

ACADIA FIRST NATION
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDEWATER BEST WESTERN
October 28, 2014 PUBLIC MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS: CHIEF DEBORAH ROBINSON

OPENING PRAYER: Debra Wentzell

October 14, 2014, minutes reviewed. Motion made by Mike Paul and seconded by Tom Pictou to approved the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

A presentation was provided by Melissa Wamboldt and her Associates for the Loyalty Program. Presentation was to explain the program to Chief and Council to provide them the opportunity to consider it for the AFN stores. No decision made at this time.

Diane Campbell provided an update on UNSI work with other First Nations on training and policy development for First Nations. The Band Manager is to work with Diane to pursue funding for these opportunities for the AFN.

A presentation on the Sunlife employee benefit plan was provided by Sunlife representatives.

Charmaine and Curtis provided an update and overview of AFN fisheries. The new boat will be part of the commercial fishery. The FSC fishery will be reviewed and recommendations brought back to the Chief and Council for consideration/decision.

A discussion on cleaning of the Wildcat Community Hall was held. It was agreed that a posting for the position would be done by Wanda Westhaver. It will be a 16 hour a week position.

The Clean Water Initiative was revisited. It was decided that due to the addressing of previous questions on this matter that the band council resolution would be discussed at the meeting on the 12th of November.

An update was provided by the band manager on AFN fuel operations.

Carpenter layoffs were discussed. Decisions made and to be relayed to affected staff by the Manager of Housing.

The NSCC – Burrige – presented the AFN with a certificate as a Champion Employer for Yarmouth area.

Moose meat distribution was to be undertaken to provide elders with moose meat. Each community is to provide the number of elders for their communities so that the appropriate number of packages of meat could be prepared.

There will be no Christmas bonus and office shutdown for Christmas will begin on December 12 and end January 4th.

Several employee matters were discussed.

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

Mi'kmaq Kinamatnewey (MK) is having a Forum on Education. Attendees for the forum were decided upon and MK notified.

A matter requiring RCMP intervention was discussed. The band manager is to follow up with the RCMP.

A \$50 Christmas gift certificate for store, youth center and forestry staff was approved.

An update was provided on the recent AFN Entertainment Center was provided. Four new staff hired to assist with operations.

Occupants for new houses are required to sign the occupancy agreements.

A duplex is available in Gold River. The Housing Program is to post the opportunity, review applications and set up interviews as soon as possible.

There is a need for a light over the parking lot for the Health Center to be installed. Housing program is to address.

Gold River is working on having a cleanup day. Andrew will advise of details.

There is a great deal of interest in a basket making workshop for the AFN communities. Rachel Pictou is to follow up on potential funding for these workshops.

Several issues around business operations were discussed including till shortages, hours of work and shifts.

Ponhook Memorial site cleanup approved. Councillor Wentzell and the band manager to work out the details.

BCRs for the ministerial loan guarantee and the fishery were approved and signed.

There is a sports award celebration in Paqtnkek First Nation. Three athletes were requested to attend from each First Nation by the organizers. Three athletes were chosen from the AFN to attend.

There was a discussion on the requirement of health cards for the profit-sharing applications. Some band members were concerned over privacy issues. It was recommended that the health card number being blacked out on the card and all other information left visible.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Shelburne

November 12, 2014