



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting  
September 1, 2020  
C&C Trailer RRFNS & Zoom  
10:00AM

**PRESENT:**

Chief Robin McGinnis  
Councillor Leona McGinnis  
Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

Councillor Willie J. McGinnis  
Councillor Gary Medicine  
Councillor Jason Wilson

**OTHER:**

Lauren Hyatt: Acting MOA/Executive Assistant

**Opening**

*10:10AM Meeting was opened.*

**Agenda Approval:**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**MOTION # 2020-09-01-001**

To approve the agenda with amendments.

Moved by: Will McGinnis  
Seconded by: Gary Medicine

**All in Favour - Carried**

**Chief's Update:**

- Economic Development are working on securing a contractor for the Rink Cover and Chief R. McGinnis is securing a commitment from Minister Rickford.
- Treaty Three Chiefs are working on a legal strategy to combat Metis encroachment on Treaty Three Lands.
- Community engagement for a Nuclear Waste Management program is being set up.
- A letter was sent to the RDG to expedite the new Water Treatment Plant funding and construction.
- Chief R. McGinnis has been meeting with New Gold re: a racism policy. It has now been turned over to corporate HR to follow through with.
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**Pandemic Report:**

- An update on COVID Restrictions and protocols will be provided in the Newsletter.
- An application for Covid Relief Funds was submitted to the Trust and is pending approval.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-001**

L. Hyatt: speak with J. Hunter-Connon to provide COVID Update for the Newsletter.

**Economic Development Corporation Launch:**

The Ec Dev Corporation launch is currently set to happen in Winnipeg. Duties and responsibilities and the corporation and board mandates will be clarified at this meeting. The location of this meeting may change due to Covid restriction in Manitoba.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-002**

L. Hyatt: request price comparison to hold meeting locally.

**Employee Drug Testing:**

Discussion was had about the resumption of Employee Drug Testing. There is currently a third-party company that administers these tests; however, we do have employees that are qualified to perform these tests. A review of the Drug Testing Policy needs to be conducted.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-003**

L. Hyatt: speak with D. McMahon about urine drug tests for employees.

**CIBC Wood Gundy Investment Update:**

Chris Murphy and Tim Morgan provided Chief and Council with an update of the state of the Nations investment portfolio. It was explained that we do have a cash flow that we can access if need be at any time if needed for Covid. A summary of the investments will be forwarded to C&C.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-004**

L. Hyatt: forward state of investment summary to C&C.

**Lands Management:**

K. Shebagegit explained that there is lot that needs to be completed with the current Lands, however, stated that before a Land Management Plan is out in place that the Land Code should be passed first. Under this code we have much more of a capacity to set up an organizational structure for the Lands department and Land Management plan due to increased control over them being transferred to the Nation.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-005**

K. Shebagegit to provide C&C with a breakdown of the Nations current properties and how they are being utilized or not.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-006**

N. Cochrane: set up a tour of the lands that can only be accessed by boat for C&C.

**Education:**

C&C agreed that back to school Community Fireworks can take place as long as a Covid Protocol is established and followed. M. Horton will provide a report on what students are intending to homeschool their children. Right now, 32 children are being kept home from DYS. A separate Education meeting will be arranged with parents and C&C will be invited to attend. Chief McGinnis will be at this meeting.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-007**

L. Hyatt: set up distance education meeting.

**Housing:**

W. Strachan and K. Kellar provided C&C with an update on Housing. Because there is still no Housing Committee in place, C&C assign housing to members based on the Housing Policy point system and housing department recommendations.

- Housing will be doing a consultation with the residents of the East End Apartments to determine whether new baths and or showers are required on the homes.
- Housing has spoken with CCP re: a ramp to be installed for a child in care.
- The housing internship application was approved and will be advertised.
- Housing will be having a meeting with Conrad Jourdain about an asset management system.

**Human Resources:**

An advertisement will be posted for a full time HR Manager.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-008**

L. Hyatt: speak with HR Peoples First about Posting HR Manager Position

**Trust AGM**

The Trust has requested the use of the Pow Wow Grounds for their AGM on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to adhere by current Covid 19 protocols and was approved by C&C.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-009**

L. Hyatt: inform Trust that C&C.

**Hot Lunch Program:**

This has been approved for within the Rainy River District. D. Medicine is still offering and delivering the Healthy Food boxes.

**Education Awards:**

There is concern that some Members are being left out of the Education awards and that moving forward this needs to be addressed.

**ACTION # 2020-09-01-010**

L. Hyatt: Set up meeting with M. Horton.

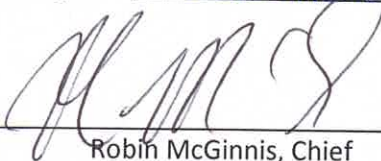
**Hunting Permission Request:**

A non-Band Member requested permission to hunt on the Nations Land. The request was denied.

3:25PM In Camera Session begins

4:37PM Meeting adjourned.

The minutes dated September 1<sup>st</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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