

ACADIA FIRST NATION
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
YARMOUTH BAND OFFICE
MARCH 11, 2014
PUBLIC MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHIEF DEBORAH ROBINSON

COUNCILLOR DARLENE COULTON

COUNCILLOR TOM PICTOU

COUNCILLOR MIKE PAUL

COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WENTZELL

COUNCILLOR ANDREW FRANCIS

COUNCILLOR CHARMAINE STEVENS

COUNCILLOR JEFF PURDY

OPENING PRAYER: DEB WENTZELL

February 25, 2014, minutes reviewed. Several amendments were suggested. Motion by Councillor Charmaine Stevens to accept the minutes was seconded by Councillor Mike Paul. All in favour – minutes approved subject to changes.

A band member request to attend the 7th National Event- Final Truth and Reconciliation was approved.

A band member request for power bill assistance was not approved.

A band member request for a little barn/shed was not approved.

A letter from a band member regarding assistance was reviewed and noted.

A band member request for off-reserve housing was not approved.

A band member requesting housing was added to the Yarmouth housing list.

A request to provide a Job Creation Program employment opportunity was discussed and tabled pending further information from Wanda Westhaver.

The Capital Program is to present at the next meeting the 2014/2015 plans and budget for the AFN.

The renovations for the Gold Nugget were discussed. The three options were reviewed as submitted by the AFN Capital Program. Option 1 was selected as the option to proceed with.

The Section 95 house plan was reviewed as well as the options for construction. Costs and design were discussed and the house is to be constructed taken into account a reconfigured layout and back entrance as per standard house construction.

A band member request for flooring was approved.

A band member request to have a training course support was approved as submitted by the METS program.

The correspondence from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada in regards to the Social Assistance court case was reviewed. It was decided that a collective response be coordinated with KMKNO to ensure a thorough and co-ordinated Mi'kmaw response.

A call for family violence prevention projects was referred to the AFN Health Department for follow-up action.

Michel LaCroix provided a presentation to the Chief and Council on the local statistics. There was a discussion on partnering to address road concerns on the Airport stretch and to pursue possible summer employment opportunities for AFN members.

Rachel Pictou provided a presentation on the AFN Bingo attendance. Attendance is increasing as well as revenue for the bingo operations. Rachel also provided a presentation on a potential soft drink contract for the AFN Entertainment Center. Council reviewed the agreement and provided approval to implement the agreement for the AFN Entertainment Center. As well, Rachel Pictou and the band manager will discuss with the supplier the possibility of the contract being provided to all AFN business operations and report back to the Council.

A discussion was held regarding three requests for potential housing. No decision was made and the issue was deferred while awaiting further information from the individuals making the requests.

A discussion was held regarding AFN fishery quotas and the opportunity to purchase additional quotas. Given the nature of the licenses and quotas held by the AFN it was decided to maintain the current licenses and quotas, however, additional quota opportunities would be pursued where possible.

Memo to be distributed through the community about adherence to traffic signs and the safety of AFN residents.

The various community newsletters are to be incorporated into the overall AFN newsletter.

AFN Chief and Council finance committee meeting to be held on March 18, 2014 at Yarmouth.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Shelburne

March 25, 2014