

ACADIA FIRST NATION
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
SHELBURNE OFFICE
JANUARY 28, 2014
PUBLIC MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHIEF DEBORAH ROBINSON

COUNCILLOR DEBRA WENTZELL

COUNCILLOR ANDREW FRANCIS

COUNCILLOR JEFF PURDY

COUNCILLOR TOM PICTOU

COUNCILLOR DARLENE COULTON

COUNCILLOR CHARMAINE STEVENS

REGRETS: COUNCILLOR MIKE PAUL

OPENING PRAYER: DEBRA WENTZELL

Presentation by Lisa Francis on the highway signage project for the Acadia First Nation. Several designs and font were reviewed. Decision made on the design, content and appearance of the signs. Lisa Francis to continue to work to see this project through.

Presentation by Alex Paul on the Mi'kmaw Economic Benefits Office. Alex provided a presentation on the MEBO and how it was working to assist with Mi'kmaw employment opportunities in relation to various industries in Nova Scotia. Copy of the presentation can be obtained from the Acadia Band Office.

January 14, 2014 minutes were reviewed as required. Charmaine made motion to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Tom Pictou. Minutes were approved by consensus.

Update provided on the Medway sewer issue. It appears the system was not designed to accommodate the current store operations. There is a need for grease traps to be installed for the kitchen functions. The system will need to be fixed and funding for the repairs is to be sought through AANDC (Indian Affairs).

The back-up generator for the Gold River store was not hooked up and business was affected during the last power outage. Decision made to have the generator hooked up and operational immediately. Managers for all the stores are to be required to test the back-up generators on a regular basis to ensure no future issues.

The Gaming Commission Board was seeking direction on the publication of honorariums being paid to the Board members. Agreement reached that a generic statement would be published that honorariums are not to exceed \$300 per day for Board members excepting the chair.

There was a discussion on an issue of overtime incurred during the bingo hall construction and opening events. The issue is to be referred to Tom, Darlene, Jeff and the Band Manager to address in consultation with the parties.

There was a discussion on the date for the official Grand Opening of the AFN Entertainment Centre. Tom, Darlene and Jeff will meet with Rachel to establish the date and inform Chief and Council.

Medway was requesting the forestry operation to provide campfire wood for their sale during the Summer. Tom to have the Forestry operations address this need.

A band member was requesting emergency housing off-reserve. The request was referred to the Tawaak Housing.

Request for reimbursement of snowplowing was denied as it was not for an elder as per the policy.

A band member request for one gallon of paint was referred to the Capital Program to see if they had paint and if so the request was approved.

Band member housing request had been approved. The project is to start as soon as possible and subject to funding and weather.

AFN to reimburse the Gold River REC fund for expenditures it made on behalf of the AFN.

Band member requested action to have a radon issue addressed. A unit is to be installed to address the issue.

An extension for a band member had been approved previously and the commitment was re-affirmed. Another issue of a bathroom tub issue was to be addressed at the same time if feasible.

Charmaine and Andrew are to be added to the signers for the Gold River Rec Fund. Chrissy is also to be approached to see if she is willing to be a signer as well.

Request from Sonya to have the Biggest Loser competition added to the Healthy Living Website was approved.

A request from a band member to have employment training assistance provided was approved.

An update on the Social Assistance program was provided by the Band Manager.

The band manager is to have AANDC (Indian Affairs) provide the Chief and Council a presentation on the First Nation Housing Market Fund.

An employee request to have a wage adjustment was denied as the wage freeze is still in affect.

Band Manager is to request Marie Falls send out to the community again the housing maintenance and repairs notice.

CMHC has submitted a mortgage renewal for the Chief and Council's approval. The interest rate was verified as the best possible and the mortgage renewed as required.

The BCR for the signing authority for the AFN Entertainment Centre was approved.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Bridgewater on February 11, 2014.