Rainy River First Nations

Business Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Location: Rainy River First Nations Board Room
Date and Time: Oct 16, 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 Wayne Strachan (MOA)
Chairperson: Kyle Kellar (Acting MOA)
Minute Taker: Tim Grover (EA)

Smudge Board room and open meeting: Meeting starts @ 9:05am

Agenda Item	Notes	Action	Motion
1). Opening, review minutes from Sept. 18th and Sept 25th meetings and review current Agenda	Action items from Sept. 18 are tabled until next Business Meeting Action items from Sept. 25 are tabled until next Business Meeting D. Leonard introduces a running action item list to address any leftover action items so none slip through the cracks.	Action: 10-16-2025-001 Speak with R. Kasana about speaking with L. Medicine about her issues with her home. W. Strachan Action: 10-16-2025-002 K. Kellar will talk with maintenance about resuming water delivery. K. Kellar Action: 10-16-2025-003 Schedule the Financial presentation for fiscal year 2022-2023 K. Kellar Action: 10-16-2025-004 Have W. Strachan and A. Larson look into the employees who are working from home because it seems that there are a lot of complaints from members. W. Strachan/ A. Larson	Motion: 10-16-2025-001 Pass Agenda with revisions Moved by: R. Bombay Second by: K. Detweiler ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED Motion: 10-16-2025-002 Pass Sept. 18 Minutes with revisions Moved by: D. Huitikka Second by: R. Bombay ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED Motion: 10-16-2025-003 Pass Sept. 25 Minutes with revisions and table action items until Moved by: K. Detweiler Second by: R. Bombay ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED
2). Policy Analyst/Communications with L. Hyatt @ 9:30 *L. Hyatt joins* @ 1:12pm L. Hyatt leaves @ 1:30pm	**Membership Code**: The code is ready to go, G. Medicine says she has not had a chance to look at it yet. The lawyers say its ok and ready, so L. Hyatt is asking for permission to release it to membership. Use the original application form and not the revised from G. Medicine. **Platform letters**: Candidates have asked if they can post their platforms on our Social Media sites. L. Hyatt asks council if they will allow them to do so. Council says no because it looks like they would be favouring the candidates who have posted.		Motion: 10-16-2025-004 Council agrees to release the Membership code to membership Moved: K. Oster-Bombay Second: D. Huitikka ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED Motion: 10-16-2025-005

			L. Hyatt will provide training to the Membership Committee regarding the amended Membership Code. Moved: K. Oster-Bombay Second: D. Huitikka ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED
3). Community Meeting Debrief	It was mentioned that P. Morrisseau has not paid some of his clients hydro bills. K. Kellar will look into the issue and report back to council. V. Leonard asked about New Gold shares. Is there going to be a financial presentation? The date Oct. 20th has been heard about the presentation. Regarding the community water issue, K. Kellar is working on a community update to communicate to the community. He is planning on doing a weekly update until the issue is nil. K. Kellar will post biweekly in the newsletter. Regarding employees working from home, the community members are not happy about the situation. Regarding the purchase of Green's, K. Detweiler suggests putting the purchase on hold until next council takes office. Dogs in community, K. Oster-Bombay suggests starting a tag program. K. Detweiler suggest a dog sweep and euthanization. Discussion around age which is considered "Senior". Housing issues regarding non-members living on reserve. Discussion about A. Braddick and how previous Council has given him permission to stay here. R. Geissler did not show up for his meeting nor given any reason why he did not show. They are not on our membership code and are breaching the code. K. Oster-Bombay suggest starting the process of getting legal opinion now on what options are available. Regarding training using Manitou Forest Products logging equipment. K. Caul says he is willing to train anyone who would like to learn how	Action: 10-16-2025-005 Look into the legalities of having a dog sweep and euthanization. K. Kellar Action: 10-16-2025-006 Create policy regarding which age is considered senior. L. Hyatt Action: 10-16-2025-007 Get legal opinion on legalities of removing the non-band members from the houses on community. Action: 10-16-2025-008 Look into writing a policy regarding non-band members attending community trips. Different portions regarding who is qualified to attend, such as non-member parents of children, etc. L. Hyatt	

	to run the machines. Decision has been made to Thank Tuffy George for his presentation.		
4). Long Term Care Update *J. Amar and J. Connon join @ 10:39am* *J. Connon leaves @ 11:25am* *D. Huitikka joins @ 11:25am* *J. Amar leaves @ 11:38*	Needed approval from council in the form of resolution for $91,950 based on recommendations from universal care. The approval is needed for changes in the blueprints. The changes reflect what the ministry standards are that are suggested by Universal Health Care. J. Amar says we can use funds from fuel charge proceeds from NG, which is currently at $1,576,000. Available money from interest in GIC's is around $800,000. So around $2,300,000 should be available for use in long term care facility. Discussion about having a RRFN member preference and what that would entail regarding costs, etc. J. Connon asks if Council is ok to talk with B. Hunter or D. Medicine about the route for the 3rd entrance. Council decides that that will be the decision made. K. Detweiler asks J. Amar about NG financials and when she can do a financial presentation for 2024-2025 and what's current.		Motion: 10-16-2025-004 Approve the $91,950 for the revisions made by Form Studio Architects on the blueprints for the LTC Moved: K. Detweiler Second: R. Bombay ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED Motion: 10-16-2025-005 Move $100,000 from GIC's and Fuel Charge Proceeds to LTC fund to use for the proposed revisions. Moved: K. Detweiler Second: R. Bombay ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED Motion: 10-16-2025-006 Put the purchase of Green's on hold until the next council takes office Moved: K. Detweiler Second: R. Bombay ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED

5). Kim a. Dept budgets and workplans b. Haunted trail project c. Notice to community re: CK d. Fall Assembly	a. Questions why this year's budgets have not been approved. MOA will give the CFO a date to get these budgets approved. b. Previously discussed already. c. Regarding the memo, the letter does need to go out, and now council has to agree on which 2 drafts she sent to them. d. Regarding the Chiefs Assembly, there will be a need for a proxy because Chief M. Medicine-Horton will be hosting our Orange shirt day walk. A discussion is made and R. Bombay will attend on Oct 2.		
6). Public Works	[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]		[redacted]

7). HR Report In-Camera *A. Larson joins @ 1:37pm* *In-Camera starts @ 1:37pm* *A. Larson leaves @ 1:47pm* *In-Camera ends @ 1:47pm*	[redacted]		
[redacted] a). Remembrance b). Fire Dept. c). Greenside operations d). Mounds	a. R. Kasana has been the one who usually leads the project. Nov.8 b. They are still having meetings and training with J. Leonard and T. Mosher leading the meetings c. already discussed d. Shauna would like to continue the operations during the winter and is looking for an answer from Council. She sent an email detailing the plan for operations.	Action: 10-16-2025-009 Talk with R. Kasana About Remembrance Day Action: 10-16-2025-010 Send flowers and possibly some gift cards to F. Sheperd D. Leonard Action: 10-16-2025-011 Provide a more detailed analysis from S. Runesson regarding keeping the mounds open during winter months.	

		K. Kellar	
9. Kim a). Peoples First Report b). Membership Clerk Trainee c). Legal Matters/Court update d). Fall Feast e). Dept. Budgets and workplans f). Audits updates g). Gym/Youth Centre Feasibility study h). Moose Camp i). Community Mtg Debriefing j). In-Camera @ 3:30pm In-Camera ends @ 3:38pm *A. Ali joins @ 3:42* *A. Ali leaves @ 3:*	a. Already discussed with HR b. A BCR was signed for the position to be filled, K. Detweiler would like to know where things are at. c. In-Camera @ 2:37pm. [redacted] d. A. Hunter and M. Bombay were going to be spoken to about the protocols. Still have time to organize. The job will be delegated to Cultural Coordinator e. W. Strachan and J. Amar need to get these done asap. f. Already discussed g. A feasibility study was going to be conducted in 2023. The study provided was not anything that was asked for and was dropped. TABLED to next council h. The camp was only reserved for 10 days, which spans 2 weekends. Only 2 people and their grandkids showed up and left the next day. The 2 week period has passed. Estimated costs are little over $8k, Addictions was to pay just over $5k, Education was to pay the rest.	Action: 10-16-2025-012 Find out what's going on with Membership Clerk position W. Strachan/A. Larson Action: 10-16-2025-013 Talk with Cultural Coordinator about organizing the Fall Feast as **potluck**. Coordinate with drummers, etc. W. Strachan Action: 10-16-2025-014 Contact Colliers and see how long the opportunity exists for the youth centre, etc. before it closes. T. Grover Action: 10-16-2025-015 Find out what costs have incurred regarding the moose camp and which programs have been involved. T. Grover	

	i). Already discussed j). In-Camera		
10. Karen CNR Road access	K. Kellar needs authorization He did an RFP and got 2 submissions, KGS came to $143,453, Megan Burnside cost @ $90k. K. Kellar suggests going with Megan Burnside.		Motion: 10-16-2025-008 Approve RFP from Neegan Burnside in the amount of $90k Moved by: K. Oster-Bombay Second by: K. Detweiler Motion: 10-16-2025-009 Motion to adjourn meeting. Moved by: K. Oster-Bombay Second by: R. Bombay ALL IN FAVOUR/PASSED

Meeting adjourned @ 4:10 pm

The minutes dated: September 25, 2025, have been reviewed and approved at a duly convened meeting dated: , 2025

Date signed:2025

Chief Marcel Medicine-Horton

Councillor Kim Detweiler

Councillor Karen Oster-Bombay

Councillor Dorothy Huitikka

Councillor Robert Bombay