

## Rainy River First Nations

## Chief and Council Business Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Rainy River First Nations Boardroom

Date and Time: September 5th, 2024, at 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Attendees: Wayne Strachan (MOA), Dorothy Huitikka (Councilor), Kim Detweiler (Councilor), Robert Bombay (Councilor), Cassandra Kaysaywaysemat (Councilor) and Alex

Larson (EA).

Regrets: Tim Grover (EA)

Chairperson: Wayne Strachan (MOA)

Minute Taker: Alex Larson (EA)

Smudge boardroom and open meeting: 9:09 AM

| Agenda Item  | Notes   | Action  | Motion   |
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| 1). Review of today's agenda, along with the action items and meeting minutes from August 28 <sup>h</sup> , 2024.                        |   | 09-05-2024-001: Have the community meeting debrief that took place on August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 added to the agenda. T. Grover  09-05-2024-002: IN CAMERA (staff benefits)  W. Strachan  09-05-2024-003: Let Ziibi know they can use the old Band Office. Make sure there is internet in the building. W. Strachan and K. Kellar   | 09-05-2024-001 Motion to approve meeting minutes from August 28 <sup>th</sup> ,2024 with changes. Moved by: K. Detweiler Seconded by: D. Huitikka All in favor/passed  |
| 2). Community Meeting Debrief: September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024 a. Community Meeting Minutes (DH) b. Review Community Meeting items (WS) | Group discussion on the Community Meeting held on September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024. Multiple action items were identified and assigned. | 09-05-2024-004: The Community has requested there be typed minutes for the monthly community meeting along with the video being posted. A. Larson and T. Grover  09-05-2024-005: Re-order a mic for Community Meeting. The recent purchase was misplaced after Powwow. A. Larson  09-05-2024-006: Discuss burial plot and cemetery protocols with Elders (Traditional Burials/Christian Burials etc.) W. Strachan and D. Medicine  09-05-2024-007: See when the next Tribal Health Board meeting is and inquire whether home visits can start again. W. Strachan and A. Larson  09-05-2024-008: Communicate to families all the cultural and traditional things to be done prior to a funeral. W. Strachan and K. Kellar  09-05-2024-010 IN CAMERA (Human Resources): | Motion to keep the office open on Funeral days and reserve taking the day off only for those who attend the funeral.  Moved by: K. Detweiler Seconded by: D. Huitikka/All in favor/Passed  09-05-2024-003 (IN CAMERA re: HR) |

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| 3). Alex: a. Emo Senior's Center Partner Inquiry follow-up b. Urban Systems Governance Advisory/Policy Retreat date c. AFN Postponed d. ASPCI Core Group e. Aazhogan Shareholders Resolution   | AFN Convention has been postponed. A. Larson will watch for new dates. Policy Retreat dates are finalized and booked for October 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> in WPG.   | 09-05-2024-012: Follow-up with the Elders Coordinator and see if they surveyed Elders on the Emo Seniors Center Inquiry. W. Strachan and A. Larson 09-05-2024-013: Have T. Timmins update the Aazhogan Shareholders resolution to correctly reflect the board changes. A. Larson   |        |
| 4). Wayne:<br>a. Monthly Reports   | Monthly reports from departmental managers were distributed to Council and reviewed.   | 09-05-2024-014: Talk with JP Service Coordinator about how to post on Facebook so everyone can see. W. Strachan 09-05-2024-015: Daft up BCR's for everyone who is on the Membership Committee and their tenure on it. A. Larson  |        |
| 5). Kim: a. Ambulance/First Responders b. Trustee Applications RRFN/Ziibi c. Childcare Long Term Reform d. Planning AGM e. Moose Camp f. HR Updates: - HR Manager Interview Results - Cultural Coordinator - Addictions Dept GCT3 Health Strategy Session Info - Any other relevant HR Matters | Concerns from Community and District about the closing of Ambulance in Emo and the Rainy River Hospital. Council will attend Emo town meetings for more info and this will be brought up at the upcoming GCT3 Health Law Engagement Session on September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024.  Human Resources Manager interviews took place last week. A suitable person was identified and next steps for hiring were actioned to the MOA. | 09-05-2024-015: Need an on-reserve Trustee. MOA will find out when the Trust is reviewing applications. W. Strachan  09-05-2024-016: Start planning the RRFNs Annual General Assembly (2 x 7-hour days on October 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024), send call-out to staff for committee and book a meeting. A. Larson and W. Strachan  09-05-2024-017: Have departments start their reports for the RRFNs AGM in October. W. Strachan  09-05-2024-018: Ask an Elder for opening and closing prayers at the RRFNs AGM.  09-05-2024-019: Ask Communications Analyst to create and distribute a poster for the RRFNs AGM. W. Strachan and L. Hyatt  09-05-2024-020: Make a template for Council to use to create their own reports for the RRFNs AGM. A. Larson |        |

| 5). Kim (continued) a. Ambulance/First Responders b. Trustee Applications RRFN/Ziibi c. Childcare Long Term Reform d. Planning AGM e. Moose Camp f. HR Updates: - HR Manager Interview Results - Cultural Coordinator - Addictions Dept GCT3 Health Strategy Session Info - Any other relevant HR Matters | Council emphasizes the importance of regular and consistent cultural programs.  Due to loss of quorum at the RRFN Trust, there has not been movement on applications. Need to expedite getting a new trustee ASAP.  Council requests planning and hosting a Rainy River First Nations annual general assembly. EA and MOA to work on this for mid October. | 09-05-2024-021: Find out the exact seats available on Ziibi Trust (CHT and BMT), collect any applications for review at next business meeting. A. Larson 09-05-2024-022: Look into what the Trustee Honorarium amount is and see if this should be increased to incentivize applicants. W. Strachan and A. Larson 09-05-2024-023: Make list of decorations disposed of at the Resource Center clean up and replace the items. W. Strachan 09-05-2024-024: Plan the fall feast for when the weather and tree cycles line up. W. Strachan and I. White 09-05-2024-025: Ask M. Bombay what the other feast we need to plan is. Query Sioux Warriors Feast? W. Strachan and I. White IN CAMERA (Human Resources) 09-05-2024-026: | IN CAMERA (Human Resources) 09-05-2024-005 |
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| 6). Cassandra: a. RRFNs Business Corporations: Unused entities/info from T. Timmins b. Education  | Tabled C. Kaysaywaysemat's items to September 11 <sup>th</sup> due to time constraints.  |  |  |
| 7). June Amar: 2:30 – 3:15:<br>Salary increase request; present<br>to Council.  | Discussion for departmental salary increase was had.  J. Amar will be physically in the office from September 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> .  Salary discussion will continue on September 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024.  |  |  |

| 8). Dorothy: a. New build move-in dates b. Letter from A. Bruyere | Tabled D. Huitikka's items to<br>September 11 <sup>th</sup> due to time<br>constraints. |   |
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| 9). Closing:  | 4:13 PM   | 09-05-2024-006 Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:13pm Moved by: R. Bombay Seconded by: C. Kaysaywaysemat All in favor/passed |

| The minutes dated: Sep 5th 2024, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: Sep 11th , 2024 |
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| Date signed: Sep 11th, 2024  |
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