

Rainy River First Nations

Business Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Location: Rainy River First Nations Board Room
Date and Time: Aug 14th, 2025, 9:00 pm- 4:30 pm
Council and Staff Attendees: Marcel Medicine-Horton (Chief), Wayne Strachan (MOA), Dorothy Huitikka (Councilor), Kim Detweiler (Councilor), Robert Bombay (Councilor), Karen Oster-Bombay (Councilor), Tim Grover (EA, Minute taker).
Regrets: Wayne Strachan (MOA)
Chairperson:
Minute Taker: Tim Grover (EA)

Smudge Board room and open meeting: Meeting starts 9:03 @ am with smudge

Agenda Item	Notes	Action	Motion
1). Opening, review minutes from previous meeting and review current Agenda	Review of July 31 st minutes is tabled due to regrets. Meeting breaks @ 9:35am and will reconvene @ 11:00am	Action: 08-14-2025-001 Talk with “Tuffy” George to discuss 3 rd entrance using “shovel” Logging T. Grover/ M. Medicine-Horton Action: 08-14-2025-002 Get Council registered for AFN T. Grover	
2). Wayne ALL TABLED DUE TO REGRETS a). H. Angus email/letter l). Cultural Contract – New Gold n). Road Closure/Road Closure o). Fireworks			
3). Tim a. Education BCR’s TABLED			
4). Marcel a. Sturgeon	Sturgeon spawning issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sturgeon spawning issues due to water level mismanagement were discussed. The International Joint Commission is visiting to address these concerns. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plans to hold a meeting at the rapids to discuss water level management.		
<i>Meet with T3PS @ 11:00am Staff Sargent John Reppard and Trish Rupert joins @ 11:00pm</i>	<p>Unauthorized surveillance cameras</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A camera was found in an oak tree near the riverbank.Community members were not informed about the camera's installation.The camera was reportedly installed by OPP and CBSA.Concerns were raised about the camera's purpose and location.Community members felt disrespected by the lack of communication.The camera was allegedly pointed at the community, not across the river.OPP claimed the camera was for monitoring illegal activities.The camera has been removed, but its current location is unknown.Community members want a communication protocol for future surveillance. <p>Community surveillance initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community members are considering installing their own cameras.Surveillance could help monitor drug houses and illegal activities.		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community members discussed the legality of installing cameras.• Law enforcement cannot direct community members to install cameras.• Community members can share surveillance footage with law enforcement.• Funding for community surveillance initiatives was discussed.• Public Works is in the final stages of acquiring cameras. <p>Drug houses and law enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community members provided a list of known drug houses to law enforcement.• Frustration was expressed over the lack of action on drug houses.• Community members feel powerless to address drug-related issues.• Law enforcement explained the need for intelligence to take action.• Community members were encouraged to gather and share information. <p>Mental health resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community members discussed the need for more mental health workers.• An incident involving a young girl in a mental crisis was shared.• Community members felt unsupported by law enforcement during the incident.		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plans to embed mental health workers with law enforcement were discussed.• Funding for additional mental health resources is being sought. <p>Inappropriate messages incident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An incident involving inappropriate messages to a young girl was discussed.• Community members were frustrated by the lack of immediate action.• Law enforcement explained the need for specialized interviewers for children.• Community members considered withdrawing from a family services organization.• Law enforcement promised to investigate the incident further. <p>Future collaboration with law enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community members expressed the need for better communication with law enforcement.• Plans for a follow-up meeting with OPP and other agencies were made.• Community members want to establish a protocol for future interactions.• Law enforcement expressed willingness to collaborate and address concerns.• Community members were encouraged to reach out with any issues.		
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g. Program Fair h. Audit i. ACSPI update j. MFP update			
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Meeting adjourned @ 2:55pm

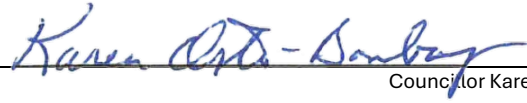
The minutes dated: __Aug 14th____, 2025, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: __Aug 28th____, 2025

Date signed: _____Sept.18____, 2025

Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton



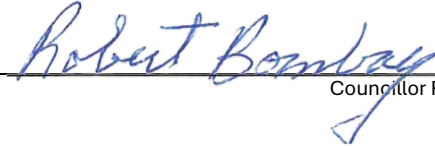
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