15AM In Camera Session 1 of 2

1:00 PM Regular Agenda Resumes

**Pandemic Update:**

- The isolation trailers will be ready on July 24, 2020. C&C requested that press be at this drop off.

**ACTION # 2020-07-07-001**

L. Hyatt: Invite FF Times when the isolation trailers are scheduled to arrive

- The placement of the trailers is being disputed. Chief R. McGinnis and L. Hyatt will follow up with Lands on this issue.

**ACTION # 2020-07-07-002**

L. Hyatt & Chief McGinnis: follow up with Lands on Kavanaugh property

- W. Morrisseau will be coordinating site prep for the Isolation Trailers.
- It was decided that the Screening Gate would be kept active for tracking purposes.
- RRFNs staff are scheduled to return to work on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, however, this date may change depending on Covid 19 restrictions, protocols and cases.

**ACTION # 2020-07-07-003**

L. Hyatt: draft notice to the community about in-person appointment protocol

*1:06PM Maria Vandenbrand Community Garden Update*

**Community Garden Update:**

M. Vandenbrand updated C&C on the following:

- In 2 weeks, vegetables should be available to distribute to the Community
- A berry picking was organized for Community & Band Members. 13 people attended.
- The garden workers have been working with Maria to make jam at the Mounds. The jam will be packaged and distributed in the Community.
- 7 gens is subsidising the wages of all who are working at the Community Garden.
- Maria is designing some side research projects to keep the workers engaged.
- It was expressed that this is a pilot project that can hopefully be developed over time to institute programs like a year-round greenhouse & an agricultural beef program to make steps toward food sovereignty for the Nation.

**Tribal Health:**

L. Hyatt, Chief R. McGinnis, and J. Hunter-Connon will be having a follow up call with Tribal Health regarding a breach of information to an outside source by one of their staff members.

**FMB/Tiny Home Project:**

It was discussed that there is a housing crisis on the Community. Funding for a Tiny Home Project or FMB will be explored. When the Land Code is passed, it will also free up some funds and lands to expand the Community.

**ACTION # 2020-07-07-004**

L. Hyatt: speak with Lands and Housing (when hired) about researching a tiny home project.

**New Band Office:**

R. Froese has identified deficiencies in the construction of the New Band Office. A meeting will be held with him this week to discuss these and the next steps to start rectifying them.

**Stories of the Land:**

R. McMahon has submitted a proposal to film a Youtube series that he received funding for at the Mounds. This would entail Members and possibly staff being interviewed. C&C agreed to the use of the location but requested that they be kept on the loop of the production to ensure the messaging is representative of RRFNs, its history and the Mounds. A presentation by R. McMahon on the project was requested.

**ACTION # 2020-07-07-005**

L. Hyatt: organize a presentation by R. McMahon to C&C and meet him in site when he arrives to express C&C's direction.

**New Gold Discrimination Follow-Up**

Chief R. McGinnis has a call set up with New Gold CEO Renaud Adams, at which he will discuss the following:

- Why was a senior staff member who made derogatory comments about RRFNS and its Chief not terminated? What, in fact, was the outcome of this complaint?
- Chief McGinnis will be requesting an analysis of the lines of progression for First Nations People vs. Caucasian People as there is a clear discrepancy when it comes to promotions and raises.

**School Bus Driver:**

Funding for a new School Bus driver has been received and the position will be advertised.

**Education Awards:**

M. Horton is planning on moving forward with a socially distanced version of the Education awards. The plan thus far is that awards will be delivered to individual houses with the Chief and drummers.

**Onikaajigan Dissolution and Board Representation:**

RRFNs have completed their part of the Oni Dissolution. A full audit of the company was requested. This request for Audit was denied. A motion was made to appoint S. McGinnis to the Oni Board.

**MOTION # 2020-07 -07-002**

To appoint Sonny McGinnis to the Onikaajigan Board.

Moved by:	Jason Wilson
Seconded by:	Gary Medicine

**All in Favour - Carried**

**ACTION # 2020-07-07-006**

L. Hyatt: prepare BCR & Support Letter appointing S. McGinnis to the Oni Board.

**Picnic Table Purchase:**

The Lands department have requested to purchase a picnic table to hold meetings outside of their building. The request was approved.

**ACTION # 2020-07-07-007**

L. Hyatt: inform Lands that their request for purchase was approved.

**Sunset Protection Services:**

The service provided by SPS has not been good. When cameras are not working, service calls are not responded to. SPS are also renting the Pinewood Sports Facility owned by RRFNS. It was suggested that C-Cans/storage units could be purchased to have storage on Community.

**ACTION # 2020-07-07-008**

L. Hyatt: Review all contracts that are held with Sunset Protection Services for presentation to C&C.



**HR Downloads:**

L. Hyatt received a quote to repurchase HR Downloads. This system is useful, however RRFNs do not currently have the staff to manage it. It was agreed that the service will be purchased at a later date.

**Security Firm:**

Quotes for a security firm were obtained, but C&C decided that they would not be pursuing this avenue at this time.

3:55PM In Camera Session 2 of 2

4:45PM Meeting Adjourned

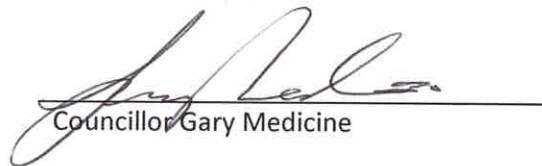
The minutes dated July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated:

Feb 9, 2021

Date signed: Feb 11, 2021

  
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