

Chief and Council Meeting July 16th, 2013

2:45pm

Present: Chief Elenore Hendrix
Councillors: Jean Lemieux, David Flood, Real Boucher, Gail Brubacher
Conference call: Leahan Parrott

Absent: Richard Wincikaby

Minute Recorder: Mary Batisse

1. Agenda has been accepted with the Terms of reference put under old/ongoing business.
2. Minutes Accepted

Motion:

IS THAT ALL COUNCIL MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO DATE.

MOVED BY: Real Boucher
SECONDED BY: Leahan Parrott
MOTION CARRIED

3. Staff Update:

Finance:

- Update – New accounting program.
- Next week training is looking good.
- New program by week.
- Audit draft should be ready by this week or next week, the dip should be finalized.
- In arrears, send invoices monthly to tenants. Council directed finance to go ahead and send the invoices to each tenant.
- Discussion in camera 10 – 15 minutes
- New housing already up to \$8,700.00 this year, where does the money come from
- Finance Officer can get an actual cost on the \$8,700.00.
- Insurance came out of Rama funds last year/ depends/ or get them rented.
- Councilor Boucher said 1 or 2 trailers need to be moved.
- The new program can print out quality reports.

4. Old/ Ongoing Business:

- Non-Program budget.
- **Councillor Brubacher** suggested to put in a trust for membership and let them decide, also spoke to Shawn and the EDO can look for money to bring the membership to the community for general meeting.
- Council discusses putting the one million into trust to come back to MFN.
- Council Lemieux explains that community members are upset – they want internet. Councillor Flood explains to council wireless access to everyone, explained to EDO. Quorum agreed to get Northern Telephone to begin working on the internet.

Councilor Flood abstains from decision.

****Ten minute Break****

****Back at 3:50pm****

Budget – 2013-2014

Identify funds from other areas.

\$80,000.00 – where is money coming from?

Culverts at log building -councilors Flood and Wincikaby just an idea – to wait – construction road project can do it.

Councilor Lemieux suggests to look at the budgets

Full legal service firm

Councilor Flood and Councilor Lemieux are willing to participate For legal services (BLG/OKT) to have a look at the portfolios by September and bring back to council afterwards.

MFN LP letter – signed. Office Administrator to send to MFN LP President.

Councilor Parrott wants to start the committee and get a posting up.

Chief Hendrix wants to know if that was determined in the T.O.R?

Councilor Brubacher suggests to have someone work on our policy (was a suggestion).

Chief Hendrix also suggests the same with the one for the admin code.

Councilor Parrott suggests they would have to commit to the committee and only have a certain number of people join.

Chief Hendrix feels it should be done independently through membership.

Councilor Parrott will contact other First Nations and get back with ideas with council.

Councilor Brubacher explains if the MFN has an AGM and get membership to vote on.

Councilor Brubacher suggests to post for someone to work on all policies – Policy Analyst. Consolidate existing policies and procedures.

Chief Hendrix will not correspond by e-mails anymore on decision making; requests will be added to the Chief and Council agenda.

Councilor Parrott will continue to work on Terms of Reference (T.O.R) and work on selection process.

5. Outstanding Reports – AANDC

- Council reviews the report together.

- Chief Hendrix will contact Technical Advisor at Wabun to assist MFN with Capital reporting – Housing.
- Administration Officer is to keep Chief and Council up to date on the special education reporting and do a follow up.
- EDO reporting for finance code.
- MFN LP board of director selection, discussion.

**** Break at 5pm****

MOTION: IS THAT ALL CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL SELECT THE CANDIDATES FOR THE MFN LP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JULY 26TH, 2013.

ALL IN FAVOR

One other application came in for Education assistance, Education Officer explains the situation and gets direction to go ahead with surplus dollars.

Kunuuanimano – AGM – July 30th.

Keewaywin conference is in August.

Individual has been selected to cook for the education supper.

6. Continue New Business

Chief and Council will not be making decisions through e-mail, they will be making them at the table all together.

Chief and Council discuss plans for the dump. The new development will be on hold for now.

TLE: Councilor Lemieux explains to council about the Watebeg area that some of the Elders wanted her to bring to council. Mentioned was Kamiscotia and Nighthawk area. Councilor Lemieux suggest bringing this to all membership.

Councilor Lemieux explains to the council that the elders pick a spot for their gathering / campfire. Suggestion by the sawmill road.

Office Administrator is to do a mail out regarding the TLE.

Councilor Flood will sit with staff and discuss current policies / overtime hours/ bank hours accumulated.

Chief and Council need to establish two bylaws to move forward for the governance code. The dump bylaw is still in motion, required is a financial bylaw to be able to move forward.

7. Band Members Request

Suggest to council to get a water sampling unit the MFN can use on a regular basis.

Council not granted at this time.

Councilor Brubacher suggested to get a cost factor, total cost of everything Ex. Training, and package.

8. Health

CHR submitted a quote to council to review band member request for eye surgery which is not covered through NIHB. Chief and Council denied request.

9. Other Business

Chief Hendrix will write a letter to Mary Boyden indicating that the dates are not good for MFN although MFN is interested. (Mining Camps)

Discussion regarding an assistant to Finance Officer for the MFN – no decision made.

A letter came in from a band member requesting to be a constable on the First Nation however, MFN does not have the capacity for 2 constables

Office Administrator is to set up a meeting with the Staff Sergeant of NAPS to meet with Council.

August 12th, 2013 at 3:00 pm will be next chief and council meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:55 p.m.