



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting
March 9th, 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

Agenda Approval:

The agenda was presented. The following additions were requested: Jordan's Principle and Vitamin Presentation.

MOTION # 2021-03-09-001

To approve the agenda with amendments.

Moved by: Will McGinnis
Seconded by: Gary Medicine

All in Favour - Carried

Minute Approval:

The Minutes from February 23rd, 2021 were reviewed and accepted as presented.

MOTION # 2021-03-09-002

To approve the February 23rd, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Will McGinnis
Seconded by: Gary Medicine

All in Favour - Carried

Chief's Update:

Chief McGinnis updated C&C on the following:

- Southern Chief's Meeting: the Chiefs were presented with the changes in Covid policies in schools, were introduced to the new mineral development officer from Couchiching and received a Treaty 3 Police Update.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-001

L. Hyatt & Chief McGinnis: Letter of request to Chief of Police requesting Community Specific Statistics.

- Treaty 3 Chiefs Meeting: Minister Bennett and Miller were in this call with the Chiefs to address any concerns that they had. Three main points were discussed: Metis encroachment on First Nation lands and businesses, the Covid 19 Vaccine Rollout Plan and how to speed up the ATR process.
- Community Drug Strategy Meeting: issuing a Drug and/or Mental Health State of Emergency was discussed. Programming and a Post Treatment Facility is a priority.
- MNR Inquiry: A. Jourdain of the MNR enquired as to whether RRFNs has a restorative justice process practice.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-002

L. Hyatt & Chief McGinnis: Research and speak with Treaty 3 Police re: restorative justice processes.

- New Gold Meeting: Chief McGinnis had a meeting with a New Gold representative to discuss lines of progression, RRFNs New Gold Worker statistics, First Nation Worker statistics, racism and various HR concerns.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-003

L. Hyatt: Set up a meeting between C&C and NG GM.

- Chief McGinnis attended a walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Fort Frances. It was discussed that Chief McGinnis would lobby for more preventative programming and reactivation of cold cases at the Chief's level: Southern Chiefs, T3 and AFN.

C&C EA Report:

L. Hyatt reported the following:

- Residency Codes: research into residency codes has been started. Various other Bands across Canada, Grand Council Treaty 3 and AFN have been accessed as resources. L. Hyatt will be presenting options at next meeting from the First Nations Gazette Data Base.
- Land Committee Appointments: Chief McGinnis will be meeting with Elders to sit on this committee.
- JIC Representation: a letter was sent to the employer of the previous JIC rep to allow attendance at the March meeting to hand over business to the new JIC representative. C&C was presented with the Terms of Reference for this Committee. After discussion it was decided that a call out would be made to the Community to sit on this committee. L. Hyatt was appointed interim JIC Member until this is completed.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-004

Put call out to Community for JIC Committee representation

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-005

L. Hyatt & Chief McGinnis: Send C&C all JIC Minutes.

MOTION # 2021-03-09-003

To appoint Lauren Hyatt as interim JC representative

Moved by: Will McGinnis

Seconded by: Gary Medicine

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Quorum YES: Carried.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-006

L. Hyatt & Chief McGinnis: Send Letter to NG changing JIC representative.

- A Facebook Group is being created for Members only.
- The Chief's update will be hand delivered to the Community with the new RRFNS Covid 19 Policies.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-007

L. Hyatt: Add Casuals Job add to Community Hand out.

- Essential Travel: L. Hyatt is in contact with Boarder Agencies to determine what travel is deemed essential, who is deemed essential and who can deem people essential.
- There will be a presentation on vitamin regiments at the March 23rd, 2021 Business Meeting.

MOA Report:

S. McGinnis reported the following:

- RRFNS Child Welfare and CCP: The following items were addressed CCP file audit and financial review, the RRFNs Service Agreement & Contracts with Weechi ite win and the proposal and process for RRFNs to enter Bill C-92.
- Strategic Planning Session: Urban Systems will act as facilitator for the strategic planning session. Rob Ballantyne from Financial Management Board will be attending the C&C strategic planning session to provide a broad overview of the admittance process for RRFNs into FMB including policy and program opportunities. Albert Hunter will be attending as Elder for the strategic planning session.
- RRFNs Education: After a meeting with Heather Campbell and the RRDSB, requests were made to ISC for the following information: federal school funding, Public school board funding, Ojibway Language funding, Immersion school funding, ISC-RRFN's education funding agreements and a copy of -RRFN/Rainy River District school board Tuition Agreements.
- Trailer Use and demolition of medical building: Tenders will be issued by RRFNs housing department who will also develop usage plans for the single trailer.
- Water Treatment Plant: A design plan and project management proposals being drafted by Burnside Engineering to be reviewed by MOA and Housing department. After this review they will be circulated to ISC for review and a meeting between RDG and Chief will be arranged to

discuss funding for water treatment plant through FMB 10-year grant program. The lagoon blockage issues are being addressed with the support of housing and maintenance programs, tribal housing staff, and support/advice from Fort Frances, Emo and New Gold. Options to replace the pumps are being explored.

- Professional and Institutional Development Program: Approval was provided by ISC for a 3- year submission to develop governance capacity initiatives over a 3-year period. \$60,000.00 will be added as an amendment to our funding agreement.
- Treaty 3 Child Care Law process: Notice was provided to the Treaty 3 child- care consultant that RRFNs will be abstaining from the treaty 3 process on childcare law.
- Covid Relief Trust Submission: Approval was provided from the Trust in the amount of \$324,000.00 which will allow Band members over the age of 18 to apply for a maximum of \$400.00 Covid Relief through the brighter futures program.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-008

S. McGinnis: Ensure paper copies of job ads are delivered to houses.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-009

S. McGinnis: Ensure the installation of a Job Postings board at the new Band Office.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-010

L. Hyatt: Send a copy of signed CA with the Trust to C&C.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-011

S. McGinnis: direct to have garbage bins cleaned and placed outside duplexes and apartment buildings.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-012

S. McGinnis: Send out Dog Catcher AD.

CFO Update:

Tom Waters Updated C&C on the following:

- FNFA: A call was had with the FNFA to discuss next steps to obtain financing. T. waters is currently working through this Reviewing 80+ pages of documentation: Borrowing Law, Borrowing Agreement, Secured Revenues Trust agreement etc.
- Advisory services was engaged for support for finance to free up team for Adagio training/implementation and to cover shortfall due to absences.
- Surplus funding areas are being identified in advance of year end to avoid returning funds to ISC.
- Available Capital of approximately \$1M has been identified to be applied against the construction of the new band office.
- A call was held with CIBC Wood Gundy for an investment update and to confirm a presentation for C&C at the March 23rd Business Meeting.
- Interviews have been scheduled and started for EA--Administration and HR Manager

- T. Waters will be following up with Jason Krikke on C&C laptops + A/V for Board room
- Confirmation of transfer for First Nations Land Management funds that were held in trust for a total of \$850K was received.
- It was decided that the Manitou Fish Fry will be a Community only event this year with Covid measures in place.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-013

S. McGinnis: put together an event committee for the Fish Fry (SSC may be an option)

Housing:

K. Kellar and W. Strachan presented the new Housing Structural Chain and Housing Plan. The plan includes maintenance and janitorial oversight. Housing will request Health and Safety Committee information from L. Hyatt. Councillor J. Wilson requested that Housing put together a housing package for off reserve members. The presented Housing Plan and Structural Chain was approved by C&C.

MOTION # 2021-03-09-004

To approve the Structural Chain and Housing Plan presented by the Housing Department.

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

All in Favour - Carried

Mennonites:

A letter was presented by 2 Councilors in 2020 to the Mennonite Church asking that they comply with drug testing and Vulnerable Sector Check policies. If they were offering any programming to children on reserve, they also required written permission from parents. There are reports that these conditions are not being adhered to.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-014

L. Hyatt: send S. McGinnis letter that was presented to Mennonites.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-015

S. McGinnis: Set up a meeting with the Mennonites.

Land Purchase Committee:

Karen Oster-Bombay was appointed as the C&C representative to the Land Purchase Committee.

MOTION # 2021-03-09-004

To approve the Structural Chain and Housing Plan presented by the Housing Department.

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

All in Favour - Carried

Strategic Planning Session Agenda:

The Agenda for the C&C Strategic planning session was reviewed and approved.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-016

L. Hyatt: gather previous Strategic Planning reports for C&C.

Census Canada:

C&C declined participation in the 2021 Census.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-017

S. McGinnis: Inform Census Canada that RRFNs will not be participating in the 2021 Census.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-018

S. McGinnis: inform elections Canada that RRFNS would like a polling station on reserve for the next election.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-019

S. McGinnis: Post for interim Newsletter Worker.

Community Meeting:

Barring change in Covid restrictions, a Membership Meeting will be held on April 7th, 2021. Covid numbers will be adhered to and members will be screened upon entering.

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-020

L. Hyatt & S. McGinnis: design process for April 7th Community Meeting.

Jordan's Principle:

A review of the RRFNs Jordan's Principle Program was requested.

MOTION # 2021-03-09-005

Motion for an administrative review of the RRFNs Jordan's Principle Program to be completed in 60 days.

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

All in Favour - Carried

ACTION # 2021- 03-09-021

S. McGinnis: Complete an administrative review of RRFNs JP Program within 60 days.

5:20PM: In Camera Session Begins

5:40PM: Meeting Adjourned

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



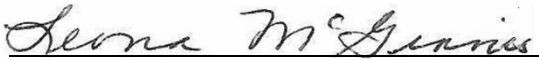
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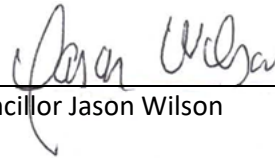
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