

ACADIA FIRST NATION
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CHIEF & COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

MARRIOTT HALIFAX

Chief Deborah Robinson

Councillor Charmaine Stevens

Councillor Darlene Coulton

Councillor Todd Labrador

Councillor Tom Pictou

Councillor Mike Paul

Councillor Ed Benham

Councillor Andrew Francis

Band Manager Marsha Boudreau

Absent : Debra Wentzell

The meeting was called to order at 10am.

Todd Labrador opened the meeting with a prayer.

REPORTS

Housing : housing report submitted by Jim Pictou. Recommendations submitted accepted and approved by council.

Social: Council was presented with an overview of INAC changes to the social program effective October 1, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

Allocation of 1 vacant senior's home in Yarmouth. 4 members are interested in the home. They will be contacted to meet with councillors Darlene Coulton, Ed Benham and Tom Pictou, and then the home will be allocated.

Council will review the housing policy in regards to vacant homes at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Council decided to discuss and review Chief & Council honorariums at the next meeting when all councillors are present. Deb Wentzell absent due to a medical issue.

All Band policies and bylaws will be posted on the web site once it is updated. This will be looked at right away.

Council decided that councillors also should not sit on the fisheries board. All boards would be run the same. There are enough people on the board now.

Councillor Andre w Francis motioned that Acadia First Nation set up a housing committee. Todd Labrador seconded. All in favour. Motion passed. Housing Director Jim Pictou to provide council with information at the next meeting.

A newsletter will be produced with updates from the audit, programs and services offered and Chief & councillors reports. This will be sent out before November 1, 2011.

Chief & council will work together to define what constitutes an emergency assistance request and put a new policy in place. All band members will be notified of the policy when it is completed.

Education Appeal was held with a band member that had been denied funding. The case was put forward, discussion was held, more information forthcoming to council then a decision will be made.

Todd Labrador advised council that Wildcat's Christmas dinner will be held Dec 10, 2011.

Question was brought up about band members traveling to AGM. There will also be community meetings in all areas where band members can voice their questions and concerns.

Amada Lloyd, CA gave council an audit review. A review of all band operations and gaming operations were reviewed.

In Camera

Letter from Band Member with concerns was read and addressed. A response will be mailed out.

Letter in regards to a staff issue was received. Matter was dealt with. Decision supported by all councillors.

54 band member requests were reviewed.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4pm.