



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting
February 23rd, 2021
Boardroom & Zoom
10:00AM

PRESENT:

Councillor Willie J. McGinnis
Councillor Gary Medicine
Councillor Jason Wilson

Councillor Leona McGinnis
Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

OTHER:

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

REGRETS: Chief Robin McGinnis- representing Rainy River First Nations.

Opening

10:17AM: Meeting was opened.

Agenda Approval:

The agenda was presented. There were 5 additions to the In Camera Session.

MOTION # 2021-02-23-001

To approve the agenda with amendments.

Moved by: Gary Medicine
Seconded by: Leona McGinnis

All in Favour - Carried

It was decided that a separate In Camera Session would be held on Tuesday March 2nd, 2021
When Chief McGinnis could be in attendance.

Minute Approval:

The Minutes from February 9th, 2021 were reviewed and accepted as presented.

MOTION # 2021-02-23-002

To approve the February 9th, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Gary Medicine
Seconded by: Leona McGinnis

All in Favour - Carried

Business Arising Tracker:

- A Visitors Policy was created for the new Band Office and the Code of Conduct will be posted at entrances.

ACTION # 2021- 02-23-001

S. McGinnis: Let staff know that Members of C&C do not have to sign in.

- Councillor J. Wilson made C&C aware of a property that may be available for purchase which may be suitable when looking at a place for a post-treatment facility as part of a Community Drug Strategy.

ACTION # 2021- 02-23-002

Councillor J. Wilson: forward property details to S. McGinnis

ACTION # 2021- 02-23-003

L. Hyatt: Extend invite to C&C for Community Drug Strategy Meeting.

ACTION # 2021- 02-23-004

L. Hyatt: turn off commenting on Job Ads on RRFNs Facebook: inquiries can be made via the contact on the post.

ACTION # 2021- 02-23-005

L. Hyatt: Create a Members only RRFNS Facebook Group.

ACTION # 2021- 02-23-006

L. Hyatt: Update the admin group of One Feather.

- The next Business Meeting will be held on March 9th, 2021.
- The Strategic Plan has been tentatively postponed until a new local facilitator can be found.

ACTION # 2021- 02-23-007

L. Hyatt: Research Residency Codes.

ACTION # 2021- 02-23-008

L. Hyatt: Confirm meeting date re: Onikajigan with Chief McGinnis.

ACTION # 2021- 02-23-009

L. Hyatt: send previous C&C Strategic Plan to C&C.

11AM: In Camera Session 1

12PM: Regular Agenda Resumes

12: 30PM: Lunch

1PM: Meeting Resumes

MOA Update:

S. McGinnis updated C&C on the following:

- Child and Youth Services: a working group has been established. Items to be addressed with CYS are a CCP review, WFS Service Agreement and Bill C-92. The working group was established to develop plans in conjunction with David Barnes Consulting to develop plans for the above 3 items.
- Trailer Use Plan: A focus group session was held with senior staff to develop options for use of the vacant trailers and pink building that housed the lands office:
 - Recommendation 1: Sell triple and double trailers through Tender for purchase and pick up. Housing program to develop plan for storage and other uses for the housing program.
 - Recommendation 2: Demolish health building leaving resource centre and gym intact.
 - Recommendation 3: To proceed with feasibility studies for post treatment facility and group home facility.
 - Recommendation 4: To develop proposal for submission to Northern Ontario Heritage Fund to address electrical installation and maintenance matters to operationalize recycling plant on northern section of RRFN.
- Housing: Upon review of our housing rental program, as of December 2020, the RRFN is carrying a significant deficit of rental arrears. The recommendation is that Chief and Council authorize the development of a policy statement that will set forth a collection process to address the outstanding rental arrears.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-010

S. McGinnis, T. Waters and L. Hyatt: Review previous direction on Rental Agreements to Housing.

- Education: A call was held with Heather Campbell the Director of Education for the Rainy River District School Board on February 19th, 2021 to discuss the needs of RRFNs and services being provided to RRFNs students in public and Secondary schools. Subsequent to the call a request was emailed to ISC Ontario requesting the following information:
 - Band operated school funding,
 - Federal school funding
 - Public school board funding
 - Ojibway Language funding
 - Immersion school funding
 - ISC-RRFN's education funding agreements
 - a signed copy and record of payment of the Rainy River District School Board-and Rainy River First Nations Tuition Agreements for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 fiscal years.A meeting has been scheduled to visit Brent Tookeney at 7 Generations on March 5th, 2021 to discuss education programs as a fact finding mission related to our current and future education needs.
- H. McQuaker: A date for meeting with C&C needs to be set. The agenda is to include; partnership discussions, mutual aid with Emo and renaming of colonization road.

