



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting  
Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
East End Hall – RRFNS  
3:00 PM

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Willie J. McGinnis  
Councillor Leona McGinnis

Councillor Jason Wilson  
Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

**OTHER:**

Jeremiah Windego- M.O.A.  
Sonny McGinnis – Ec Dev

Lauren Hyatt – Executive Assistant  
Wally Wilson Jnr.- Band Member/Contractor

**REGRETS:**

Chief Rob McGinnis: Attending First Nations Energy Conference in Toronto- Will be calling in at different points of the meeting.

Councillor Gary Medicine: Delayed Travel due to weather conditions.

**Opening**

*10:17am: Meeting Opened by J. Windego.*

**Agenda:**

Four Items were added to the Agenda: Program Reviews, Jordan's Principal, Sawmill HR (In Camera) and Wally Wilson Jnr.

**MOTION # 2019-11-04-001**

To accept the agenda with amendments

Moved by: Willie J. McGinnis  
Seconded by Jason Wilson

**All in Favour - Carried**

**Review of Pervious Minutes:**

The Minutes from October 28, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

**MOTION # 2019-11-04-002**

To approve minutes from October 28, 2019

Moved by: Jason Wilson  
Seconded by Karen Oster-Bombay

**All in Favour - Carried**

### Life Group Inc Insurance Benefits:

A representative from Life Inc. explained to C&C that when reviewing Staff Insurance Policies, a cost review was done and a plan with enhanced benefits was offered at 5.3% lower from Manulife. The current policy is with Great West Life and this company will be given the opportunity to match this offer. The enhanced benefits offered by Manulife are:

- Increased dependent life insurance
- Increase in the age to which you are covered by life insurance
- Prescription Drug Cards for non-status employees.
- Increased Vision, Dental and Paramedical limits and services.

J. Windego requested that a presentation on these benefits be made to staff on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the monthly staff meeting.

### Housing:

#### **C. Kavanaugh:**

After speaking with the Lands Department, an elder and the former Chief, it was determined that this property was never surveyed, and that no CP was issued for it. This research will be summarized by J. Windego in a letter to C. Kavanaugh along with the request for her to submit any information re: the ownership of the property.

**ACTION # 2019-11-04-001**

J. Windego to send summary of findings to C. Kavanaugh

### Elders Housing

The East End Hall Apartments were designated as an Elders area only. A call out will be put in the Newsletter for Elders to apply to live here. The applications will be reviewed by a board of the current tenants. Safety concerns about these apartments were raised and will be investigated.

**ACTION # 2019-11-04-002**

A call -out for Elders Housing applications to be put in the Newsletter.

### Rental Arrears

In a Community Consultation in 2018, it was decided that individuals with Arrears over \$10,000.00 would need to meet with Administration to make an effort to recoup the arrears as soon as possible. It was reported that there are still come Members with arrears owing in this amount who have not made a concerted effort to repay them. It was thus decided that, a letter requesting a face to face meeting with the MOA regarding these arrears will be sent out immediately so that the Arrears action plan can be followed through with.

**ACTION # 2019-11-04-003**

L. Hyatt to make amendments to Rental Arrears letters and then letters are to be distributed.

### CCP Van Purchase

At the last C&C meeting, a quote to purchase a new van for the CCP team was presented and additional quotes from Manitoba were requested. These quotes were received and there was no significant difference between these and the local quote. Thus, CCP was authorized to purchase this new van locally.

### Education Extracurricular Support:

C&C were made aware that Members have access to \$1000.00 annually for extracurricular activity support. There was concern that more than one person was overseeing the distribution of funds to Members who accessed this fund. It was thus decided that T. Taylor will be managing access to this fund through his program. J. Wilson stated that corporate partners should be approached to match this amount as part of their corporate responsibility to the Community.

