



Rainy River First Nations

Business Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Location: Rainy River First Nations Board Room
Date and Time: July 3, 2025, 9:00 am- 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: N/A
Chairperson: Wayne Strachan (MOA)
Minute Taker: Tim Grover (EA)

Smudge Board room and open meeting: Meeting starts @ 9:30 with smudge

Agenda Item	Notes	Action	Motion
1). Opening, review minutes from previous meeting and review current Agenda	No minutes for review-TABLED		Motion: 07-03-2025-001 Pass minutes with revisions Moved by: R. Bombay Second by: D. Huitikka Passed by quorum
2). Wayne a). Education	a). Multiple BCR's are signed for Ed. Dept. H. Mosbeck needs to write a letter to Council regarding the financial amounts being asked for on some of the BCR's.	Action: 07-03-2025-001 Forward video of D. Sinclair to K. Detweiler L. Hyatt	Motion: 07-03-2025-002 Approve Education Policy Change to two tiered eligibility structure Moved by: D. Huitikka Second by: K. Oster-Bombay All in favour/Passed
3). Tim a). Signing Authority BCR b). Voyagers Conservancy Stipend Agreement	a). The BCR deals with giving signing authority to the MOA or CFO in times of emergency. The BCR has passed and is signed. b). The agreement is signed by D. Huitikka and R. Bombay. The stipends will return to the Nation.		
4). Animal Control Officer <i>K. Kellar joins @ 2:50 pm to discuss</i>	Public works is working on getting him a cell phone for work. D. Medicine has plans for building a shelter loosely based off of K. Oster's suggestions. Dog tags are being ordered along with the documentation needed. Also, a laptop will be distributed to him.	Action: 07-03-2025-002 Look into any training opportunities for the Animal Control Officer W. Strachan	

Meet with Josh Liebermann
11:00 am **In-Camera**
J. Liebermann joins @ 11:00 am
A. Larson joins @ 11:00am

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3). I In-Camera <i>In-camera starts @ 11:51 am</i> <i>K. Oster-Bombay declares conflict and leaves @ 11:51 am</i> <i>M. Medicine-Horton declares Conflict and leaves @ 11:51 am</i>	<div>[REDACTED]</div>		

<p><i>K. Oster-Bombay joins @ 12:28 pm</i></p> <p><i>M. Medicine-Horton joins@ 12:28 pm</i></p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>		
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>a). An update on what is being done for the off-reserve elders.</p> <p>b). Have arrangements been made for the elders who RRFN has bought the Costco cards?</p>	<p>a). D. Huitikka raised the topic of support and activities for off-reserve members, referencing the \$50 Cloverleaf program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Off-reserve members are eligible but must:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Call Danica for coordination.	<p>Action: 07-03-2025-004</p> <p>Ask D. Medicine if she has a list of the elders being served under her Programs</p> <p>W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-005</p>	

<p>c). Have we got any reports on what programs the Elders Coordinator has run?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pick up the support in person, as mail-outs are not being offered.○ Sign off to confirm receipt. <p>b) D. Huitikka mentioned activities such as two fishing trips, sewing classes, and a supper event at Northwest Bay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other activities included workshops on smoking and food preservation.• D. Huitikka expressed that greater promotion of these events could increase elder participation, especially for on-reserve elders.• Discussion noted that newsletters and digital communication (e.g., One Feather) are not reaching all members, especially those who:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Are not computer literate.○ Lack internet or cell phone access.• Tim questioned if newsletters were still being sent out via One Feather, as recent mailings seemed sporadic.• K. Detweiler suggested leveraging Gwen’s database of members to identify elders/seniors.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gwen could send letters to members who have opted in for communications regarding community events.○ Denessa could draft the communication with Gwen managing distribution.• The group agreed this may be the best way to reach more elders, particularly those off-reserve.	<p>Get D. Medicine to start turning in her monthly reports W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-006 Ask Membership Registrar for an off-reserve elders list to engage in elder program W. Strachan</p>	
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Discussion with JFK Law Firm <i>Bryce Lansdell joins @ 1:30pm</i>	Bill 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emails have been drafted to send to all treaty Three communities as well as Ogichidaa Francis and Ogichidaa-Kwe• A meeting will be set up to discuss with T3PS• A notification will be drafted and sent to Rickford Treaty Annuities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RRFN wants to participate in the lawsuit• JFK is pursuing Rep action which allows for representing the nation.	<div>Action: 07-03-2025-007 Get a copy of RRFN Land code to Bryce Lansdell T. Grover <u>Action: 07-03-2025-008</u> Send Letters regarding Bill 5 to Ogichidaa and Ogichidaa-kwe mailed out. Send all others Monday July 7, 2025 T. Grover Action: 07-03-2025-009 Talk with D. Medicine about the Elders Group and see if rumours are true about certain member taking over. W, Strachan</div>	

<p>5). Karen</p> <p>a) Planning of Bill 5 protest</p> <p>b). Shower/laundry building</p> <p>c). Landfill - members, organization</p> <p>d). Maintenance crew / Students</p> <p>e). Elders group</p> <p>f). Housing</p>	<p>a). TABLED</p> <p>b). The building needs a foundation built and will be set up at the north side of the pow wow grounds</p> <p>c). K. Oster-Bombay requesting signage saying only for RRFN members. Maybe leave a key at the Junction and let members know.</p> <p>d). Regarding the brush cutting Hydro did, K. Oster-Bombay suggests having the summer students clean it up and bill Hydro for the clean up.</p> <p>e). W. Strachan will have a discussion with D. Medicine regarding the elders group.</p> <p>f). Regarding the C Brown allocation, Chief Medicine-Horton says she comes home on the weekends. J. Petrimont will be moved out in 2 weeks.</p>		
<p>6). Kim</p> <p>a). Baseball Field Project</p> <p>b). Bill 5 Updates</p> <p>c). A.B. Meeting Debrief (Housing)</p> <p>TABLED</p> <p>d). ACSPI Revised Budget</p> <p>e). 2025/26 Program Budgets</p> <p>f). Job/Program Fair</p> <p>g). Committees TOR Review</p> <p>h). Annual PAs (Employees)</p> <p>i). Annual C&C Evaluation</p> <p>j). 2025 Nomination/Election process</p> <p>k). Urban Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Finalized Strategic Plan <p>C&C Transition Package</p>	<p>a). K. Detweiler inquired about the status of the baseball field project, noting it was discussed in February but has not yet progressed. K. Kellar indicated that no significant progress has been made to date. Responsibility for the project is with A. Jack, though K. Kellar is unsure of the current status.</p> <p>b). Discussion briefly touched on legal matters related to Bill 5 and annuities. Documents have been sent to JFK Law, including a signed BCR (Band Council Resolution). A template provided by JFK was utilized for the submission.</p> <p>c). TABLED</p> <p>d, e). All budgets have been sent to J. Amar</p> <p>f). P. Morriseau and T. Oshie-Horton will be brought into meeting to discuss Program fair.</p>	<p>Action: 07-03-2025-010</p> <p>Get app done for lights at ballfield</p> <p>W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-011</p> <p>Speak with J. Amar about the Program Managers budgets</p> <p>W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-012</p> <p>Speak with P. Morriseau and T. Oshie-Horton about developing Program Fair.</p> <p>W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-013</p>	

	<p>g). A list is being compiled and gathered for the next term coming in.</p> <p>h). The PA process is being reviewed and will be sent out to each department manager for next steps</p> <p>i). K. Detweiler asked about scheduling the annual C&C self-evaluation, which was conducted last summer. T. Grover confirmed he can send out the necessary paperwork and will make this an action item.</p> <p>j). K. Detweiler asked about the election process timeline and whether steps have started. W. Strachan confirmed he has spoken with Connie Kress, who is reviewing the governance policy and election code to determine the next required steps. tatus: Process review has already begun.</p> <p>k). K. Detweiler asked about finalizing the Urban Systems strategic plan. W. Strachan will contact M. Wakely to follow up on the plan’s completion.</p> <p>l). Kim raised the need to develop the transition package for the next Chief and Council, a task Urban Systems was to assist with. W. Strachan confirmed that this item will be discussed with Mike early next week alongside the strategic plan.</p>	<p>Send self-evaluation papers to C&C for annual evaluation T. Grover</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-014 Get in touch with M. Wakely about Strategic Plan and C&C Transition Package W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-015 In-Camera [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-016 Look into the possibility of CCP purchasing the W. Wilson house just east of Admin Building W. Strachan</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-017 Have the D. Quagon house inspected K. Kellar</p> <p>Action: 07-03-2025-017</p>	
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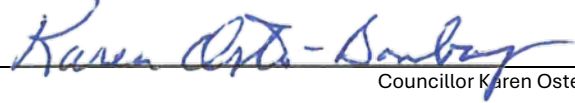
Meeting adjourned @ 4:30pm

The minutes dated: ____July 3____, 2025, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: ____July 31____, 2025
Date signed: ____July 31____, 2025

Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton



Councillor Kim Detweiler



Councillor Karen Oster-
Bombay



Councillor Dorothy Huitikka



Councillor Robert Bombay