

ACADIA FIRST NATION
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
QUALITY INN BAYERS LAKE
APRIL 8, 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

COUNCILLOR MIKE PAUL

OPENING PRAYER: DEBRA WENTZELL

The March 25, 2014 Minutes were reviewed and approved with minor amendments. Motion made by Mike Paul and seconded by Andrew Francis with all in favour. Approved by consensus.

Bruce Clarke was present and provided an update on the various files being managed by his law firm on behalf of the AFN.

Shon Myra was present to meet the Chief and Council on Gaming Commission matters. At this point the Chief and Council informed Shon that they had dissolved the Gaming Commission earlier in the day due to the costs of having the Gaming Commission. A public notice was prepared by the Chief and Council for dissemination to the AFN.

A request from the Health Department for a summer student was approved as per the Summer student hiring process.

The AFN Band Office Summer break was confirmed as being July 28th to August 08th.

The AFN Entertainment Centre will be holding a Super Bingo on July 5ht.

A band member request for housing was to be added to the Gold River housing request list.

The Wildcat community center project is well underway. When completed, the AFN will consider the possibility of a part-time cleaner for the building.

A band member request to have a payout of unused vacation was not approved as it exceeded the AFN policy for these matters.

A request to have vacation reimbursed due to storm was not approved.

A band member request for labour to do his roof was not approved.

Gold River REC Fund announced that they would be funding a men's outing.

A band member request for a bed was approved as it was not previously provided.

A band member requested that community meetings be held. Chief and Council agreed to do so. Schedule to be developed by the Band Manager.

Chief and Council approved that quarterly payments be instituted to establish the profit-sharing account for this year's distribution. The Finance Department is to make quarterly deposits from AFN funds.

Jim to follow up regarding a band member's request to have flooring issue addressed.

There was a potential RCMP matter which needs to be followed up with by the Band Manager. An update is to be provided to the Chief and Council on the matter.

Wanda Westhaver provided the Chief and Council with a detailed and informative presentation on METS programming. As well Wanda presented the 2014 Summer Student employment projections for Chief and Council consideration. Approval was provided for the Summer student employment program.

A band member request to attend a tree falling course was approved.

A band member training request was approved as submitted by Wanda.

The Chief and Council established that a Finance Committee meeting would be held following the council meetings which would be held in Yarmouth.

Gaming is to be a stand-alone agenda item on all future Chief and Council meetings.

The Chief and Council reviewed AFN travel rates and established new rates in accordance with federal and other travel rate information available to them. Mileage rate has been decreased to 49.5 cents per kilometer from 55 cents previously. Travel forms to be revised accordingly.

Chief and Council reviewed business operations to determine areas of opportunity to increase revenue and/or decrease costs. Band Manager is to follow up on potential opportunities.

The AFN AGM date was set as October 25th and is to be held at Liverpool due to its central location to the AFN. Arrangements to be made.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Shelburne on April 22, 2014.