*12:17pm Lunch Break*

*12: 46pm Return from Lunch*

### Youth Summit

A treaty 3 Youth Summit on Climate Change is being held in Kenora at the end of January 2020, was brought to C&C's attention. An invitation to attend was given to Council members and it was decided that 4 Youth Members will be covered to attend. The current Youth Group will be approached to see who would be interested in attending and an effort will be made to include off-reserve Members too.

*1:25pm Sonny McGinnis joined the meeting*

### Tank Farm: Feasibility Study

S. McGinnis presented to C&C a Feasibility Study Proposal for an On -Reserve Fuel Tank Farm. It was stressed that this is a feasibility study only and that the intent is not to exclude, but rather to include member businesses. A motion was passed for a letter of support for this study to be signed by Chief R. McGinnis.

#### **MOTION # 2019-11-04-003**

To give Chief R. McGinnis permission to sign a letter of support for a Tank Farm Feasibility Study.

Moved by: Leona McGinnis

Seconded by Will McGinnis

Conflict declared by: Jason Wilson and Karen Oster-Bombay

**All in Favour – Carried by Quorum**

**MNP Engagement Letter:**

MNP presented an accounting management program to the previous Council. An engagement letter was presented to seek permission for the company to undergo the first phase of implementing this program by doing an assessment of the current band accounting system and see where this program may benefit the band. Permission via motion was given for Chief R. McGinnis to sign this letter.

**MOTION # 2019-11-04-004**

To give Chief R. McGinnis permission to sign the engagement letter presented by MNP.

Moved by: Jason Wilson  
Seconded by Karen Oster-Bombay

**All in Favour - Carried**

**Boards and Representatives:**

A list of board representatives was given to C&C. Positions on these will be reviewed at Winnipeg retreat.

**Elders Representatives:**

Elders representatives on the following boards were discussed:

- Weechi Elders Board
- Tribal Health Elders Board
- Seven Generations Language Board.

A motion was made to appoint Shirley Kampa to the Seven Generations Language Board. The remaining appointments will be discussed at the retreat on Winnipeg.

**MOTION # 2019-11-04-005**

To appoint Shirley Kampa to the Seven Generations Language Board

Moved by: Will McGinnis  
Seconded by Karen Oster-Bombay

**All in Favour - Carried**

### **Van Policy**

There was a policy drawn up by Juanita Hunter-Connon for the van awarded by Jordan's Principal. It will be reviewed, and the insurance company consulted as to who can use it. It was verified that there are no restrictions on this van use per the Jordan's Principal application.

### **Solar Policy:**

Solar distribution was discussed. It will be mentioned at the Community Meeting that Solar Payments may be reduced in July.

### **Newsletter Call Outs:**

- Housing Applications
- Housing Committee
- Dog Catcher
- Solar Payment Address Changes

### **Council Renumeration:**

An off-reserve Council Travel budget was discussed. Decisions will be made surrounding this at the C&C Retreat in Winnipeg.

### **Manitou Forest Products: Management Fee**

J. Windego stated that he has a cheque with an attached invoice for Sawmill Management Fees. This cheque will be kept until the board has met and the invoice expanded upon.

### **MOA PA Date:**

C&C determined that a PA will be held for the Manager of Administration on Monday December 16, 2019 at 9AM.

### **Program Reviews:**

C&C has requested a program review. J. Windego will discuss this with Managers and Staff at their next meeting.

Regular meeting concluded

In Camera Session Begins


5:17 pm Meeting Adjourned.

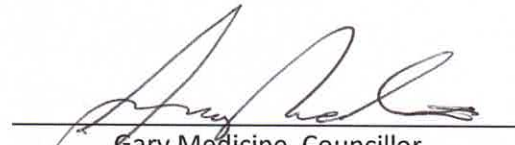
The minutes dated Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>, . 2019, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: December 2, 2019

Date signed: Feb. 11-2021


Quorum: 3

  
Robin McGinnis, Chief

  
Willie James McGinnis, Councillor

  
Gary Medicine, Councillor

  
Leona McGinnis, Councillor

  
Karen Oster-Bombay, Councillor

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Jason Wilson, Councillor