


# *Rainy River First Nations*

<b>Community Meeting Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>Location:</b> Rainy River First Nations Drum Room
<b>Date and Time:</b> October 1 <sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
<b>Council and Staff Attendees:</b> Wayne Strachan (MOA), Dorothy Huitikka (Councilor), Kim Detweiler (Councilor), Robert Bombay (Councilor), Cassandra Kaysaywaysemat (Councilor), Lauren Hyatt (Policy and Communications Analyst) and Alex Larson (EA).
<b>Regrets:</b> N/A
<b>Chairperson:</b> Wayne Strachan (MOA)
<b>Minute Taker:</b> Alex Larson (EA)

<b>Smudge drum room and open meeting:</b> 6:10 pm
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Agenda Item	Notes	Action	Motion
1). Opening	Smudge and open meeting at 6:10 pm		
2). Council Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with Solar Partners on September 3rd for an update on solar farm</li> <li>• Multiple department budget presentations with the CFO (Addictions and Finance)</li> <li>• Held weekly Council Business meetings to keep up to date on business during Chief's absence</li> <li>• Meeting with MNP re: Asset Management and will be arranging training in this area for Council and Staff</li> <li>• Celebrated a staff member having their 40th work anniversary</li> <li>• Had luncheon with Ziibi on September 10th to get update on multiple initiatives</li> <li>• Multiple meetings with legal department on investigation, findings, recommendations and resolution</li> <li>• EA attended LTC meetings pertaining to project design and funding, staff met with Council for direction</li> <li>• Policy Analyst and EA are planning a Governance and Policy for Council to attend in Winnipeg on October 16th, 17th and 18th (3 planning sessions have taken place)</li> <li>• Council member present as Chief Proxy at the September Chief's meeting</li> <li>• Have attended 2 Special Town of Emo meetings regarding the RR ER and Emo ambulance closures. Working on draft Resolution and assisting with petitions etc.</li> </ul>		

<p>2). Council Report (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had sit down session with Giishkaandago'ikwe Health Services to hear details about an off-reserve single-site health care location. Signed BCR to support</li> <li>• Council attended the Rainy River Future Development Corp AGM on September 17th</li> <li>• Planning meetings with GCT3 for Health Law Engagement session. The event was previously postponed in respect to a funeral. New date: October 30th.</li> <li>• Council went to the Treaty Three Police Services Board Town Hall Meeting on September 19th</li> <li>• EA completed 12 weeks of coaching</li> <li>• Met with Lawyer and NWB about procuring RLTRM monies in trust. A letter was drafted and will be presented at the business meeting on October 4th</li> <li>• Council and MOA met with T3PS representatives for Community Consultation (Treaty Three PS Operational Review and Board Strategic Plan) on September 23rd.</li> <li>• Had a sit-down session with MMH on September 23rd</li> <li>• RRFN board reps attended the Aazhogan Board meeting on September 26th</li> <li>• Office closed on September 30th for Truth and Reconciliation Day</li> </ul>		
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<p>3). Member Questions and Concerns</p>	<p>Community members inquire about where Chief is. The investigation process has been going on since early May. They are seeking transparent answers. K. Detweiler informs the community that there will be answers very soon. There have been numerous delays not from Council. Until further discussion takes place with Chief, they are unable to disclose further information at this time.</p> <p>Council will present the legal and governance costs for their term at an upcoming AGM. The dates for this will be announced in the near future.</p> <p>Want to know why there was no acknowledgement to the Rainy River First Nations Residential School Survivors at the Orange Shirt Day walk on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. This will be debriefed at the Council business meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</p> <p>Members are concerned about the health and safety issues for a particular home on-reserve. The home is unsafe to live in and they want to know if this individual has been allocated a new home. Questions raised on how the home allocation process is done and there are specific questions on the point system used to determine who gets a home and when. There is no process in place on deducting points and there were members who do not agree with this and feel that if you destroy or damage the properties points should be deducted.</p> <p>There are inquires on who &amp; how to contact someone to intervene or assist with stray dogs and cats. Concerns raised on the impact loose dogs are having on the community and the implications this could have. Protecting community and treating animals with respect is vital. It was suggested that a reoccurring page in the newsletter outlining instructions and even emergency contact magnets be made.</p>	<p>10-01-2024-001 Get the legal and governance costs for current councils term and present at upcoming AGM (A. Larson)</p> <p>10-01-2024-002 Add info on how to report stray dogs into the newsletter (K. Kellar and L. Hyatt)</p> <p>10-01-2024-003 Bring the rental arrears to community meeting so it can be acted upon (K. Kellar and W. Strachan)</p> <p>10-01-2024-004 IN CAMERA Housing  (K. Kellar)</p> <p>10-01-2024-005 Consider and discuss whether a person in arrears should be a Trustee (Council)</p>	
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	<p>Policy and Communications Analyst mentions the BCR signed by last Council which states that The Nation would fund spaying and neutering for pets up to the number allowed under the Animal By-Law. Noted to community that a copy of the By-Law is available on the website.</p> <p>Questions raised as to why there are no programs or safe places available for Youth on-community. Administration is having a hard time filling this and other open positions. The Youth Coordinator role has been open and posted for about a year now and we are not getting applicants. A helpful suggestion was made to re-draw the curriculum, wage and to do person to job matching and mentor the right people who otherwise may not have applied due to the required education and training. The need to expedite the hiring of an HR Manger was mentioned, as lots of this falls under that role.</p>		
4). IN CAMERA	<p>IN CAMERA: [REDACTED]</p>	<p>10-01-2024-006 IN CAMERA [REDACTED] (W. Strachan and K. Kellar)</p>	
5). Closing	Meeting closure at 8:29 pm		

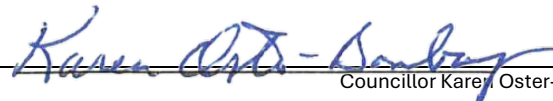
The minutes dated: Oct 1st, 2024, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: Oct 31st, 2024

Date signed: Oct 31st, 2024

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Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton



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Councillor Kim Detweiler



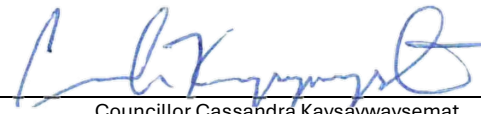
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