CFO Update:

T. Waters updated C&C on the following:

- An initial meeting on insurance renewal with Barry Marmus from Standard Insurance was held.
- Follow up is continuing with FMB and FNFA on next steps. An expression of interest in 10-yr-grant has been submitted and a follow up call with ISC will be scheduled.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-011

L. Hyatt: Send signed copy of FMB form to C&C

- A stop on payment to company called First Nation Goods was initiated. The company are sending unsolicited orders of surgical masks and hand sanitizer and then invoicing for these at high prices.
- A meeting with MOA and Janitorial staff to establish cleaning protocol of new band office was held.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-012

S. McGinnis: Direct to have PPE Stations installed at all Band Office entrances.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-013

S. McGinnis: Look into industrial garbage and recycling bins outside the new Band Office.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-014

L. Hyatt: Update Casual Workers Job Ad on website and repost.

- The Adagio GL mapping project is being re-initiated. However, the Finance team is currently one member short and T. Waters is awaiting response from advisory Services on potential support.
- The CFO Worked with MOA and Housing department on plan to reduce rental arrears.
- Re-keying on band office was delayed due to lack of 'control' key. This should be resolved and completed this week.
- Band Office leaks were identified. The Project Manager has been informed and Maintenance have put a temporary patch on roof to prevent further leaks.
- Quotes for new photocopiers/printers for Admin and Health wings were obtained. This will achieve lower on-going printing costs.
- C&C laptops: still awaiting quote for software. The initially identified supplier was unable to due to licensing/distribution changes with Microsoft.
- Blinds for Band Office: still awaiting quotes for blinds. The estimated install time is 3-4 weeks for offices and 6-7 weeks for drum room.
- The lift-station/lagoon issue is resolved currently. An upgrade to allow for reliability going forward is still required.
- CIBC Wood Gundy have been tentatively invited to give C&C an update at the March 23rd, 2021 Business Meeting.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-015

T. Waters: Confirm meeting date with CIBC Wood Gundy.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-016

L. Hyatt: Set up mail slots for C&C in Council office and get keys cut.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-017

L. Hyatt: Email PDFS of Band Financials to C&C

Pandemic Update:

There is no set date for vaccine roll out yet, but Chief McGinnis has been informed that the most vulnerable and elderly will have it administered first. Health authorities are hopeful that this will occur in March.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-018

L. Hyatt: Research and summarize US/Canada Border travel: who is deemed essential, who can deem people essential and what is the process for this.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-019

L. Hyatt: Send out US Travel Policy to T3 Police.

Lands Committee Memo:

A memo of interested parties to sit on the Lands Committee was presented. C&C would like to see on and off reserve members and elders on this committee.

ACTION # 2021-02-23-020

L. Hyatt: Draft Invitation letter with Chief McGinnis

ACTION # 2021-02-23-021

S. McGinnis: Find out if there is an honorarium for this committee.

2:35PM In Camera Session 2.

MOTION # 2021-02-23-003

To Adjourn

Moved by: Leona McGinnis
Seconded by: Karen Oster-Bombay

All in Favour - Carried

3:18PM Meeting Adjourned.

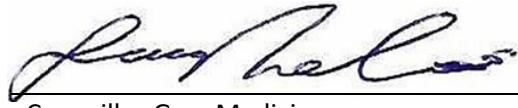
The minutes dated **February 23rd, 2021**, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: March 9th, 2021 Date signed: April 20th, 2021



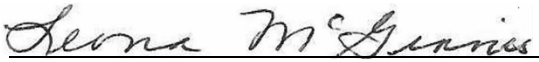
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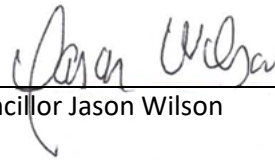
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