

ACADIA FIRST NATION  
CHIEF & COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2014  
HOLIDAY INN, DARTMOUTH  
PUBLIC MINUTES

Chief Deborah Robinson

Councillor Charmaine Stevens

Councillor Darlene Coulton

Councillor Andrew Francis

Councillor Tom Pictou

Councillor Jeff Purdy

Councillor Mike Paul

Regrets: Councillor Debra Wentzell

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m..

Chief Deborah Robinson did the opening prayer.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The May 27, 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved as presented by consensus.

Naoimi Metallic of Burchells Law Firm did an update on the various legal files with the Acadia First Nation with a focus on business operations employment related matters. As a result of the discussions, action plans were developed to respond to each of the legal cases reviewed. Naoimi and the Band Manager were mandated to respond to the legal actions as agreed by Chief and Council.

A review was done of the band council resolution regarding the Acadia First Nation participation in the First Nation Early Childhood Development, Education and Employment survey. The information protections required by the Acadia First Nation Council were incorporated into the band council resolution. Naoimi reviewed the band council resolution and answered questions. A motion was made by Jeff Purdy and seconded by Andrew Francis to accept the band council resolution – resolution approved by consensus vote.

As a result of the number of legal cases involving employment matters stemming from the business operations it was requested that Naoimi (Burchells Law Firm) organize a workshop for managers with regards to employment law and practices. Also, Naiomi (Burchells Law Firm) was requested to provide a template of questions to be included in future AFN staffing processes to ensure compliance with legal and employment laws.

A residency issue was discussed with Naiomi. The residency by-law is to be reviewed and records of the previous community and council decision so as to enforce the decision currently. RCMP is to be contacted to further discuss the matter and potential remedies.

Naiomi is to do a presentation to the Acadia First Nation council of the newly enacted Matrimonial Real Property legislation and its potential implications to the AFN. The AFN council will then be in a position to determine if it should enact an AFN specific Matrimonial Property legislation this year.

There was a discussion around the Food, Social and Ceremonial fishing activity. The AFN wanted to use 375 traps to do the FSC fishery but DFO wanted an agreement to be signed to permit this activity. As the community had requested that no agreement be signed between the AFN and DFO the AFN chose to remain with fishing the FSC catch using 50 traps.

Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK) did a presentation in regards to tutoring for AFN students in the area of math. MK has a math enhancement program currently at the Acadia School which is working well. The current funding for enhancement is being used to support this activity. A review will be done to determine if there is any flexibility for alternative tutoring/math enhancement opportunities. The AFN is to identify pockets of students in geographic areas so as to provide for discussion of programming possibility for these geographic groups.

The AFN forestry program is up and running well. Shed packages are being prepared to address community backlogs and demands where possible. A prioritization of shed packages is required to determine the distribution of shed packages as they become available. Jim Pictou is to provide feedback into the shed priority for this year.

CMHC regional director is to be invited to attend an upcoming Chief and Council meeting to discuss the program and a mutual agreement for continued working together with regards to housing for the AFN.

Ponhook garbage removal is now being provided by Greg Francis. Residents are required to sort their garbage for pick up and deliver to the local landfill site.

Friday night bingo participation is not as high as other nights. To address this the bingo operation will reduce the individual game payout amounts so as to provide for appropriate profitability.

A request for supplies for the Shelburne office was approved.

A request for VON care was approved for ½ hour every second week when VON is in the community.

A request for a porch was approved to be completed next fiscal year unless funds and labour are available this year.

A request for a dryer was approved.

Previously, two units were approved for cabinets. These cabinets are to be installed within the established budget and as per the specifications of the homeowner and space available.

A request to use the travel trailer for youth activities was not approved.

A request for wage subsidy was not approved. A program budget breakdown is to be requested of the program for future decision-making purposes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Shelburne, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014