



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting
Monday December 16, 2019
East End Hall – RRFNS
10:00 AM

PRESENT:

Councillor Willie J. McGinnis
Councillor Leona McGinnis

Councillor Gary Medicine
Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

OTHER:

Jeremiah Windego- M.O.A.

Lauren Hyatt – Executive Assistant

REGRETS:

Councillor Jason Wilson: Could not travel
Chief Rob McGinnis: Car accident

Opening

10:08 am: Meeting Opened by Jeremiah Windego

J. Windego's Performance Appraisal was postponed until Friday December 20th, at 10:00 AM.

Agenda:

The Agenda was presented Maintenance and Emergency Callouts over the Christmas Break were added.

MOTION # 2019-12-16-001

To accept the amended agenda

Moved by: Gary Medicine
Seconded by Will McGinnis

All in Favour - Carried

Review of Previous Minutes:

The Minutes from December 2nd, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

MOTION # 2019-12-16-002

To accept the minutes from December 2nd, 2019

Moved by: Will McGinnis
Seconded by Karen Oster-Bombay

All in Favour - Carried

MOA Report: J. Windego

- A Managers and Staff meeting was held on December 4th at the Mounds. C&C were informed that going forward, the Managers reports will include a summary of the department budget and any overtime/comp. time accrued.
- The Social Services Meeting is also held every 1st Wednesday of the month, following the staff meeting.
- The C&C approved Personnel Policy was reviewed and signed off on by all staff and will come into effect on January 1st, 2020.
- The Finance, Social Media and Drug Policies still need to be reviewed in the New Year.
- A Policy retreat for C&C was suggested. A February or March date will be decided upon next meeting.
- The representative from HR Peoples First attended the last Staff Meeting: J. Windego will be receiving her report in the New Year.
- The Lands department were instructed to get the property discussed at the previous meeting for a possible transitional home, appraised.
- All staff were signed up for the new Group Insurance Policy on December 4th.
- The CCP will be moving into the Triple Wide Trailer shortly.
- The Staff Christmas party was a great success and the bonuses well received.
- Advisory are assisting in establishing a location for security cameras. The units are wireless; however, they still require a line of sight connection to work.
- It was stated that no housing contracts will be paid out in full, prior to completion.
- Numerous quotes have been received for furnace installations that will be completed before the New Year.
- The candidate who was offered the Housing Manager Position declined: J. Windego recommended to C&C that instead of re-advertising that a second housing assistant be advertised for. This assistant would be full time, focusing on the day to day upkeep of housing files and clerical work. A motion was passed to accept this recommendation:

MOTION # 2019-12-16-003

To hire a Clerical Housing Assistant

Moved by: Will McGinnis
Seconded by Karen Oster-Bombay

All in Favour - Carried

11:06 Regular Meeting paused for presentation on accounting software by Aboriginal strategies

At the closing of the presentation, a cost proposal for the accounting software was requested by C&C to be presented at the next regular business meeting.

12:05 Lunch

12:35 Meeting Resumed

Housing:

Due to several housing vacancies for various reasons- it was stated that priority needs to be given to setting up a Housing Committee which will balance the needs of the Community with individual housing applications. There will be two vacancies in the East End Apartments in the New Year that will be advertised. Only applications from Seniors will be accepted. There have been a few properties abandoned by renters: a policy will need to be drafted outlining what to do with the possessions contained within these residences when abandonment or eviction occurs.

Long Term Care Facility:

Chief McGinnis, J. Windego and J. Hunter Cannon met with an architectural firm, 807 Management, in Thunder Bay who have experience designing other Long Term Care Facilities in North Western Ontario on First Nation Reserves and possess extensive knowledge of the Health Care System and regulations that govern facilities of this type. This firm suggested that MNP be approached to draw up business plans to marry the design. These companies have partnered on other similar projects to meet funding deadlines and ensure sound construction of the facility. A 64-bed facility is being proposed, letters of support will be required, and fee for service contracts will need to be approved. A kickoff meeting will be held in Thunder Bay on Thursday December 19th. A motion was made to accept the 807 Management Proposal presented.

MOTION # 2019-12-16-004

To accept the 807 Management Long Term Care Facility Proposal

Moved by: Will McGinnis
Seconded by Leona McGinnis

All in Favour - Carried

Palliative Care Wing:

At the meeting in Thunder Bay re: The Long-Term Care Facility- the design of a Palliative Care addition to the East End Hall was discussed. Drawings will be created for this addition and if approved will be ready for construction in the Spring of 2020. Lobbying for funding on this, the Long-Term Care Facility and a daycare will be required.

Aquaculture Course:

K. Oster-Bombay, S. McGinnis, G. Medicine and L. Hyatt attended a Canadian Aquaculture Course in Winnipeg to explore the feasibility of farming Sturgeon for commercial food production. Extensive information on this process was provided and the next step in the process is to receive a business plan for this project to assess the financial feasibility of such an operation and the benefits it will afford the community.

Christmas Break Maintenance and Emergency Protocol:

Kegs Jourdain will be the contact over the holidays for any maintenance emergencies. His number as well as J. Windego's will be posted on the band office doors. There will be a specific on call schedule for Maintenance set up and CCP will always have someone on call. In the New Year, J. Windego will be meeting with the Maintenance crew twice a week to establish a work plan and duties. There have been no applications submitted for the Dog Catcher. J. Windego will attempt to find someone to cover this position over the holidays.

Jordan's Principal:

It was expressed that a separate coordinator and assistant should be established for this program. A summary of the program and the original proposal was requested.

Abinoojii Inaakonigewin Child Care Law Community Consultation:

The CCP team was commended on their participation in this consultation. K. Shebagegit provided minutes from this meeting to C&C.

Seikeido Proposal:

A proposal was submitted by H. Broadbent to cover Seikeido expenses. This program should be covered by and go through the recreation program and will be directed as such by J. Windego.

Elder Opening:

At the Solar Payment Fair, the Community voted in favour of having an Elder open Member Meetings with a translator. It was expressed that the importance and meaning of the opening should be explained and understood by Members for it to be effective.

In-Camera Session Begins

3:15PM Meeting Adjourned

The minutes dated Monday December 16th, 2019, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: JAN 7, 2020

Date signed: Feb 11, 2021

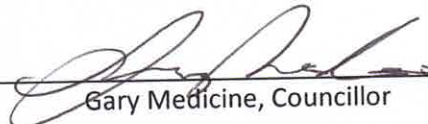
Quorum: 3




Robin McGinnis, Chief



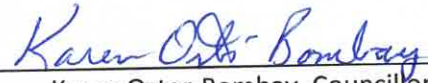
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