




Rainy River First Nations

Chief and Council Business Meeting Agenda
Location: RRFN Boardroom
Date and Time: June 5th, 2025, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Attendees: Wayne Strachan (MOA), Dorothy Huitikka (Councilor), Robert Bombay (Councilor), Cassandra Kaysaywaysemat (Councilor), Karen Oster-Bombay (Councilor), Kim Detweiler (Councilor), Tim Grover (EA)
Regrets: Marcel Medicine-Horton (Chief),
Chairperson: Wayne Strachan (MOA)
Minute Taker: Tim Grover (EA)

Smudge boardroom and open meeting: Meeting starts @ 9:09am with smudge

Agenda Item	Notes	Action	Motion
1). Review of today's agenda and meeting minutes from May 8, 2025, and May 21st, 2025	Review May 8 th minutes, approved with revisions. Review of May 21 st minutes, approved with revisions. Discussion regarding meeting with H. Campbell, M. Horton, and W. Strachan	Action 06-05-2025-001 Call Atikokan Hatchery regarding a tour W. Strachan/T. Grover Action 06-05-2025-002 Follow up with P. Kaun and K. Kellar regarding Community Cameras W. Strachan	Motion 06-05-2025-001 Accept Minutes with revisions Moved by: D. Huitikka Second by: R. Bombay Passed by Quorum Motion 06-05-2025-002 Us the Recruitment Agency Pinnacle to fill the EA Position for C&C Moved by: C. Kaysaywaysemat Second by: D. Huitikka ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED
2). Alex HR Discussion 2:30pm			Motion 06-05-2025-003 Proceed with a third-party HR Investigation Firm investigation involving L. Hyatt's complaint against C. Kaysaywaysemat Moved by: R. Bombay Second by: K. Detweiler ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED
3). Wayne a) JIC Report b) JP BCR c) Membership Letter d) Public Works e) Ceremonial Fires	a) 2 different reports are handed out to decide which one will be distributed to members. The difference is one has financials The decision has been made to use the report with the financials in it. b) TABLED		

	<div><div><div>c) The Letter needs one more signature to be delivered to D. Sinclair. K. Detweiler suggests informing him about his behavior prior to delivering the letter. The decision has been made to wait until further investigation and evidence has been done.</div><div>d) W. Strachan brings forward some BCR's that need to be signed.</div></div><div>In-Camera</div><div></div></div>		
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	<p>e) W. Strachan brings forward the 2 letters drafted by F. Shepard for the ceremonial fires just for councils knowledge.</p>		
<p>Update of Policies with L. Hyatt a) Membership Code Policy b) Community Trip policy 10:00am <i>L. Hyatt joins @ 10:00am</i> <i>L. Hyatt leaves @ 10:30am</i> <i>Health break @ 10:30am</i> <i>Resumes @ 10:46am</i></p>	<p>a) L. Hyatt reads the memo written by RRFN legal counsel, to be put out to members reading that the process was followed legally. If Council agrees council will sign and the memo will be distributed. In-Camera  b) TABLED</p>		
<p>4). Kim a) Membership Clerk Trainee b) C&C Hand-over Package c) Elections Timetable (General Elections d) Treaty Statement of Claim with JFK Law e) MFP Update f) T3PS Update g) Solar Partnership h) GCT3 Investment Group Partners package \$25K Penokean Hills Farm i) GCT3 Assembly Resolutions j) New Gold Racism</p>	<p>a) G. Medicine feels that 1 year is needed for training rather than 6 months. b) T. Grover, W. Strachan, and L. Hyatt will continue working on this document. c) Keep on radar d) e) Discussed profit sharing, \$113k distributed between employees, and audit review. Held a board meeting talking</p>	<p>Action 06-05-2025-003 T. Grover, W. Strachan, and L. Hyatt will continue working on C&C Handover Package</p> <p>Action 06-05-2025-004 Keep up with the Elections Timetable T. Grover/W. Strachan .</p> <p>Action 06-05-2025-005 Look into Boundary Waters Rep and see if someone from RRFN can join the board. W. Strachan</p> <p>Action 06-05-2025-006 Reach out to Terra about the sale of their share W. Strachan</p>	

