



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
Boardroom & 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:**

Sonny McGinnis: MOA  
Tom Waters: CFO  
Lauren Hyatt: Executive Assistant to C&C

**Opening**

*10:05 AM: Meeting was opened*

**Opening Comments/Discussion:**

Chief McGinnis briefly described the process that has thus been followed for the Covid 19 (C19) vaccine roll out on Community. Questions were asked regarding the priority in which Community Members are receiving the C19 vaccine, how they are contacted and how many doses have been administered thus far.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-001**

S. McGinnis: Follow up J. Hunter-Connon for a list of how many non-band members have received the Covid 19 Vaccine on Community, and what the rules/protocols are surrounding the vaccine distribution.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-002**

S. McGinnis: Direct to have a list of all people on reserve to be compiled or sent.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-003**

L. Hyatt: give C&C a copy of the LTC Application and Proposals

*10:15 AM: Anne Marie Vanderaa joins.*

**COVID 19 Colour Coding:**

R.N. A. Vanderaa, from Tribal Health joined the meeting via Zoom and gave C&C a presentation on the Provincial Covid 19 Colour coding system and what the current "Red Zone" meant and the restrictions it carried. C&C requested that she provide a summary of this explanation for themselves and the Membership. She further explained the vaccine, it's success rate, what it achieves and how it is being administered.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-004**

L. Hyatt: send the "red zone" summary to C&C and add to the C&C Update package.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-005**

S. McGinnis: Set up screening for visitors to the Band Office and self screening tool for staff.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-006**

S. McGinnis: Ensure C19 Screening is set up at the entrance to the Mounds.

**Agenda Approval:**

The agenda was presented. The following additions were requested: Member Request, C&C Computers, and two In Camera items.

**MOTION # 2021-03-23-001**

To approve the agenda with amendments.

Moved by: Jason Wilson  
Seconded by: Will McGinnis

**All in Favour - Carried**

**Minute Approval:**

The Minutes from March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were reviewed and accepted as presented.

**MOTION # 2021-03-23-002**

To approve the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Jason Wilson  
Seconded by: Leona McGinnis

**All in Favour - Carried**

**Chief's Update:**

Chief McGinnis updated C&C on the following:

- The dissolution of Oni is in its final stages. The question of the camp cleanup is causing delay.
- RLTC: RRFNs' shares in this company have been sold. This too will be wrapped up shortly.
- Chief McGinnis will be setting up a meeting with the new HR Manager at New Gold to discuss current and outstanding issues.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-007**

Chief McGinnis/L. Hyatt: Set up meeting with NG HR Manager

- Councillor K. Oster-Bombay volunteered to be the Chief's proxy at the ONFLP AGM. Chief McGinnis will pass the package on to her when it is received in the mail.

**CIBC Wood Gundy:**

C. Murphy & T. Morgan joined via Zoom and gave C&C an update on the RRFNs investment portfolio. They ensured C&C that they are keeping a close eye on all notes and are in regular contact with CFO Tom Waters.

**Dog Catching Equipment:**

It was discussed that equipment and temporary kennels need to be set up for dogs who get loose.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-008**

S. McGinnis: Direct for dog catching equipment to be purchased.

**EA Update:**

L. Hyatt updated C&C on the following:

- Residency Codes: Many examples of Residency Codes and By Laws were found on a First Nations Database. This database contains examples of codes and bylaws of all kinds and is a great research resource.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-009**

L. Hyatt: select and compile select residency codes with Chief McGinnis for Council review.

- JIC Meeting Update: L. Hyatt attended her first JIC meeting. When the minutes are approved, they will be sent to C&C. There are many outstanding issues that L. Hyatt will be following up on.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-010**

L. Hyatt: Request IBA Deviation Letter

- Chief and Council Update: This update will be going out to Membership and the Community on Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It will include: an update from C&C, a Red Zone Summary, the current RRFNs Covid Policy, the Client and Community Code of Conduct, the COVID 19 Relief Application Form, the LTC press release, Membership Meeting notice/protocol & RRFNs Job Ads.
- Membership Meeting Update: There will be a Membership Meeting Notice for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and protocol created and sent to Members with the C&C Update.

**Mennonites On-Reserve:**

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-011**

L. Hyatt: Send S. McGinnis a copy of the letter of conditions that was presented to the Mennonite Church.

S. McGinnis will set up a meeting with the church leader to reinforce these conditions. To date, they have not been met and thus, locks will be changed on church doors. It was suggested that permission slips from parents should be added to the list of conditions required for the church to engage with any youth on Community.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-012**

S. McGinnis- Set up meeting with Mennonite Church.

**MOA Update:**

S. McGinnis updated C&C on the following:

- CCP Service Agreement: A draft service agreement will be ready for review in the next two weeks.

