



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting
September 29, 2020
C&C Trailer RRFNS & Zoom
10:00AM

PRESENT:

Chief Robin McGinnis
Councillor Leona McGinnis

Councillor Willie J. McGinnis
Councillor Gary Medicine

OTHER:

Lauren Hyatt: Acting MOA/Executive Assistant

Opening

10:12AM Meeting was opened

Agenda Approval:

The agenda was presented. One addition was requested: Strategic Planning.

MOTION # 2020-09-29-001

To approve the agenda with amendments.

Moved by: Will McGinnis
Seconded by: Gary Medicine

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Chief's Update:

- C&C attended the Economic Development Corporation Launch. This was a highly positive experience and a great first step at getting this board mobilized.
- Chief R. McGinnis will be sitting in interviews for Tribal Health and will report back to C&C with the result.
- There is a Treaty 3 Chiefs' Meeting scheduled for October 15th & 26th, 2020 in Kenora. A topic of discussion will be hiring a consultant to visit communities and discuss a nuclear waste project.
- Chief R. McGinnis continues to meet with New Gold to discuss the members we have working at New Gold and the development of an anti-racism policy.
- A meeting request has been resent to the RDG to discuss the Water Treatment Plant.

Pandemic Report:

- The Off- Reserve Covid Relief Fund was approved by the Trust and the funds have been released to the band/
- Many applications have been and continue to be submitted to ISC for pandemic relief.
- The Covid Trailer skirting was put out to select Tender and was awarded to a Band Member.

ACTION # 2020-09-29-001

L. Hyatt: ensure that the work on the Covid Trailers is inspected by Housing.

Housing:

2 apartments were awarded to Members: 69A Bear Street and 62D Caribou Street. 88c Caribou Street. will be offered to a Member and if refused the Housing List will be reconsulted with recommendations from the Housing Department.

New Band Office Approvals:

L. Hyatt and Chief R. McGinnis will be meeting with Project Manager Rob Froese to discuss any upcoming approvals and decisions that need to be made on the New Band Office Construction.

Hunting Permissions:

Letters have been given to Band Members who are hunting on the Nations leased lands. They will be permitted to do so during standard Hunting Season as most of them are nearby private properties. All regular hunting regulations are to be followed and Members are to make the Lands department aware when they will be hunting on these Lands.

11:15AM: K. Speirs Joins

Mounds:

K. Speirs presented the budget, possible Covid Workplan for the Mounds and provided various updates on the facility and programming:

- The centre received an award for the collection and its management.
- Programming funding was received and will be used to assemble custom tour, educational and craft kits for schools and the Community.
- The Mounds is partnering with R. Horton to write a book based on the Phrase of the Day and Night Sky programming that has been on their Social Media platforms. Original drawings will be completed by a Band Member.
- The ROM still owes the Mounds money for the costs of the Repatriation Project. K. Speirs will be reaching out to them.
- Two exhibits are in the process of being curated. Funding applications for these exhibits will be completed in the first week of October 2020.
- An extensive Covid Protocol Manual has been drafted by Mounds Staff and will be emailed to C&C. Although the Centre is not yet open, this document will help preparation to do so when possible.

ACTION # 2020-09-29-002

L. Hyatt & K. Speirs: send Mounds Covid Protocol to C&C.

- Cultural Training for New Gold employees will begin next week.
- Reopening Grants are being applied for.
- A 5-year strategic plan and outline with revenue, programming and work goals contained within. This will be shared with C&C when complete.

ACTION # 2020-09-29-003

K. Speirs: when budgeted is completed, provide a simpler version to L. Hyatt to get out to the Membership.

- The Centre is looking into options of partnering with Universities to provide workshops/courses that will result in in house certifications/qualifications.
- A partnership with Ontario Parks is also being explored.

ACTION # 2020-09-29-004

L. Hyatt: meet with K. Speirs to brainstorm what opening the trails and restaurant would look like with current COVID restrictions.

12:05PM: K. Speirs leaves & regular agenda resumed.

Membership Meeting:

The RRFNS Trust cancelled their in-person A.G.M due to the increased Covid 19 Restrictions. Thus, an update, from Chief R. McGinnis and Council, will be given to the Membership via Newsletter, Social Media, and One Feather. In this update, Members will be invited to submit any questions or concerns to C&C in writing and they will receive an official response after the next C&C Business Meeting. No in-person Membership meeting will be held until further notice.

ACTION # 2020-09-29-005

L. Hyatt: work with Chief R. McGinnis to draft an update to the Community and the protocol for Member concerns/questions to be submitted and responded to.

Halloween:

It was suggested that Trick or Treating can still happen, however, the Community will be encouraged to bag treats individually and leave them outside for children to collect, thus eliminating contact. The house decorating competition will still happen and submissions will be received through the Social Distancing Group page.

Water Advisory:

L. Hyatt presented to C&C that W. Morrisseau proposed water restrictions due to the Water Treatment Plant being overworked and inefficient. This would start with an advisory. The Nation is currently trucking in water from Asselins twice weekly. C&C decided to keep trucking in water instead of placing restrictions on the Community during Covid, but to ensure there is a report of the receipts and amount of water being trucked in. This report will be used as further evidence to the RDG that RRFNS is in desperate need of a new Water Treatment Plant.

ACTION # 2020-09-29-006

L. Hyatt: Direct W. Morrisseau to keep a running report of the water being trucked into the Community.

Strategic Planning:

Councillor L. McGinnis requested the L. Hyatt work with Ec Dev to create a tender for Strategic Planning Services for C&C to utilize and expert to create a cohesive strategic plan.

ACTION # 2020-09-29-007

L. Hyatt: connect with Ec Dev to create and RFP for Strategic Planning expertise.

MOTION # 2020-09-29-002

Motion that a call for proposals for a strategic planning process be issued to reputable consulting firms with knowledge and expertise in First Nations Governance, First Nations programs and fiscal administration and that the call for proposals will be issued within 2 weeks commencing September 30, 2020 for a period of 30 days. Proposals received will be reviewed by Chief and Council upon which a selection and award process will be determined and approved.

Moved by: Leona McGinnis

Seconded by: Will McGinnis

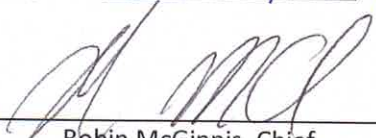
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12:55PM: In Camera begins

1:40PM: Meeting Adjourned.

The minutes dated September 29, 2020, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting

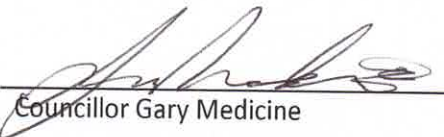
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Robin McGinnis, Chief



Councillor Willie J. McGinnis



Councillor Gary Medicine

Councillor Leona McGinnis

Councillor Jason Wilson

Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay