



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting
April 6th, 2021
Boardroom & Zoom
10:00AM

PRESENT:

Chief Robin McGinnis	Councillor Willie J. McGinnis
Councillor Leona McGinnis	Councillor Gary Medicine
Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay	Councillor Jason Wilson

OTHER:

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

Opening

10:10 AM Meeting was opened.
10:17AM In Camera Session Begins.
12:25 PM Regular Meeting Resumes.

Agenda Approval:

The agenda was presented. The following additions were flagged: 1PM presentation by TAG Creative Strategy.

MOTION # 2021-04-06-002

To approve the agenda with amendments.

Moved by: Jason Wilson
Seconded by: Gary Medicine

All in Favour - Carried

Minute Approval:

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

MOTION # 2021-04-06-003

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

Moved by: Jason Wilson
Seconded by: Will McGinnis

All in Favour - Carried

Business Arising Tracker:

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-010

L. Hyatt: Scan and send LTC proposals and applications to C&C who have not yet received them.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-011

L. Hyatt: Request new lockdown regulations from Tribal and send to C&C and Community.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-012

L. Hyatt: Arrange meeting with N.G. HR Manager with all C&C.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-013

S. McGinnis: Resend letter to Mennonites including permission form for RRFNs Parents/Guardians and give them a 30day time frame to respond.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-014

L. Hyatt: email D. Penner re: change in Strategic Planning Session dates. Tentative dates: May 7, 8, 9th, 2021.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-015

L. Hyatt: Resend C&C Draft Strategic Planning Agenda and invite D. Penner to next Business Meeting to discuss.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-016

S. McGinnis: Draft Letter to New Gold CEO.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-017

L. Hyatt: Find out TOR and meeting dates of NG Environmental Committee meeting.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-018

L. Hyatt: Set up meeting with NG CEO and Chief once letter has been sent and received re: environmental permits.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-019

S. McGinnis: Request a report from Lands on the Lands that we have purchased highlighting which originally belonged to RRFNs.

Chief McGinnis Report:

Chief McGinnis Reported the following:

- a) Pandemic Update: The Province as declared an Emergency Break Shutdown due to the increasing number of COVID 19 cases and variants. It was decided that the MOA meet with Managers to determine a list of essential workers who are unable to work from home. It was stressed that those able, should be working from home. The in-person Membership Meeting will have to be postponed until further notice. Questions and concerns can still be submitted to C&C in writing.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-020

L. Hyatt: Send out notice of Membership Meeting postponement to Membership.

Even though there is a shutdown order, the vaccine roll out plan will continue.

- b) A49 Meeting: Chief McGinnis attended a meeting with the MOA and A49 to discuss the Health Needs Assessment that was completed in 2020. The MOA will be putting a team together to ensure that the requirements of the assessment are met. A49 will assist on creating a document for an after-treatment program.
- c) 807 Management: Chief McGinnis attended a meeting with RRFNs admin staff and 807 Management to discuss the next steps of the Long-Term Care Facility planning.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-021

L. Hyatt: Send follow up proposal from 807 Management to MOA & C&C and postpone in person meeting by B. Marazan of 807 Management.

- d) Policing Issue: Ontario wanted to place an area-that is not in Treaty 3 territory and highly volatile-under Treaty 3 jurisdiction. This was presented to the T3 Chiefs and the idea was dismissed as this area is not the obligation of T3, but rather a federal and provincial one.
- e) New Gold Response: all of C&C were unsatisfied with a response received from New Gold. In response a letter will be drafted to the CEO of NG and a meeting will be set up with the new NG HR Manager and C&C.

1:07PM: TAG Creative Strategy Join

TAG Creative Strategy:

The company gave C&C an overview of the type of work that it has done over the years:

- They have worked with First Nations people and businesses for 20 years.
- They specialize in advertising and event management.
- TAG provides extra capacity and trains to gain capacity for the Nation in project management, community outreach and social media campaigns, and offers solutions to improve external and internal communications and communication strategies for the Nation.
- Their skills also include website management and revamping, marketing strategies and campaigns, social media management, blogging and newsletter production and a managed marketing system that will have constant interaction with the Nation.
- 3 Quotes were presented to C&C.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-022

S. McGinnis/TAG: Send examples/samples of TAG's work to C&C.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-023

L. Hyatt: Set up a meeting between TAG creative, C&C and Admin on April 12th @ 4PM.

EA Update to C&C:

L. Hyatt updated C&C on the following:

- a) An update will be provided to the Membership on the COVID Shutdown per direction.
- b) IBA items will be discussed at the next JIC Meeting on April 21st, 2021 and a report will be given to C&C at the next Business Meeting after this date.
- c) Residency Codes: examples of codes will be selected and scanned to Chief McGinnis and a package will be put together for C&C.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-024

L. Hyatt: Select and scan codes to Chief McGinnis.

- d) Membership Response: A response will be sent to a Member re: Conditional/Probationary Membership Conditions.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-025

L. Hyatt: Send response to Member RE: Conditional/Probationary Membership Conditions.

MOA Update:

S. McGinnis updated C&C on the following:

- Mennonites: C&C direction re: Mennonite interaction with Youth will be carried out.
- Animal By-Law: an internal review of this bylaw will be completed, the bylaw revamped, and then presented to C&C.
- Community Drug Strategy: staff viewed a possible property for a pre and post treatment facility. The land will be appraised. When COVID restrictions allow, there are two out of province facilities that will be visited that have successful treatment and transition models.
- Long Term Care Facility: S. McGinnis will be following up with the Ministry for official documentation following the announcement by Minister Rickford. An interface between internal department heads and 807 Management will be established to ensure training and infrastructure is set up.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-026

S. McGinnis: Engage with Ministry re: LTC Facility approval.

- A49: The intent of the Health Needs Assessment completed in 2020 was to lead to a contribution from ISC and substantiate the need for a Health Director to increase the health programming and services offered by the Nation.
- Mounds: S. McGinnis will speak with K. Speirs about decreasing staff and hours at the Mounds due to the Shutdown order from the Province.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-027

L. Hyatt/S. McGinnis: Request a presentation on Mound's budget to C&C for April 20,2021.

- Sturgeon Hatchery: The proposal is complete and has been substantiated by Oceans and Fisheries. A group of members will be assembled to work on this endeavour.

- Origin Heavy Equipment: Funding was acquired for a heavy equipment training course for members. Interested members have signed up with Training and Employment and others are in the process of finalizing their applications to participate.
- CCP Review: A meeting has been set up with an external consultant to discuss Bill C92 and its relevance to our CCP Program.
- Bus Driving Training Course: A bus driver course is being explored. RRFNs would like to offer this course to members to ensure that we have a call list of drivers available.
- Rental Arrears: The revitalised rental arrears policy is being finalized and will be presented to C&C at the April 20th, 2021, Business Meeting.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-028

L. Hyatt: Add Rental Arrears Policy to the next Business Meeting Agenda.

- Ontario Works: A review of the OW Program was requested.

CFO Update:

T. Waters updated C&C on the following:

- Trust Projects: T. Waters updated C&C on Trust proposals that were prepared for submission. Of the proposals, one submission is to offer Wills and Estates workshops and have Wills completed for Members.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-029

L. Hyatt: contact C. Calder re: corporation BCRs

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-030

L. Hyatt: Request final Community Garden Report to resend to C&C.

- Ziibi Anishinaabe: the transfer of funds into the Ec Dev Corp is complete.
- Pay Period Adjustment: Staff were given the opportunity to talk with T. Waters about this adjustment and a memo regarding the adjustment was resent. Options of how to recoup this adjustment will be discussed with Staff.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-031

T. Waters: analyse pay scale and research wage parity for positions.

- 2021/2022 budget: A brief overview of the major changes to the budget was given. A separate budget presentation meeting will be held.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-032

L. Hyatt: Send out Budget meeting invite- April 15th, 2021 @ 3pm.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-033

T. Waters: investigate billing the use of drum room space for schooling against current tuition bills incurred.

- CIBC Wood Gundy: C. Murphy and T. Morgan require documentation in order to advise how to best move forward on a particular investment portfolio that they manage on behalf of RRFNs.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-034

T. Waters: share documentation needed by CIBC Wood Gundy to advise on portfolios.

- Corporate Donation Letters: Data will be collected to provide accurate data on the corporations and companies RRFNs works with and donation letters will be tailored to these relationships.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-035

L. Hyatt & T. Waters: work on tailored donation letters to vendors.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-036

T. Waters: research getting RRFNs its own charitable number/designation.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-037

T. Waters and S. McGinnis: establish a list of essential employees.

Hook'd LOI:

The 90 days of the LOI is complete. A proposal for fibre installation/broadband was completed and submitted. It was recommended that RRFNs investigate purchasing the infrastructure for this project. Thus, even if the submission is not approved, RRFNs can still pursue setting up its' own broadband network.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-038

J. Wilson: send broadband information to T. Waters & S. McGinnis.

Riversedge Partnership:

C&C requested more information on the partnership with Riversedge and directed the following.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-039

Chief/L. Hyatt: request Riversedge Hiring process.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-040

Chief/L. Hyatt: Request Meeting with Partnership.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-41

Chief/L. Hyatt: have partnership Management agreement reviewed.

Youth Request:

J. Wilson requested that a request made by a youth member for cultural support be followed up on by administration.

ACTION # 2021- 04-06-042

T. Waters: follow up on Youth Request.

MOTION # 2021-04-06-004

To adjourn the Business Meeting

Moved by: Leona McGinnis

Seconded by: Will McGinnis

All in Favour - Carried

5:33 PM: Meeting Adjourned.

The minutes dated **April 6th, 2021**, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated:

April 20th, 2021. Date signed: April 20th, 2021




Chief Robin McGinnis



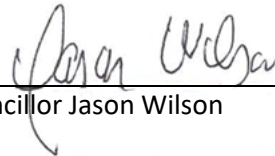
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