- Meeting Reports: Templates are being created for meeting reports. All board representatives will be expected to complete these reports and they will be filed and available in C&C chambers for viewing.
- Recreation: In May/June, gun and bow hunting training has been set up. This and other recreation activities will be enhanced by a partnership with Lakehead University Recreation Students.
- Elders Budget: An advisory group will be set up to establish a business plan and Elders budget

**Tuition Agreements:**

It was requested that an itemized breakdown of costs per the current tuition RRFNs agreement be completed and presented to C&C. An on-reserve immersion school was discussed. Federal and Provincial funding is decreased if this direction is taken, however, the option will continue to be explored.

**Vitamin Regime Presentation:**

B. Handel of Peguis First Nation, presented a Vitamin Regime and all-natural mask disinfectant to C&C. It was suggested that this may supplement the COVID 19 Vaccine and promote healthy living on Community.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-013**

L. Hyatt: Send Vitamin Proposal to C&C

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-014**

S. McGinnis: Vet the business presenting the Vitamin Proposal.

**CFO Update:**

T. Waters updated C&C on the following:

- FNFA follow-up continues; Interest rates have climbed yet are still reasonable. T. Waters is awaiting a quote from CIBC. Once the best interest rate is confirmed T. Waters will proceed with the paperwork for most economic financing approach to cover the Administration Building, an international purchase, and the Water Treatment Plant.
- Adagio: training and implementation pre-work continues and the go live date is on track.
- Insurance is in place for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. There is an increase from last year due to the addition of the New Band Office and additional vehicles. A
- Budget: This is an ongoing process for both the overall and departmental budgets. The plan is to charge an admin fee and office rental as 2 separate line items. This will provide more flexibility for RRFNS to use funds where needed.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-015**

T. Waters: Meet with Managers to explain why a rent/admin fee is being charged.

- 10 Year Grant – FMB has provided a recommendation to ISC for RRFNS to participate in 10-year grant program. ISC is flowing core funding through as per normal for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, but once 10-year grant agreement is agreed to by both parties, this will transfer to the Nation. Reporting

requirements for the year will follow the reporting requirements of the 10-year grant regardless of whether switch is made part way through the year or not.

- EFAP benefits (Mental Health Counselling) have been extended to all on-reserve community members.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-015**

L. Hyatt: Include EFAP poster in C&C Update Package to Membership.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-016**

T. Waters: Investigate why honorariums appear as income on T4 slips.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-017**

T. Waters: Resend memo to staff re: Salary on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**Community Drug Strategy:**

Chief McGinnis stated that this strategy is a priority for this administration. Meetings are being held biweekly to ensure action items are being followed up on.

**Membership List:**

It was discussed that posting the Membership publicly violates the Nation's members for various reasons. It was decided that a deceased Member is to remain on the list for 1 year after their passing.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-018**

L. Hyatt: Remove Membership List off of RRFNs Website.

**Communications Proposal:**

Proposals and quotes for select services- website redesign, a quarterly newsletter, and social media management- were presented to C&C. A meeting to discuss these proposals will be arranged for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-019**

S. McGinnis: set up meeting with Communications firm- April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10am.

**Trespassing BCRs:**

Conditions surrounding Trespassing BCR's were discussed. Outreach to Members who have been BCR'd will be looked into on a case-by-case basis.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-020**

L. Hyatt: Create a policy for viewing bcr's.

**Member Request:**

A member requested that the probationary period be waived for her children over 18, who were recently granted conditional Membership. The request was denied.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-021**

L. Hyatt: inform member, on behalf of C&C, that request has been denied.

**Land Purchase Opportunity**

Councillor J. Wilson made C&C aware of a property that is available. The property used to be part of the original Little Fork Lands. C&C directed that this opportunity be sent to Lands.

**ACTION # 2021- 03-23-022**

Councillor J. Wilson: forward Land opportunity to Lands department.

**Economic Development Meeting:**

A separate Economic Development was set up for Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5pm.

4:50PM: In Camera Session begins.

5:30PM: Meeting Adjourned.

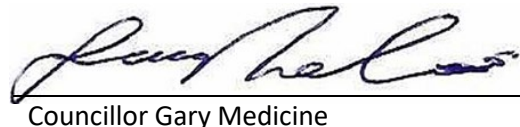
The minutes dated **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021      Date signed: April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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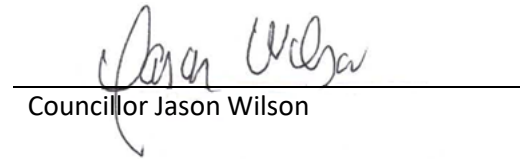
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