Alberta Treaty Nations Support against Separation j) Bill 5 passed k) Eagle Lake First Nation seeking donations for legal fees against the Wabigoon Lake Nuclear Waste Site l) NW Mo Rally in Thunder Bay m) SCOT Analysis (Bruce Oak Recovery Center and Discussions on Drugs) June 10-12 n) Letters for Removal of 2 RRFN Trustees o) Request Letters Adyson Wilson Charlene Leonard o) Complaint Letters Kirsten Mikkelsen Audrey Mikkelsen Leona McGinnis	<p>about employee issues. Now that the company has been growing, they are considering developing an HR Dept.</p> <p>No issues during the audit.</p> <p>f) Behind 2 months on reports'</p> <p>g) Solar opportunities were discussed and looked at one of the partners looking to sell their share. Terra is selling their share, RRFN is second in line to buy it. T3 investment group is interested.</p> <p>h) The investment gives RRFN opportunities. A request has been made to send council a report to look at</p> <p>i) It's a beef and pork farm, they do all processing. W. Strachan told them we are in the process of purchasing our own meat processing and info was exchanged.</p> <p>j) Discussions have been made regarding the racism there and the</p>	<p>Action 06-05-2025-007 Reach out to surrounding First Nations, chiefs, etc. to gather support asap. Contact Ogichidaa Francis and GCT3. Send a letter of intent to the local businesses and CN before putting up the blockades. Contact other treaty areas and let them know of our intentions also. W. Strachan</p> <p>Action 06-05-2025-008 Send out notice to community of RRFN intention regarding Bill-5. W. Strachan</p> <p>Action 06-05-2025-009 Talk with Nicole about donating to Eagle Lake under Lands Dept. T. Grover</p> <p>Action 06-05-2025-010 Contact L. Mikoniki regarding C. Medicine's role and if the trust has the proper number of members to be working.. W. Strachan</p>	
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	<p>Chiefs have suggested writing a BCR. Ogichidaa says he's been writing letters but hasn't received any response. Resolution has been signed regarding the Alberta treaty nations regarding the separation issues. Traveling there to deliver the resolution has also been discussed.</p> <p>k) Bill-5 Treaty 3 is unanimous in the opposition of Bill.5. K. Detweiler feels RRFN is in a strong position in opposing the bill. K. Detweiler feels that we should start using our political power and do things in defiance of the bill. Discussion about options of how the First Nation can do something, such as road blockades and rail blockades.</p> <p><i>Break for lunch @ 12:30pm</i> <i>Resume @ 1:10pm</i></p> <p>l) Eagle Lake First Nation doing research regarding the nuclear waste site. Looking for donations.</p>		
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	<p>Could go to the trust under fighting for treaty rights. Lands program can do it.</p> <p>m) Nuclear waste management org rally July 25th. See if members are interested in attending</p> <p>n) Tour of Bruce Oake Invite extended to M. Horton and K. Detweiler said she will attend if he will not.</p> <p>o) Letters were received about the removal of 2 Trust trustees.</p>		
<p>LTC UPDATE with Kyle, Juanita, and Tracy 1:30pm <i>K. Kellar, J. Connon join @ 1:32pm</i> <i>K. Kellar, J. Connon leave @ 2:25pm</i> <i>Health Break @ 2:25pm</i></p>	<p>Discussion on the layout and design of the new road and long-term care facility. Recommendation to eliminate standard rooms and make semi-private rooms the standard.</p> <p>Estimated cost increase of approximately \$3 million for the changes.</p> <p>Plans to conduct elder consultation and LIDAR mapping before proceeding.</p>		

	Approval to move forward with the LIDAR scan at a cost of \$15,290.		
7). Marcel			
HR UPDATE with Alex Larson 2:30pm IN-CAMERA <i>A. Larson joins @ 2:32pm</i>			


	<div></div> <div><i>In-Camera ends @ 3:50pm</i> Meeting tabled and will resume on Monday June 9th.</div>		
8). Dorothy			
9). Robert			

10). New Business			


The minutes dated: _June 5th_____, 2025, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: ____June 18_____, 2025

Date signed: ____ June 18_____, 2025

Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton



Councillor Kim Detweiler




Councillor Karen Oster-
Bombay



Councillor Dorothy Huitikka



Councillor Robert Bombay



Councillor Cassandra Kaysaywaysemat