



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting
July 21st, 2020
C&C Trailer RRFNS & Zoom
12 NOON

PRESENT:

Chief Robin McGinnis	Councillor Willie J. McGinnis
Councillor Gary Medicine	Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay
Councillor Jason Wilson	Councillor Leona McGinnis

OTHER:

Lauren Hyatt – Acting MOA /Executive Assistant

Opening

12:10PM Meeting was opened

Agenda Approval:

The Agenda was presented and approved.

MOTION # 2020-07 -21-001

To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Karen Oster-Bombay
Seconded by: Gary Medicine

All in Favour - Carried

12:15PM In Camera Session
3:42 PM Regular Agenda Resumes

Planning Framework and Housing Strategy:

T. Friesen and F. Sheppard joined the meeting to discuss a infrastructure planning framework and housing strategy. The suggestion was that this framework be part of the Economic development strategy to ensure the interconnected use of all resources available. It will be part of a greater Community Planning Framework that needs to be developed and instituted. It was stated that before moving forward with any such strategy, the Land Code needs to be approved. Once this is approved, planning on Commercial and Community Development can be developed and implemented.

Another process that needs to be investigated is the ATR process: i.e. is there a way to speed up this process once the Land Code is passed. Once the housing department is staffed, priorities will include the following:

- Inventory and Condition Reports
- Housing Needs and Registry
- Housing Financing Plan
- Housing Development Committee
- Adoption of Building Codes

Infrastructural priorities include:

- Water Treatment Plant
- Sewage
- Building Services
- Road and Trail Development

Economic Development priorities:

- Retail and Commercial Development
- Light Industry
- Heavy Industry

Housing:

- Conrad Jourdain will be presenting a software for effective management of the Housing Department. It is based on an Asset management model.
- Recommendations were made to hire a Housing Manager and Assistant.
- G. Hunter requested renovations be completed to his roof and deck. Upon inspection from Advisory, these will be approved as this is a rental asset that needs to be kept up to code.
- A separate meeting will be held for Housing Allocations.

ACTION # 2020-07-21-001

L. Hyatt set up meeting with C&C to discuss Housing Allocations.

New Gold Follow Up:

Chief R. McGinnis stated that his request for a report on the lines of progression for First Nations People was brought to the Chiefs table. They agree that this is something that needs to be completed. New Gold requested the Chiefs input on a Racism Policy that is being drafted. The CEO of New Gold has requested a meeting with the Grand Chief of Treaty Three. The Grand Chief too, will be briefed on the culture of Racism that exists at the Rainy River New Gold Mine site.

4:40PM: In Camera Requests

4:55PM: Regular Agenda resumes

Pandemic Update:

- Chief R. McGinnis sent D. Kavanaugh an email regarding the CP of the “family” property.
- The isolation trailers will be delivered this week.
- C&C discussed and agreed that the Screening Gate is not proving effective to curb the effects of COVID 19 and thus, motioned to remove it.

MOTION # 2020-07 -21-002

To remove the COVID 19 Screening Gate.

Moved by: Will McGinnis
Seconded by: Jason Wilson

All in Favour – Carried

ACTION # 2020-07-21-002

L. Hyatt have notice delivered door to door re: the screening gate coming down.

- It was decided that if the Screening Gate was reinstalled, that we have plug ins available for power at both entrances to the Community.

ACTION # 2020-07-21-003

L. Hyatt set up meeting with W. Morriseau to discuss power hookups at the entrances to the Community.

- Community events like a Social Distancing Pow Wow and fireworks are being planned in accordance with current COVID 19 restrictions. Such events will only take place once a COVID safe protocol has been created.

Residency Code:

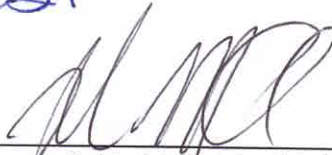
Once the Land Code has been passed, it will lead the discussion for a framework on a Residency Code.


5:20PM In Camera Discussion and Decisions


5:45PM Meeting Adjourned.

The minutes dated July 21st, 2020, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: Feb 9, 2021

Date signed: Feb 11, 2021



Robin McGinnis, Chief

Councillor Willie J. McGinnis

Councillor Gary Medicine

Councillor Leona McGinnis

Councillor Jason Wilson

Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay