

Chief and Council Meeting
MFN Board Room
April 30th, 2013

PRESENT:

Chief- Elenore Hendrix

Councillors- Leahan Parrott, David Flood, Real Boucher, Jean Lemieux, Gail Brubacher.

Band Manager-Marilyn Groulx

Recording Secretary- Julie Parrott

ABSENT:

Richard Wincikaby

1. Approval of Agenda:

2. Approval of Minutes:

Draft copy of Minutes from April 19th, 2013 Chief and Council minutes were reviewed by Chief and Council. Changes were indicated and will be corrected for final approval at next Chief and Council meeting.

3. Finance Officer:

Discussion between Finance Officer and Council in regards to having more help with finance.

- Finance officer explains the accounting program that she has now and what the new one consist of. (1-2 weeks transition) Recommends doing the change over the week she is away on holidays.
- Finance officer explains that she would not need an extra person fulltime.
- Councillor Lemieux explains that as Council they need to be kept updated regularly on budgets, as this was not happening before.
- Councillor Brubacher suggest finding someone to help that is qualified in Finance to help.
- Councillor Flood recommends posting for this position.
- Finance Officer-it's going to be hard to find anyone who will want to come for 2.5 hours a day, as I don't need anyone fulltime.
- Councillor Lemieux feels that finance needs two full-time people.
- Recommend a 1 year or 6 months contract
- Council will take all discussed at meeting and come up with a decision.
- Finance Officer is to look into the conversion of the accounting program.

4. Band Manager Updates:

- **Governance Membership**-All council present support and approve the membership for this year and will re- evaluate when it comes up for renewal.
- **GRADER-TRUCK RATE**-Council reviewed spread sheet provided by finance with information on the cost of running grader. Council recommend putting a stop to work being done for Caron until a contract can be made. Grader operator needs to be informed that he must keep a log book of all fuel intakes.
- **ROAD CONTRACT RENEWAL MTO and TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN**-rates need to be changed for both the MTO and Township. MTO agreement use to be renewed on a yearly basis, now will be every five (5) years.
- **CEMETERY**-No budget for cemetery. Councillor Flood recommend having the cemetery request be put on the agenda for the community meeting.

- **Mass Request**-Elders would like to hold a mass for St. Katrina at the log building in May. Council approve.
 - **Elders Request**-Elders would like a building of their own. Request denied.
 - **Summer Students**-Council approves to hire a Supervisor for the summer students through the WTES funding.
 - **Band Owned Homes Appraisal**-quotes to have band owned homes appraised. It was requested the Band Manager contact Technical Services at Wabun to inquire if someone from First Nation Tech can do the appraisals.
 - **MFN Tenants**-Council directed Band Manager to write a letter to all tenants who are not paying rent, requesting payments be made by a certain date and if no response it will be sent to small claims court. Band Manager is also to find out if rent can be increased for all.
5. **Post-Secondary request**:-A letter of request from student seeking reimbursement for testing fees. Request was denied as this is not part of the policy. Request was referred to Employment Counsellor for funding through WTES.
 6. **Dump Site**:-Band Manager to Contact Tech Services at Wabun to inquire about having an environmental inspection done. (If needed).
 7. **Lawyer Info**: MFN looking into getting a full service lawyer. Band Manager is to get quotes. This is to be tabled to next Chief and Council Meeting.
 8. **Lands and Resources**: Councillor Flood provided all council a copy of BCR 2011-18. He recommends the department to expand, also discusses and explains the values. Councillor Flood feels that the present Lands and Resources manager should concentrate on the mining aspect and have MFN hire a strategic person. He also poses to rescind the letter removing the bump up that the previous Chief and council stopped. Councillor Lemieux quoted `I thought we said at last meeting that as new Council we would move forward and not try to change things the previous Chief and Council did. Councillor Lemieux also recommended having this issue tabled to the Community meeting. Councillor Flood recommends drafting a letter to rescind the bump up, present to all Council, if agree, sign and send.

Meeting Adjourn at 10:00 pm