



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Member Meeting
Wednesday August 4th, 2021
RRFNs Drum Room
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chief Robin McGinnis
Councillor Gary Medicine
Councillor Leona McGinnis

Councillor Will McGinnis
Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

REGRETS:

Councillor Jason Wilson

OTHER:

Lauren Hyatt- EA to C&C
Casey Oster
Annie McGinnis
Sancia Medicine
Gloria Short
Laverne Caul
Albert Hunter

Beverly Wilson
Carolyn McGinnis
Dorothy Medicine
Dolores Nanie-Bradick
Dorothy Huttika
Ruthann McGinnis

Meeting Opened 5:35p.m. By Albert Hunter with prayer

Meeting Protocol Reminder (Chief McGinnis)

Everyone attending the meeting will have 10 minutes allotted to them to express any concerns or comments. These meetings will be for Band members only and meetings concerning the Community will be separately scheduled. Members on and off reserve who are unable to attend these meetings are encouraged to submit their questions and concerns directly to the departments they concern and leadership. Please remember that ALL are to adhere to the Client and Community Code of Conduct. No video recordings of this meeting are permitted.

Chief's Update: Chief R. McGinnis

Chief R. McGinnis updated the Membership on the following:

- 1) Community Camping Trip: The Community Camping Trip is happening at our Oscar Bay Property this week. It is all booked up already.
- 2) Education: Schools will be returning to in person lessons in September. If not, there will be a plan in place for distance learning support.
- 3) Public Works Department:
 - The Public Works Department will be having summer students starting to clean all band owned rental property eavestrough this week and will continue until completed.
 - The RRFNs Public Works Department has an after hours call number available for housing, maintenance and water/sewer needs. This was posted on the Facebook page and is on the website and magnets for your fridge with the number will be coming soon.

- RRFNs Households served by the Water Treatment Plant remain on a precautionary boil water advisory. We ask that people limit their water usage as possible as we work to address the issue.
 - The on-going nuisance bear problem has been reported to the MNR. Just a reminder that if a bear prevents an immediate threat, please immediately contact 911.
- 4) Upcoming Programming:
- Family well-being took 8 youth to a Youth Empowerment Camp this week.
 - Mondays at the Mounds
 - Community Beach Days
 - Fitness Room Opened today
 - Pal and Gun Safety Program
 - Hoopla Island Community Trip: this is already booked too, and you are reminded to have your waiver forms in by August 10th.
 - Outdoor Volleyball on Sundays from 6-9PM.
 - For more information you can contact Haley Broadbent or visit the Manitou Gym Facebook page.
 - Just a reminder that most of the funding that we receive is for on-reserve members, but we do try and extend programs and services to off-reserve members whenever possible.
- 5) Drug Strategy:
- We are busy flushing out different aspects of our Drug Strategy
 - Last week Staff and the Chief visited a Pre and Post Training facility at Pound maker outside of Edmonton. It was a full-service facility that opened our eyes to the amazing possibilities we can have on our Community.
 - They had Elders and Community members hired as staff, Nurses, doctors and therapists- it was a phenomenal facility.
 - Another similar facility in Manitoba was visited.
 - Partnership Opportunities, a service plan and a training plan is being established with these facilities provide treatment at a significant lower rate than other private facilities.
 - Administration is converting the Isolation trailers into a pre-post treatment facility that we hope to get up and running soon. The site is 90% complete a management and staffing plan is being created. RRFNS have support from local tribal authorities in this venture.
- 6) Fire Team: A notice has been sent to the Community door to door, on One Feather and the Facebook page to contact the fire chief if anyone 16 and over has any interest in training to be part of our fire team. Once interest is gauged, we will be designing an enhanced incentive program for training and continued involvement in this training for all including the fire chief.
- 7) Water Treatment Plant: C&C continue to lobby at the ROG level to get the water treatment going as soon as possible, be assured that significant headway is being made on this project to be on schedule March 2022.
- 8) Ziibi: Our Ec Dev Corp is currently working on getting the old Pinewood sports Building Operational Again. They are having the large building cleaned out to get it ready to lease and the small building has been cleaned out.
- 9) Neighbourhood Watch: The need for a Neighbourhood watch has been discussed at the table due to the vandalism happening in various places around the Community. A plan for this is being drafted for presentation to Chief and Council.
- 10) Residential School Graves: Meetings have been held with a company called SNC Lavolin who have access to Ground Penetrating Radar. RRFNs are looking at having them come to our area in

September to locate the graves of the many children that were taken from us. The main location for this search will be the Mounds and then they will move to St. Marguerites. Couchiching and Tribal organizations were invite to this meeting, and Stacey Jack for archaeological guidance and assistance. SNC Lavolin are conducting this service completely free of charge- they are providing technicians, detailed reports, equipment, data ownership and their travel all at no cost.

Membership Questions and Concerns:

a) **Records**

A member requested records rumored to be destroyed be recovered and that Graveyard maps be redrawn.

b) **Manager Presentations:**

A member requested that Program Managers be invited to the Community Meetings to present to the Membership what services they offer,

c) **Septic Field and Garbage Pickup:**

A member brought up concerns regarding their septic field and Garbage Pickup which will be forwarded to Public Works by the Chief.

d) **Membership Code:**

A member raised many concerns regarding the current Membership Code and requested that it be reviewed immediately. Other Members commented on these concerns extensively. Chief McGinnis stated that any reviews of the Code would be brought to the Community for Consultation and a vote. He also stated that some issues that were raised with the Membership Code, may be addressed in the Residency Code that is being drafted.

Concerns were raised that Membership Applications are not being addressed. Chief McGinnis assured Members that now that in person meetings can be held and that we have a new person handling Membership Applications, that all applications will be reviewed shortly and the time that they were submitted will be taken into consideration.

Next Meeting:


The next meeting will take place on September 1st, 2021: this date will be dependant on Covid restrictions, and it will likely be held in the Band Office Drum Room.

7:37PM – Meeting Adjourned.

The minutes dated Wednesday August 4th, 2021, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: September 2nd, 2021

Date signed: October 14th, 2021


Quorum: 3



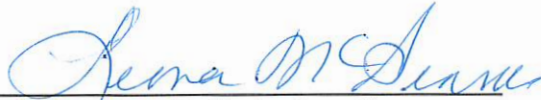
Robin McGinnis, Chief



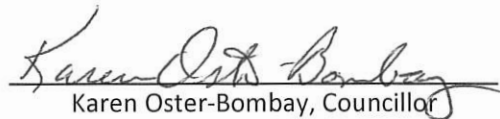
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