



Rainy River First Nations

Chief and Council Business Meeting Minutes
Location: RRFN Boardroom
Date and Time: May 21st, 2025, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Attendees: Chief Marcel Medicine Horton, Wayne Strachan (MOA), Dorothy Huitikka (Councilor), Robert Bombay (Councilor), Cassandra Kaysaywaysemat (Councilor), Karen Oster-Bombay (Councilor) and Alex Larson (EA).
Regrets: Tim Grover (EA), Kim Detweiler (Councilor) and Cassandra Kaysaywaysemat (Councilor)
Chairperson: Wayne Strachan (MOA)
Minute Taker: Alex Larson (EA)

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Agenda Item	Notes	Action	Motion
1). Review of today's agenda and meeting minutes from May 8 th , 2025	<p>The meeting minutes from May 8th, 2025 were not available due to staff on business travel. They will be brought forward at the next business meeting.</p> <p>M. Medicine Horton added b. name removal from powwow committee</p> <p>W. Strachan goes through his action items from the previous meeting.</p> 	<p>Action item 05-21-2025-001: </p> <p>Action item 05-21-2025-002: Book a meeting with F. Shepherd for Emergency Response training. W. Strachan and K. Kellar</p> <p>Action item 05-21-2025-003: Add the tuition agreement to the incumbent Chief and Council's hand-off report W. Strachan and T. Grover</p> <p>Action item 05-21-2025-004: Book a meeting with H. Cambell to discuss the lack of coaching for students. W. Strachan and M. Medicine Horton</p> <p>Action item 05-21-2025-005: Follow up with J. Amar about the hydroponics trailer. W. Strachan and K. Kellar</p> <p>Action item 05-21-2025-006: Call the Atikokan Fish Hatchery for a tour. W. Strachan and T. Grover</p> <p>Action item 05-21-2025-007: Follow up with J. Amar about an info sheet about prevention dollar usage. W. Strachan</p>	

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	<p>W. Strachan asked CFO J. Amar to provide a pamphlet about what prevention dollars can be used for and is still waiting and need an update on hydroponics trailer.</p>		

<p>2). Alex</p> <p>a. Voyageurs National Park – Co-Stewardship Workshop 2</p> <p>b. C&C presence at Seikido</p> <p>c. IN CAMERA: Grievances from Membership</p> <p>d. Weechi Service Agreement</p> <p>e. GCT3 Assembly Proxy</p> <p>f. IN CAMERA: follow-up on meeting with CFO</p> <p>g. Cheque signers next week</p> <p>h. Fire Ban BCR</p>	<p>The next Voyagers National Park Co-Stewardship Workshop will take place on June 25th – 27th, 2025 in Fortune Bay.</p> <p>R. Bombay agreed to be the Council member present at the upcoming Seikido Tournament on May 31st, 2025.</p> <p>The 2025/2026 Weechi service agreement was presented to Chief and Council for review and signature. Councilor K. Oster Bombay signed.</p> <p>Contingency plan made for cheque signers the week of May 26th due to most of Chief and Council being away at the GCT3 Assembly.</p> <p>C&C signed a BCR putting the fire ban in place on May 15th, 2025.</p>	<p>Action item 05-21-2025-008: Register and arrange travel for R. Bombay, K. Oster-Bombay and D. Huitikka to attend the upcoming Co-Stewardship Workshop in Fortune Bay. T. Grover and A.Larson</p> <p>Action item 05-21-2025-009: Draft a message to community members stating that R. Kasana is taking care of Family Wellbeing now too. W. Strachan and T. Grover</p> <p>Action item 05-21-2025-010: Let the Seikido Team know that R. Bombay will attend the tournament on May 31st, 2025 A.Larson</p> <p>IN CAMERA Action item 05-21-2025-011: [REDACTED]</p> <p>IN CAMERA Action item 05-21-2025-012: [REDACTED]</p>	

<p>3). Wayne</p> <p>a. Addictions Requests</p> <p>b. Family Trip</p> <p>c. IN CAMERA: Membership</p> <p>d. IN CAMERA: JB Transition Home</p> <p>e. Fireworks</p>	<div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <p>The fireworks display for the Fish Fry was postponed due to the fire ban. We will re-book for another event in the near future.</p> <p>BCR for the 2025 Family trip was circulated and signed. This will go with the trust application. The Family trip to Wisconsin Dells last year did not have a supporting BCR. This is needed to close the file at the trust office. This was signed by Council and will be forwarded to L. Mikonini.</p> <p>Letter removing D. Sinclair from the RRFNs Membership Committee was</p>	<p>Action item 05-21-2025-013: Re-book the fireworks display for the Powwow or high school grad depending on the fire restrictions. W. Strachan</p> <p>Action item 05-21-2025-014: Let C. Leonard know that she was not approved to attend the AA Workshop in BC. W. Strachan and D. McMahon</p>	


	<p>reviewed and signed by a quorum of Council. M. Medicine Horton declined to sign as he was not privy to what happened constituting removal.</p> <p>IN CAMERA: [REDACTED]</p>		
4). Karen a. Drug Houses b. Van Truck Rent-out c. Street Cameras d. GCT3 Spring Assembly	<p>K. Oster Bombay brings up concerns about 3 specific houses on community with a lot of foot traffic and concern for drug activity. Need to inform the Treaty 3 Police.</p> <p>Questions about why M. Wilson was using the RRFNs vans. MOA confirmed that he and C. Jack have been hired by RRFNs and are both insured to use the vans. There is no further concern.</p> <p>J. Amar is still looking for a funding source for the community security cameras. M. Medicine Horton suggested own source revenue.</p>	<div>Action item 05-21-2025-015: Inform the Treaty 3 Police about the 3 homes identified as drug houses on community. W. Strachan</div> <div>Action item 05-21-2025-016: Confirm that M. Wilson is a hired helper of C. Jack regarding RRFNs vehicle use. Also check they are on the insurance if using it. W. Strachan and K. Kellar</div> <div>Action item 05-21-2025-017: Reach out to J. Amar and see if she has yet to identify the funding source for security cameras as requested. W. Strachan and T. Grover</div>	
5). Dorothy a. Food Distribution (Red Garage) b. Maps	Tabled		

6). Cassandra a. Kim's email b. Education Policy c. Membership Code Vote	C. Kaysaywaysemat was not present for the meeting, therefore these items have been tabled.		
7). Marcel In-Camera a. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Action item 05-21-2025-018 Create a reference letter for M. Medicine Horton to use as a guide between governance and administration duties. W. Strachan and T. Grover	
8). IN CAMERA Meetings re: Housing 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM	The housing meetings were postponed at Council's request. They will be rearranged soon.		
9). New Business	None added.		


10). Closing			Motion 05-21-2025-001: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 PM Moved by: K. Oster-Bombay Seconded by: M. Medicine Horton All in favor/passed
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The minutes dated: __May 21st_____, 2025, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: __June 5th_____, 2025

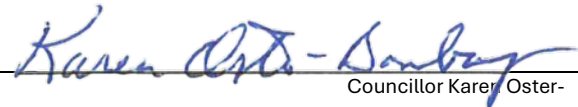
Date signed: __June 5th_____, 2025



Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton



Councillor Kim Detweiler



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