



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting
August 6th & 10th, 2020
Zoom
2PM & 9AM

PRESENT:

Chief Robin McGinnis

Councillor Gary Medicine

Councillor Jason Wilson

Councillor Willie J. McGinnis

Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

Councillor Leona McGinnis (August 10th, 2020)

OTHER:

Lauren Hyatt – Acting MOA /Executive Assistant

Opening

2:10PM Meeting was opened

Agenda Approval:

The Agenda was presented, and one addition was requested: FMB Follow Up.

MOTION # 2020-08 -06-001

To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Will McGinnis

Seconded by: Karen Oster-Bombay

All in Favour - Carried

2:15PM Rob Froese Joins Zoom

Band Office Construction Updates and Approvals:

Rob Froese- project manager on the new Band Office construction- reported the following to C&C:

- There were issues with the vapour barriers on the building which will be corrected.
- An exhaust fan has been installed in the Drum Room to allow for smudging.
- A better air handling system for the Health Rooms was recommended.
- There are sinks that have been installed incorrectly which R. Froese will be addressing with the contractor.
- The Wellness room will be changed into storage space for the Drum Room.

ACTION # 2020-08-06-001

L. Hyatt meet with managers to discuss office space to get direction on Modular Wall System & furniture.

- Two furniture quotes have been received and will be reviewed.
- A tender will be created later for an open furniture bid.
- It was decided that the reception desks will be custom built and designed.

MOTION # 2020-08 -06-002

To contract Minitigaabic Construction for Mill Work on the New Band Office.

Moved by: Karen Oster-Bombay
Seconded by: Will McGinnis

All in Favour – Carried

- R. Froese will be speaking with Wright about the carpet tile that was ordered incorrectly.
- R. Froese recommended that if RRFNs does not need a commercial grade kitchen, that it should be changed to a high end residential one. C&C agreed to this change.

3:55PM R. Froese leaves.

4:04PM Ryan McMahan joins

Stories From the Land:

Ryan McMahan explained his film series, “Stories From the Land” to C&C and his filming process at the Mounds:

- R. McMahan received funding for this project and had requested permission from C&C to film at the Mounds as part of this series.
- His goal is to tell the First Nations stories, from the perspective of the Nations themselves and not an outsider perspective.
- The story at the Mounds is vast, but he had assistance from Mounds employees to distill his footage.
- Although this project could have been more detailed, COVID restrictions have limited it.
- Elders and Community members were approached to be interviewed, yet some of the interviews were curtailed due to COVID.
- A “mock tour” was given on film.
- The film is currently in Rough Cut; however, when editing is completed, it will be shared with C&C before anything is published.

4:38PM In Camera Session Begins

5:50PM Regular Agenda Resumes

Land Claims Implementation Budget:

ACTION # 2020-08-06-002

C&C requested a presentation from N. Cochrane.

Land Code Video:

The Land Code promotion video was sent to C&C and will be reviewed.

Back to Work Plan:

The Back to Work Plan and Policy for RRFNs was presented to C&C and approved.

MOTION # 2020-08 -06-003

To approve the RRFNs Back to Work Plan and Policy

Moved by: Jason Wilson
Seconded by: Gary Medicine

All in Favour – Carried

6:05PM Meeting adjourned & agenda suspended until August 10, 2020 at 9AM

9:10AM- Meeting Resumed August 10, 2020.

Pandemic Update:

- The Isolation Suites have arrived: housing will get them cleaned up and furnished.

ACTION # 2020-08-10-001

L. Hyatt direct housing to furnish and arrange cleaning of Isolation Units- to be charged under COVID account.

- Screening Gate: The screening gate was kept up due to a positive COVID case on Community.
- The discussion about the need for the Screening Gate was revisited and it was agreed that it is still not keeping COVID out and it was once again motioned to be shut down.

MOTION # 2020-08 -10-001

To shut down the COVID Screening checkpoint.

Moved by: Will McGinnis
Seconded by: Jason Wilson

All in Favour - Carried

ACTION # 2020-08-10-002

Chief R. McGinnis: engage with the Trust re: COVID partnership.

ACTION # 2020-08-10-003

L. Hyatt: arrange for concrete barriers and all Screening Gate equipment be removed by Monday August 17th.

Education:

A motion was made to request and install an Education plan for COVID.

MOTION # 2020-08 -10-002

To request a Covid Education Plan within 90 days.

Moved by: Jason Wilson
Seconded by: Will McGinnis

All in Favour - Carried

The Education plan should include the following:

- A check system for how all enrolled children are doing during COVID.
- That all students have what they require during this time.
- Statistics on how RRFNs children's attendance and participation in school during COVID 19.
- Any and all help that can be offered to Students and parents.

ACTION # 2020-08-10-004

L. Hyatt direct M. Horton to create Education Plan.

ACTION # 2020-08-10-005

Chief McGinnis and M. Horton to meet with Heather Campbell on August 13th, 2020.

Housing:

- Councillor K. Oster -Bombay requested that all decks added onto Band Rentals be inspected by Advisory Services.

ACTION # 2020-08-10-006

L. Hyatt- direct housing to have inspections conducted by advisory on Decks added to rentals.

- C&C have requested a workplan from Housing. Workplan is to include updates on inspections.

ACTION # 2020-08-10-007

L. Hyatt: direct Housing to complete workplan for presentation to C&C

New Band Office Signage & Statue:

It was decided that signage for the New Band Office should say "Manidoo Baawitigong". There is a proposal for an eagle statue outside of the New Band Office that will be reviewed.

FMB Follow Up:

FNFA & FMB would like to work with RRFNs to acquire Financial Law Certification to allow for maximum, low interest borrowing capacity.

ACTION # 2020-08-10-008

L. Hyatt: request N. McCorrister present to C&C.

Long Term Care Facility:

There are some documents that are being requested, additional to the original funding submission.

ACTION # 2020-08-10-010

L. Hyatt: follow up with ISC and 807 Management for clarification on documents needed for the Long-Term Care Facility Funding application.


New Finance Software:

P. Kaun is looking into new Finance Software that will suit the Nations needs and will be presenting to this information to C&C and the MOA.

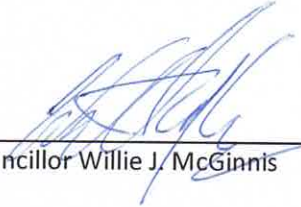
12:35PM: Meeting Adjourned.

The minutes dated August 6th & 10th, 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