





# *Rainy River First Nations*

<b>Chief and Council Business Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>Location:</b> Rainy River First Nations Boardroom
<b>Date and Time:</b> January 21st, 2025, at 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
<b>Attendees:</b> Dorothy Huitikka (Councilor), Kim Detweiler (Councilor), Robert Bombay (Councilor) joins @ 1:29pm, Cassandra Kaysaywaysemat (Councilor) via Microsoft Teams, Karen Bombay-Oster (Councilor), Alex Larson (EA) and Tim Grover (EA), Kristina Bombay-Grover(OPP Officer), Sheldon Neely(CMHA)
<b>Regrets:</b> Wayne Strachan (MOA), Marcel Medicine-Horton (Chief)
<b>Chairperson:</b> Alex Larson (EA)
<b>Minute Taker:</b> Tim Grover (EA)

<b>Smudge boardroom and open meeting: open with smudge @ 9:10</b>
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Agenda Item	Notes	Action	Motion
1). Review of today's agenda, along with the action items and meeting minutes from January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2025.		<p>Action # 01-21-2025-001 Review Agenda of NABOC Convention to see which programs align with Agenda W. Strachan</p> <p>Action # 01-21-2025-002 Find out when next Education Contract gets signed and have Hope look at the particulars of contract. W. Strachan</p>	<p>Motion # 01-21-2025-001 Approve Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Business minutes with revisions Moved by: K. Oster-Bombay Second by: K. Detweiler Passed by quorum</p> <p>Motion # 01-21-2025-002 Approve Jan 21 Agenda with revisions Moved by: K. Detweiler Second by: D. Huitikka Passed by quorum</p>
2). Alex a. signing BCR's b. Feb. Community Meeting Date.		<p>Action # 01-21-2025-003 Speak with finance to see how much government funding is going towards education. W. Strachan</p>	
3). Wayne a. HR b. Addictions c. Health d. 4-day work week	<p>a. will meet with B. Katic on Jan 22 to discuss HR Manager interviews. Also, will discuss personnel files and what's needed for compliance. b. Bruce Oakes will host a night to honour graduates with a dinner and gift giving. c. WE have received complaints regarding tribal health's current policy regarding in-home visits. W.</p>	<p>Action # 01-21-2025-004 Get clarification on Christmas hours and how to work the pay structure for employees who have to come in during Christmas Break. W. Strachan</p>	

	Strachan will call them and see if anything can be done. D. Tabled		
4). Kim a. In-Office Council Calendar b. CBSA Officers c. Pow-Wow Committee d. Spring Ceremony/Sioux e. CCP Houses f. Solar Policy for under 18 yrs. g. Planning: accomplishments for 6 months, election code processes and next CC Term Hand-off		Action # 01-21-2025-005 Talk with A. Hiller to see exactly what she is looking for in letter to GCT3 W. Strachan  Action # 01-21-2025-006 We need Agenda items for the meeting scheduled Feb 11 with solar board A. Larson  Action # 01-21-2025-007 <div></div>  Action # 01-21-2025-008 Get cheque written to Doug Judson for remaining balance owed for services. A. Larson	

5). 11:30-12:00pm June Amar	June gives a financial presentation to council regarding investments and upgrading travel rates to mirror current federal rates,	Action # 01-21-2025-009 Draft a plan about U.S. Exchange Program for band members J. Amar	Motion # 01-21-2025-003 Increase travel mileage to \$.74 for 2025-2026 fiscal year effective April 1, 2025 Moved by: D. Huitikka Second by: K. Oster-Bombay Passed by quorum  Motion # 01-21-2025-004   Motion # 01-21-2025-005 
6). Kristina Bombay/OPP Intro (1:00-1:30pm) Kristina Bombay and Sheldon Neely join@1:05pm  Kristina Bombay and Sheldon Neely leave @ 1:36	Kristina and Sheldon offer tobacco and just wanted council aware of her new position with OPP, Global Response Team. They are asking what kind of services our community offers for mental health and addictions for off		

	reserve members. She also points out that T3P offers crisis response also.		
7). Karen a. CCP (Tabled from Jan9) b. Housing (Tabled from Jan9) c. Tuition Agreement d. Animal Control e. Housing (Inspections, Vacancies, Renos) f. Drug Strategy/Protection g. Recovery Options for treatment h. Fire Dept. updates from F. Shepard i. CCP Review (RRFN) j. Weechi Board Member k. Audit 2023 l. Round house and (funeral) Ceremony m. RRFN saw for sale		Action # 01-21-2025-010 Change language on Andrea McLeod’s BCR to reflect councils concerns about how original BCR is written A. Larson  Action # 01-21-2025-011 Speak with A. Hiller about what the requirements are for care takers W. Strachan  Action # 01-21-2025-012 Speak with V. Leonard about budget for dinner for Bruce Oake graduates. W. Strachan  Action # 01-21-2025-013 Speak with Tribal Health to see if they can revisit their policies regarding in-home care. W. Strachan  Action # 01-21-2025-014 See if the CBSA Officers are required or have any cultural training. What steps need to be taken.	

		<p>W. Strachan</p> <p>Action # 01-21-2025-015 Message Cultural Coordinator about the upcoming Spring Ceremonies. W. Strachan</p> <p>Action # 01-21-2025-016</p> <div></div>	
<p>8) Dorothy</p> <p>a. Honourarium amount</p> <p>b. IN-CAMERA: BW</p> <p>c. Lands Rentals</p>		<p>Action # 01-21-2025-017</p> <div></div>	
<p>9). Lauren: Policy Discussion (2:30-3:00)</p>			

10). AGM Debrief (3:00-4:00pm)			
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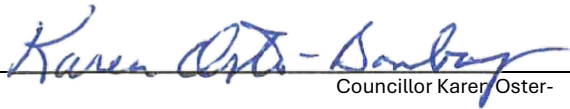
The minutes dated: Jan 9th, 2025, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: Jan 21st, 2025

Date signed: Jan 21st, 2025

Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton



Councillor Kim Detweiler



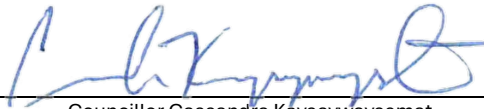
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