

ACADIA FIRST NATION  
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING  
BRIDGEWATER LIVERPOOL  
MARCH 25, 2014  
PUBLIC MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHIEF DEBORAH ROBINSON

COUNCILLOR DEBRA WENTZELL

COUNCILLOR ANDREW FRANCIS

COUNCILLOR TOM PICTOU

COUNCILLOR CHARMAINE STEVENS

COUNCILLOR MIKE PAUL

COUNCILLOR JEFF PURDY

COUNCILLOR DARLENE COULTON

OPENING PRAYER: DEBRA WENTZELL

March 11, 2014, minutes reviewed. Several minor amendments are to be made. Motion by Councillor Mike Paul to accept the minutes was seconded by Councillor Debra Wentzell. All in favour – minutes approved.

Two band member requests for housing were to be added to the Yarmouth housing list.

A request for a donation to the Yarmouth Lobster Classic Bridge Tournament was reviewed. A decision to not make a donation was made.

A band member request for assistance with some household items was referred to the Social Assistance program for review and decision.

A band member request to have a previously committed shed installed as soon as possible was reviewed. The shed is available and will be installed as soon as possible.

A review of the questions provided to the Chief and Council by the Gaming Commission were reviewed. The questions would be referred to Bruce Clarke for advice as well given the legal nature of some of the questions as they pertained to the AFN Gaming Agreement. The Gaming Commission will be invited to the April 8<sup>th</sup> Chief and Council meeting to discuss the questions and answers.

There is an issue of noise control in the community. A letter has been received. The Band Manager is to call the parties to discuss the issue and the AFN by-laws as they relate to the matter.

There was a complaint provided by a Bingo player. A general discussion was held. The matter will be addressed in full detail at the next Bingo Meeting at the AFN.

A request for a donation to the Queens County Music Festival was reviewed. Given the history of this event and the involvement of AFN Band Members in this event it was decided to provide a \$200 donation on behalf of the AFN.

An update was provided by the AFN Inventory Control Program and business operations at the various AFN businesses. Cash registers and the associated software is in need of replacing given their age and deteriorating effectiveness. Total cost of the project to replace the cash registers and the associated software is less than \$50,000. Software will be updated to IRP 6.0 from the current IRP 2.0. This process will be phased in over the stores over the 2014 calendar year.

An analysis of the pizza operations at Winner's World was conducted. The AFN is losing money annually and the pizza operation will be replaced.

There is Provincial concern over band members purchasing excess cigarette quota by buying from different stores. The Province is currently monitoring this activity.

The AFN Capital Program presented its 2014-2015 annual operating budget. The budget was reviewed and approved and directions and mandate provided to the AFN Capital Program for the 2014-2015 operations throughout the AFN communities.

Wanda Westhaver was requested to attend the next meeting of the Chief and Council to present the 2014-2015 METS program and have a general discussion of the program.

Several band members request for basic assistance were reviewed. Requests for assistance with power bills and similar matters were not approved.

Confirmation of the remuneration for adult care providers was discussed. The decision was made to provide the standard rate of pay for all these cases.

A band member was concerned about the operation of the REC Fund for Gold River. Andrew and Mike were to meet the band member and discuss the concerns. The next REC Fund meeting for Gold River is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>.

A band member request for table and chairs was not approved.

A band member request for a large garage was not approved. A garage had been provided in the past.

Meetings of the Chief and Council will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Several employment related matters were discussed. Information on each case is to be provided to Bruce Clarke and Ann Smith for legal review and advice before any decision is to be made.

If plumbing certification is not available within the AFN Yarmouth capital operations then consideration is to be given to contracting out for a certified plumber to ensure the services are available as required for the AFN – Yarmouth.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Halifax

April 08, 2014