

ACADIA FIRST NATION  
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING  
HALIFAX COASTAL INN  
JULY 22, 2014  
PUBLIC MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHIEF DEBORAH ROBINSON	COUNCILLOR DEBRA WENTZELL
COUNCILLOR DARLENE COULTON	COUNCILLOR ANDREW FRANCIS
COUNCILLOR TOM PICTOU	COUNCILLOR CHARMAINE STEVENS
COUNCILLOR MIKE PAUL	COUNCILLOR JEFF PURDY

REGRETS:

OPENING PRAYER: Chief Deborah

July 08, 2014, minutes reviewed. Motion by Councillor Charmaine Stevens to accept the minutes was seconded by Councillor Andrew Francis. All in favour – minutes approved by consensus.

A meeting was held with CMHC, Bill Kelley and Nicole Young, regarding the ongoing operational agreement and future CMHC allocations. AFN agreed to a plan to address CMHC client visit observations and CMHC will address AFN's request for RRAP and additional housing allocations in an expeditious manner. AFN has a request for 8 additional housing units in to CMHC. It was also discussed that AFN and CMHC would pursue an alternate operating agreement structure which accommodates AFN policy and practices with respect to housing.

Bruce Clarke attended to the meeting to provide an update on the current Chief and Council severance matter.

A proposal for chimney and wood stove cleaning and maintenance was reviewed. Approval was provided for this activity to be done, as in the past, at a pre-set rate.

Signing authority for community recreation fund accounts was discussed. Current signing authorities were approved to remain as presently established.

A Co-op work placement was discussed and approved for the AFN fishery program.

Band member requests were reviewed and decided upon as per Acadia First Nation policy and practices.

A discussion was held regarding the provision of appliances for new constructions. Appliances for new homes are limited to washer, dryer, fridge, stove and dishwasher (only if the house was designed for it) and at the pre-established cost associated with these items.

After hours work for employees was discussed. If the work has been pre-approved then the employee will provide an equal amount of time off in lieu.

A discussion was held regarding the support for elders as it related to power bills. The practice had been established to provide \$200 per month in assistance which elders could use towards power or other bills. The practice was agreed to remain in place.

Purchase of additional tents for the annual moose hunt was approved.

The food, social and ceremonial food fishery is well underway. The lobster distribution was done in Yarmouth with 12 lobsters provided to all members 18 years of age and older with no lobster tags. Queens county distribution is next. 6000 pounds of scallops have been harvested and Liverpool area is to be provided double amount per member as they received none last year. Once completed each other community to be provided scallops.

A proposal was submitted by the Fishery Commission. Andrew Francis and Jeff Purdy removed themselves from the discussions due to conflict of interest. All in favour – motion approved by consensus.

Gold River Community center plans were discussed. Next steps were discussed.

A discussion was held regarding purchasing additional freezers for food, social and ceremonial catches (scallops). Approval provided.

The AFN business update was provided by the Band Manager. The economy has not improved much however the businesses continue to do well.

The AFN insurance proposals were reviewed. AON proposal was accepted for cost and service reasons.

The BCR for AFN equity contribution for the Project Proposal for the Partnership Ready – Marketing and Promotions workshop was discussed and approved.

A draft recreation policy was presented for Chief and Council review and discussion. Tabled for the next Chief and Council meeting.

A band member requested a lobster tag which had been given up be returned. The tag was returned and the individual received the FSC lobster distribution. Decision was to not re-allocate the tag to the individual as per the agreement with the individual and other members.

The Gold River housing unit is to be followed up on to ensure the Selkirk is accommodated, the plumbing services in the basement are provided for and the basement entrance is as required.

The Band Manager is to do a breakdown of Rec funds per community versus population being served in these communities.

Hammonds Plains office is establishing a library and is seeking donations of books for the library.  
Decision approved.

The Ponhook Memorial site is in need of some maintenance. Contact is to be made with residents there to provide for the required maintenance and clean up.

The AFN AGM is being held at the Bridgewater Best Western on October 18 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m..

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Bridgewater

September 09, 2014