



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Community Meeting
Wednesday January 8th, 2020
Resource Centre – RRFN
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chief Robin McGinnis
Councillor Willie James McGinnis
Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

Councillor Gary Medicine
Councillor Leona McGinnis
Councillor Jason Wilson

OTHER:

Lauren Hyatt- EA
Beverly Wilson
Agnes Grover
Art Hunter

Jeremiah Windego- Band Manager
Sonny McGinnis
Sarah Hunter

*Meeting Opened 5:45p.m.
Drumming welcome by Art Hunter*

Protocol Reminder:

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.

Update from Chief R. McGinnis

- Rent Incentive Cheques have been issued.
- The East End Apartments have been deemed by C&C as strictly for Senior Members. There are currently two vacancies.
- Plastic bags were used for the last Newsletter delivery due to inclement weather. A solution suggested was to place mailboxes at every residence.
- There is still a call out for Housing staff and Committee
- Employee salaries can not be made public to Membership due to privacy laws.
- Council Renumeration options are being researched and pseudo job descriptions created.
- There is a call out for Members of the Ec Dev Board: Deadline 31st Jan. 2020

Community Questions and Concerns

East End Hall:

A.Grover informed C&C that the dishwasher in the East End Hall leaks and need to be repaired. Maintenance will be directed to do so.

Member Meeting Opening:

B. Wilson stated that although she respects it and that the Membership voted to have an Elder do an opening protocol, that she doesn't believe it is necessary. She further explained that these ceremonies can be completed at home by C&C if they choose to do so.

New Gold Mine:

B. Wilson stated that some issues observed with the New Gold Mine have been inherited over time: she believed that the Elders from the Community were not given the opportunity to express concerns around the creation of the mine nor did they agree to its creation. It was suggested that the IBA be explained to the Community, especially the Elders. She expressed that the new Manager of the mine seemed to be more open and aware of the racism that takes place at the Mine. Chief McGinnis responded that leadership too, have concerns on how the Mine is operating especially concerning the lines of progression. He has requested documentation on this from New Gold and a possible presentation on the IBA.

RRFNs Businesses & Employee Raises:

B. Wilson requested that as members they are privy to where band income through band businesses is being spent. She questioned where raises for staff, the wages for Mounds staff & the newsletter worker.

A synopsis of all Band businesses was requested. Chief McGinnis responded that all the revenue received is going into a pot: part of the pot is Solar Money. He also expressed that:

- raises are given is to help with staff retention and reduce the high turnover rate. This is a problem in the Tribal area; thus we need to have competitive pay to retain staff.
- The addictions program is funded poorly by Canada and thus money needs to be distributed into this program.
- A highest best use of the Mounds is being completed to reduce the debt incurred.
- The Sawmill board is looking into better pay for members at the Sawmill.
- The dissolution of Oni has been completed thus there will be no revenue coming in from this stream any longer.
- Once the Ec Dev Board is established funds will become more organized.
- The Band office was financed through the Bank as it worked out cheaper doing it this way.
- The Trust supplements much of our programming and program staff.

Lands:

There was concern as to how the Land we purchase is being used. Chief McGinnis stated that the lands department is compiling a list of lands we have acquired and ones we wish to acquire through the ATR process. Once created, a plan will be made for each parcel on its use.

In Camera Session

The next meeting date is February 4, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Previous Minutes approved and signed by Chief and Council

The minutes dated Wednesday January 8, 2020, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: _____

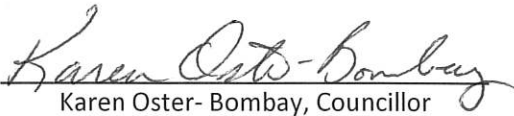
Date signed: October 14th, 2021



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