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RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS Chief & Council Business Meeting

May 11, 2023

Boardroom

9:00AM-6PM

**PRESENT:**

Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton Councillor Cassandra Kaysaywaysemat Councillor Kim Detweiler Councillor Dorothy Huitikka

Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay Councillor Robert Bombay

**OTHER:**

Lauren Hyatt: Executive Assistant to C&C Tim Grover: Minutes Chris McNab: HR Manager Frank Shepard

Leann Penny: Tribal Health April Beaulieu: Transitional Home Manager

Opening

***9:17AM: Meeting was opened.***

**MOTION # 2023- 05-11-001**

**Approve minutes with corrections.**

Moved by: K. Oster-Bombay

Seconded by: K. Detweiler

**ALL IN FAVOUR  
PASSED.**

**DISCUSSION**

**LIDKEA OPTICAL**

Lidkea stopped accepting non-insured travel grants, which translates into a clear lack of service to Indigenous peoples.

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-002**

**Prepare briefing for Chief Medicine-Horton concerning Lidkea Grievance**

J. Hunter-Connon

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-003**

**Public Works ask community members if they need assistance removing large items from their yards on community clean up days.**

K. Keller

W. Strachan

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-004**

**Discuss Education Awards Ceremony**

**TABLED**

*Frank Shepard joins @ 10:00am*

**Fire Dept. Presentation**

**Frank Shepard**

1. Name of Dept. There will be 2 names.
   1. The technical name will be in Anishinaabemowin.
   2. The radio handle will be in English.
2. Need to identify the operating direction so a BCR can be written.
   1. Subsection of the Indian Act speaks to council about welfare to the community. Pick what fits from the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. There are liabilities with communities with no license.
3. Core Services
   1. Fire Services requires a minimum of 6 firefighters.
   2. Major suppression areas are the roads and rails.
   3. Medical level response services. Narrow services immediate med service.
4. Confined Spaces.
   1. Modify to manholes, water treatment plant.
5. Water and Ice Rescue Response.
   1. Multiple choices for rescue vehicles. Frank can demo some different choices.
6. Elevator Rescue Procedure.
   1. Procedures need to be followed for safety.
7. Manitou Mounds
   1. Currently split into 3 different jurisdictions. East side is RRFN , central is Federal, and west is Township of Chapple. The MNR is responsible for the central area, thus it is important to maintain a good relationship with them.
8. Training Documents
   1. Certificate for transport of a fire extinguisher
      1. This training is enough to work in all of North America.
      2. Any class of Drivers License is authorization to drive the fire truck.
9. Budget
   1. F. Shepard will hand out budget list to C&C
   2. Will need $60K-$70K to get fire truck back up to operational standards.
      1. Intend to change the lock system on the fire truck

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-005**

**Write a letter to Chief Perreault of Couchiching asking to buy their old tanker once available.**

M. Medicine-Horton

F. Shepard

*F. Shepard leaves meeting @ 11:07*

**MOTION # 2023- 05-11-006**

**Move RRFN’S Investment Portfolio from CIBC to BMO**

Moved by: K. Oster-Bombay

Seconded by: C. Kaysaywaysemat

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**PASSED**

April Beaulieu joins @ 1:12

**4 -Day Grief Recovery Program coordinated by Joe Hunter**

There will be 4 open spots from a total of 10 attendees.

**MOTION # 2023- 05-11-007**

**Approve budget for 4-day Grief Recovery Program**

Moved by: K. Detweiler

Seconded by: C. Kaysaywaysemat

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**APPROVED**

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-008**

**Make a flyer for the 4 remaining spots for the 4-day grief recovery program.**

A.Beaulieau

April Beaulieu leaves @ 1:31

**DISCUSSION:**

**UNRESOLVED GRIEF CEREMONY on June 10th**

Will not be like a funeral, but a safe place to resolve grief from losing loved ones during pandemic. Will reach out to elders, drummers, and someone to officiate. C.Kaysaywaysamet suggested Ron Mandamin as officiant. Also requested counselor Josh Councillor from Giishkaandago’ikwe Tribal Health services for counselling services if needed.

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-009**

**Extend invitation to R. Mandamin, A. Hunter, and M. Bombay to Unresolved Grief Ceremony**

M. Medicine-Horton

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-010**

**Check on availability of elders, drummers, R. Mandamin for Unresolved Grief Ceremony**

L. Hyatt

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-011**

**Reach out to R. Mandamin to see if he’s available and see what kind of services he can offer for the ceremony.**

M. Medicine-Horton

**Update on Language Camp**

**C. Kaysaywaysemat**

The camp will be held towards the end of summer, possibly late August, or early September. Will use the first camp to revitalize the language.

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-012**

**Get exact dates for Language Class so Honorarium cheques can be written.**

C. Kaysaywaysemat

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-013**

**Get a poster made stating that a Language Committee is being formed.**

L. Hyatt

**ACTION # 2023- 05-11-014**

**Ask N. Cochrane about ATR for Pinewood Property**

L. Hyatt

*C. McNab Joins 2 2:15*

**HR Update**

*In-camera starts @ 2:17*

*In-camera ends @ 5:15*

**MOTION # 2023- 05-11-015**

**Adjourn Meeting**

Moved by: D. Huitikka

Seconded by: R. Bombay

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**PASSED**

**The minutes dated May11, 2023, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: Date signed:**

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