

ACADIA FIRST NATION
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
SHELBURNE AFN OFFICE
APRIL 22, 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

The April 08, 2014 Minutes were not available for review so they were deferred to the May 13th meeting for review and approval.

A request for a dumpster for Wildcat was approved.

The AFN employee travel policy was reviewed and minor amendments suggested. The Band Manager is to make the amendments and circulate to Chief and Council for review and approval.

A band member request for a house was not approved. The Capital and Housing budgets have been allocated for 2014-2015.

A discussion was held regarding the AFN's FSC (food, social and ceremonial) lobster fishery. The current FSC season is a poor season for lobster due to molting and water temperatures. Combining the FSC fishery with the commercial fishery makes economic and lobster quality sense. A discussion is to be held with DFO in this regard. Band manager is to arrange the meeting with Frank Quinn.

The Chief and Council met with all of the Business Managers except one who was absent due to illness. The Chief and Council and Business Managers established an operating regime which would adapt to the revised management structure. A question and answer period was held and a plan for moving forward was agreed among the participants.

Housing interviews were required to be rescheduled due to a scheduling issue. Interviews are to be held in early May.

There is still some scallop and moose meat available to be distributed to AFN members. As the Liverpool members did not get scallops the distribution will begin with Liverpool elders and if any left then to other AFN Liverpool members.

There have been several requests from students/parents for tutoring support. The band manager is to follow-up with Janice Francis to determine if we have any tutoring funding. If we do not then Janice is to do a proposal to seek tutoring funding to assist AFN students requiring this support.

CMHC is scheduled to do their three year client visit to the AFN. A discussion was held on the CMHC program. The AFN is not supportive of the current CMHC operating agreement and if not more tailored to the AFN then the agreement will be reconsidered.

Two band members requested permission to put a trailer on Ponhook. The request was discussed and trailers will be permitted on a temporary basis only for the hunting season. This arrangement will be required to be in writing and will contain the conditions around the temporary use. Some conditions which will apply will be adherence to hunting and environmental rules, removal of the trailer and any debris immediately following the end of the agreement and returning the site to its original condition as much as may be reasonably possible.

Jim Pictou is to review his capital projects and hire carpenters on an as-needed basis.

A band member medical request was reviewed. Health Canada is to be contacted regarding support.

The Micmac Child and Family Services program is to provide a report to the Chief and Council for their review in the near future.

Darlene Coulton provided an update on the Easter party activities held in Shelburne.

The trailer bought by the AFN for temporary housing was not used and is to be sold.

A request was received from the Privateer Road Run. This event has been supported by the AFN in the past and provides an excellent opportunity to promote the AFN and its businesses. A donation of \$300 was approved through the REC Fund.

A request for wood for a shed for a band member was approved. Tom is to arrange the delivery.

A band member request to have dryer moved upstairs due to mobility issues is to be reviewed by Jim and then responded to as appropriate.

A band member requested information on a CP for the AFN. Bruce Clarke to provide a response to the matter.

A band member requested a small payment to remove debris (old cars) from the reserve. The request was approved.

The band manager is to arrange Radon tests for one house and one band building to determine if any radon issues exist.

A previously addition to a housing unit is to be followed up on by Jim. Jim is to contact the band member to arrange for the project to start.

A band member request for travel money to go to a sweat was not approved as Health Canada had denied it as well due to non-compliance with their policy.

A request to purchase a washer and dryer was not approved.

The issue of mowing around the band office and health center was discussed. The janitorial staff are responsible for these tasks to be completed as part of their duties and responsibilities.

A band member request for dental reimbursements that were denied by Health Canada was not approved.

The band manager is to look into an issue of possible non-adherence to the AFN social media policy.

Community meetings were discussed. The meetings will be coordinated with chief and council meetings when possible and be conducted in June. The band manager is to establish a schedule for chief and council review.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13, in Bridgewater.