

ACADIA FIRST NATION
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
YARMOUTH AFN ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

JUNE 24, 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

June 10, 2014, minutes reviewed. Motion by Councillor Darlene Coulton to accept the June 10th minutes was seconded by Councillor Debra Wentzell. All in favour – minutes approved.

Presentation was provided by the representatives of the First Nations Clean Water Initiative. After presentation and a question and answer period it was agreed that the AFN would participate in the first stage of this project being the survey and analysis of AFN water and wastewater systems and requirements. BCR is to be executed at the following council meeting.

A request for funding for a recreation request was reviewed and approved as per AFN practice.

The group advocating for non-closure of the Arcadia School was seeking the AFN's support for not closing the school. It was discussed and agreed that the AFN supports the non-closure of the Arcadia School.

Mi'kmaq Kina'matnewey had committed to provide the AFN with a wigwam. The wigwam is to be delivered to the Yarmouth reserve for AFN use.

The Assembly of First Nations was offering tables at its AGM banquet for \$5000 per table. The AFN would not be purchasing a table due to costs.

An update was provided that the Red Road Project had selected Mika Francis as its leader for the AFN project for nine weeks this summer. In support of this initiative the AFN Red Road Project group would be provided temporary usage of the Winners Corner building as a youth meeting area.

It was discussed and agreed that all uses of the AFN Entertainment Center meeting room will be at a fee for service – including AFN events. Brian is to arrange with Rachel Falls.

A discussion was held with respect to appliances paid for by the AFN are the property of the house and are to remain in the house when the occupant leaves.

A request for wood for a member with medical disabilities was discussed. The cost of the wood would not be reimbursed but the AFN would provide for cutting and splitting the wood for the member on a piece meal basis.

Lisa Francis provided a presentation on her economic development projects for 2014-2015. Two of the three projects were provided support. The total AFN equity contribution to the projects is to be established as the standard 20%. BCR and letter of equity to be prepared by Lisa for signing. The signs being developed for the highway sign project will include the AFN name, logo and the mi9'kmaq name for the AFN.

A discussion was held regarding the Gold River Multi-purpose building. The cost of the initial design and scope was too costly and extensive for the area. The cost and equity required by the AFN was felt to be too extensive at this time. The project would be shelved at present.

Wilson's fuel has expressed interest in donating to the AFN Powwow this year. Brian to follow up with Steve at Wilson's.

Rachel Pictou presented the top three proposed uses for the Winners Corner building. A discussion was held and the selection of the most appropriate business option was made. Rachel is to develop proposals for funding.

A discussion was held regarding an employment matter. An offer was agreed to be provided to the AFN legal counsel for resolving the matter.

An update was provided on the upcoming AFN Powwow being held in Gold River.

An apprenticeship training program was discussed for an AFN employee. An agreement was reached on the level of commitment to be undertaken by the AFN and the employee and is to be provided to the employee by Wanda and Brian.

The Mi'kmaq Kina'matnewey provided a computer to the AFN to provide to a student as an award. A decision on the student to receive the computer was reached by the council.

Scholarship awards were discussed and the three students who applied would be provided a scholarship each as there are currently three AFN scholarship awards.

A band member was added to the housing list. Several housing repair requests were referred to Jim for follow up.

A request for a stove for a member was approved.

A recent snowplow bill needs to be reviewed with the contractor prior to payment to ensure it is a legitimate billing.

Gold Reserve paving and heat pump projects are receiving quotes for consideration.

A request for air exchange system maintenance was referred to the carpenter crew for follow up and action.

To assist elders with power bills heat pumps are to be considered. Quotes are to be gotten prior to any decision is to be finalized on this matter.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Liverpool on July 5, 2014.