

ACADIA FIRST NATION
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
ACADIA FIRST NATION ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
OCTOBER 14, 2014 PUBLIC MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHIEF DEBORAH ROBINSON	COUNCILLOR JEFF PURDY
COUNCILLOR DARLENE COULTON	COUNCILLOR ANDREW FRANCIS
COUNCILLOR TOM PICTOU	COUNCILLOR MIKE PAUL

REGRETS:

COUNCILLOR DEBBIE WENTZELL, COUNCILLOR CHARMAINE STEVENS

OPENING PRAYER: Chief Deborah Robinson

September 09, 2014, minutes reviewed. Motion made by Jeff Purdy and seconded by Tom Pictou to approved the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

A review of a proposed policy framework for tutoring/math enhancement for AFN students was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Tom Pictou and seconded by Jeff Purdy to approve the framework for implementation. All in favour. Motion passed. Janice Francis to be notified by the band manager.

A review of AFN staffing was done.

An inspection report and other housing related requests were reviewed as submitted by the Housing Program. Decisions made on each item and the band manager will relay to the program the required follow-up actions.

Several requests were received about being added to the housing list. Housing program is to be informed to make the necessary additions.

Band member requests were tabled and discussed. Decisions made as per AFN policies and practices.

An issue was raised regarding the sale of inventory at the stores when the inventory is received on a Friday. As Inventory staff are not available to input this inventory into the store's inventory database and as such the merchandise could not be sold. The band manager is to follow up with the Inventory Program and advise the store and Chief and Council.

There was a request for a cleaner for the new Wildcat Community Hall. The job opportunity was to have a job description prepared and be posted. Wanda Westhaver to prepare the job description and posting asap..

The letter from Principal of the Regional High School, Terry Doucette, about the AFN Youth Moose Hunt was presented to the Chief and Council.

MK (Mik'maq Kinamatnewey) did a presentation on the funding provided to the AFN for education. There is currently an opportunity for the AFN to do a proposal for transportation funding. The band manager is to complete the proposal to address the current AFN education transportation shortfall.

AFN community Christmas dinner dates were confirmed by Shelburne, Gold River and Halifax. Notice to be posted on the website and newsletter.

It was tabled that there was a request for a AFN men's moose hunt to provide an opportunity to teach moose hunt and cultural skills to AFN men wishing to learn these skills. No decision.

Rachel Pictou did a presentation on wind farms. The Bridgewater site is up and operating and profit-sharing between the Mi'kmaq communities is being planned for this year. The site is to be named after Matt Labrador. The Amherst site is behind schedule and under challenge by local people. Project is expected to continue despite being one year behind schedule. Grand opening celebration of the windfarm projects is scheduled for Millbrook on November 17th.

Winners Corner business planning is underway. Funders are being sought.

Gold River Community Hall is to be worked on by Housing and Rachel. Plans to be developed for consideration by the community and Chief and Council.

AFN Highway signage is to be installed next month.

Julian and Amanda provided updates on business operations and AFN finances.

The issue of maintenance of band owned appliances was raised. A general discussion was held but no decision on the issue at this time. To be further reviewed.

Firearms safety courses to be held in the various AFN communities. As dates and times are confirmed these will be posted.

Gold River is to have the same plow operator as last year.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Shelburne

November 12, 2014