

# *Rainy River First Nations*

<b>Business Meeting Agenda and Minutes</b>
<b>Location:</b> Rainy River First Nations Board Room
<b>Date and Time:</b> Sept 11, 2025, 9:00 am- 4:30 pm
<b>Council and Staff Attendees:</b> 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).
<b>Regrets:</b> N/A
<b>Chairperson:</b> Wayne Strachan (MOA)
<b>Minute Taker:</b> Tim Grover (EA)

Smudge Board room and open meeting: Meeting starts @ 9:00amwith smudge

Agenda Item	Notes	Action	Motion
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1). Opening, review minutes from previous meeting and review current Agenda	Tabled to next Thursday		Motion: 09-11-2025-001 Pass minutes with revisions Moved by: Second by:
2). Wayne a). Signing of Resolutions b). Darrell Landscaping c. C. Debungee d. Fish fry (our own) e. Bell Bill of \$35k f. 146 MRD house g. IT Contract	<p>a). Discussion of IT contract before signing. BCR for V. Debungee to join Membership Committee gets signed. Discussion about adding another on-reserve member to Membership Committee to be able to meet quorum. Resolutions for RRFN Development Corp and other Resolutions are passed around table to be signed.</p> <p>A-1). Discussion about the purchase of Greensides. W. Strachan hands out the Meat Shop Investment Proposal outlining revenue streams and training and wage subsidy plan. A minimum of 3 employees will be needed to run the business.</p> <p>b). T. Oshie-Horton says the 3 signs for the Community can be taken down and painted by Kaycee Oster and refurbished at a cost of \$48,500. The 2 signs on Hwy 11 will be completely rebuilt and the sign on HWY 71 will just be repainted. A cheque req will be written for the project</p> <p>c). Discussion about C. Debungee's request for funding of softball team in Kamloops. Asking for \$5180 to cover Uniforms and Hotel coverage. Council agrees to paying \$1000 per RRFN Member on team.</p> <p>d). At seniors meeting, it was brought up to have just a community fish fry. W. Strachan suggested having it during the fall feast.</p> <p>e).</p> <p>f). Renovation costs at \$68k on the books, CCP looking into purchasing the home. Is council willing to let CCP buy the home, and they are asking how much the house will cost? Discussion about how much money the CCP Program can come up with to purchase. There is a fund that we can access as long as the house is on the reserve.</p>	<p>Action: 09-11-2025-001 Talk with other T3 nations about how much they're paying for IT Services. W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 09-11-2025-002 Set up PA for IT with Alex W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 09-11-2025-003 Talk with L. Hyatt about getting policy created for situations like the C. Debungee request so W. Strachan can sign off without having to go to C&amp;C W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 09-11-2025-004 Arrange meeting with Ministry to discuss Special Economic Zone etc. W. Strachan</p>	Motion: 09-11-2025-002 Give \$1000 per RRFN athlete that will be playing on the softball team captained by C. Debungee. In the event that there's no participation in tournament full reimbursement is expected. Moved by: K Oster-Bombay Second by: R. Bombay PASSED BY QUORUM

		<p>Action: 09-11-2025-005 Talk with J. Amar about where the solar money is coming from W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 09-11-2025-006 Talk with A. Hiller about purchase price and negotiating W. Strachan</p>	
<p>3). Tim</p> <p>a). Signing of minutes</p>	a).	<p>Action: 09-11-2025-007 Talk with K. Oster about getting an invoice for refurbishing signage W. Strachan</p>	
<p>4). JFK LAW @ 10:00am</p> <p><i>Bryce Lansdell &amp; Lauren Daniel join @ 10:00am</i></p>	<p>Introductions are made and Bryce says the bulk of the meeting are interested in 2 claims involving CN and Agricultural Benefits. Regarding the Agricultural Claims, what they could look like, Research typically costs around \$40k. JFK will help get funding sources.</p> <p>Regarding CN Claim, there are rules that put restrictions on how Canada can take land from First Nations. RRFN submitted a claim in 2008 and was not opened or negotiated in 2009. Rejected in 2009. L. Daniel suggests looking at why the claim was rejected and try to get the claim moving forward again. The law has changed around claims since then. What to do is look at the strength of the claim, prepare and file the claim, and then negotiate with the Province. JFK does not take a cut of any settlement; they just bill per hour worked on each claim. Research typically would cost around \$15-\$20k if no historical research needed. If historical research needed, can cost around \$200k</p>		

5). Meet with T3PS about camera at rapids @ 11:00pm 5 Officers from T3PS join	It was disclosed that the camera was a joint venture with OPP and has been there since 2024. A discussion from officers say that they install cameras at interest spots of potential high crime areas and they installed camera because of potential of crime coming from U.S. T3PS admits there was a mistake made regarding installing the camera and apologize and ask for forgiveness. And also ask for a contact person moving forward when any other thing is involved on RRFN land.	Action: 09-11-2025-008 Send an updated digital land map to T3PS W. Strachan/N. Cochrane	
6). Marcel a. Colliers Engineering b. Black Monitors c. Mailbox Install d. Water Delivery e. Dog By-Law f. Dangerous Tree removal g. Crushed gravel for Rapids Walkway.  <i>L. Hyatt joins @ 12:05pm to discuss Elections</i>	b. will get a PA for IT  c. Get the mailbox's installed  d. Water has been being delivered every Friday to the Elders. Chief M. Medicine-Horton requests that it be delivered to our members without vehicles.  e. Still issues with dogs running loose and needs to be taken care of.  f. A tree came down next to J. Medicine and there are many trees in community that are a danger to our members' homes. Wait n RRFN Trust leaves drop and identify which trees will be removed  g. Had tea and Bannock and everyone was impressed. Chief M. Medicine-Horton would like to see a path made. The decision has been made to move forward.	0.	

7). Kim a. Special Economic Zones Act & Ontario Heritage Act b. PA for MOA c. Education/Training for Employees (clause or contract) d. Department Program Fair e. Community Financial Presentation (Dept.) f. Closure of May 2024 sharing Circle with Staff	a). W. Strachan reads the email sent by T. Mah and R. Ramsarran from Ministry of Economic Development and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.		
Meet with Tuffy George to discuss shovel logging for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Entrance to Community <i>T. George joins @ 1:05pm</i> <i>T. George leaves @ 1:30pm</i>	T. George is offering to train Members if he gains the contract to clear for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> entrance. He has guys who are certified to train. Greg Siggursen. Discuss about how he would do the job and timeframes involved. Chief M. Medicine-Horton says he can give an answer in two weeks about when the contract can start. T. George says he can train up to 10 people. Will get the drawings from CN .		

<p>5). Meet with Lukas Collier with Collier Engineering. <i>Lukas Collier joins @ 2:00pm</i> <i>Lukas Collier leaves @ 3:00pm</i></p>	<p>Discussion on potential infrastructure projects with Colliers Engineering. Colliers Engineering specializes in project management for indigenous communities. Colliers can assist with funding applications for infrastructure projects. The proposed project involves a multi-use ice rink and community complex. Minister Rickford has shown interest in supporting the project. Colliers does not require a retainer and will build fees into the project budget. The project is estimated to cost around one million dollars. Council approved the motion to retain Colliers Engineering for the project. Colliers will help build a business case highlighting social benefits. Five potential projects were discussed, including a multiplex and baseball diamond lights.</p>		<p>Motion: 09-11-2025-003 Retain Colliers Engineering to get the project started for an athletic complex. Moved by: D. Huitikka Second by: K. Oster-Bombay ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED</p>
<p>6). HR Update In-Camera <i>A. Larson joins @ 3:00pm</i> <i>In-Camera @ 3:05pm</i> <i>In-Camera end @ 4:07</i> <i>A. Larson leaves @ 4:07</i></p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] court</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>		<p>Motion: 09-11-2025-005 Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by: K. Oster-Bombay Second by: M. Medicine-Horton ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED</p>

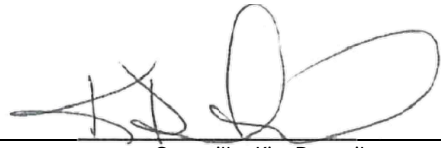
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Meeting adjourned @ 4:30pm

The minutes dated: \_\_Sept. 11\_\_\_\_, 2025, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: \_\_Sept. 11\_\_\_\_, 2025

Date signed: \_\_\_\_Sept. 18\_\_\_\_, 2025

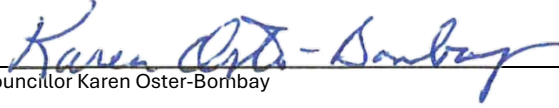
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