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COUNCIL CHAMBER MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHIEF SACHA LABILLOIS
COUNCILLOR RON SIMONSON
COUNCILLOR MISTY LABILLOIS

COUNCILLOR DEREK MULCAHY
COUNCILLOR JAKE CAPLIN
COUNCILLOR CANDACE NARVIE

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 25th, 2023

Also present: Tanya Barnaby, CEO & Tanna Pirie-Wilson

COUNCILLOR JUSTIN GALLEN – out; COUNCILLOR TONY MILLER – away for a meeting

ELDERS PRESENT: COLLEEN GAUVIN; SYDNEY PALMATER; GEORGE LABILLOIS;
SHARRON HUMPHREY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 9:10 AM

- MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motioned to approve & accept today's agenda and Councillor Jake Caplin seconded the motion. All in favour with additions. Motion carried.
- MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motioned to approve the minutes of Apr. 18th, 2023 with changes as noted. Councillor Ron Simonson seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Requests from 3 Community Members for their CP's. Questions if they have the house for 25 years. Check on the status of the mortgage. When CP's are received, they could still be eligible for repairs under the Capital and Housing Department. Future Council will review the Housing Policy which contains the CP Policy. Chief provided the info and background of what is a Certificate of Possession (CP).
- MIC: In relation to the requests for the 3 Community members, Councillor Derek Mulcahy motions to approve all CP eligible homes including those requesting theirs today. Councillor Jake Caplin seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- MIC: Councillor Candace Narvie motions that if any homes are eligible for rent then start the paperwork for this process. Councillor Derek Mulcahy seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Councillor Ron Simonson present to Council the current status of the snow crab fishery and quota. Councillor Ron Simonson approves for the recommendation to decline the science quota for this year due to the cost to the Band since the snow crab prices are very low. Councillor Jake Caplin seconds the motion.
- 9:50 AM – presentation from Charles Harn and Tim Dedam. Tim provided the background of his past work in Economic Development at ERB. Tim presented to Council & Elders projects in the works.
- Future for Capital and Housing to host a conference for the Community – presentations on CP's, housing applications, what is a Section 95? Etc.
- Request for funding from the Medicinal Gathering committee. Request was for \$5,000 as was presented at the previous Council meeting. MIC: Councillor Derek

Mulcahy motions to commit to a total of \$5,000 as the total inclusive Band contribution to the Medicinal Gathering 2023. Councillor Jake Caplin seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried. This contribution includes \$1,000 from Child & Family Services.

- 11:15 AM – Zoom presentation from Danny Batten regarding on-line gambling set up for ERB. We would need to set up a Commission from the beginning to handle & enforce the rules and regulations.
- Questions from the Elders regarding the Snow Crab. The revenues from this fishery contribute to the own source revenue (OSR). This OSR funds various activities in the community from revenues to sports funds.
- Lunch – catered in and the Elders had a Q&A session with Councillors. Elders exit at 1pm.
- Meet with Band Member to discuss sales of property.
- Request from Band Member for financial aid to attend a conference. This conference will provide valuable skills, teachings, and training in her field of work. MIC: Councillor Candace Narvie motions to provide \$500 sponsorship and by applying for a grant ERB can re-coup the funds. Councillor Jake Caplin seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- The 4 ERB Bowlers were provided with funding of \$250 each to attend a bowling tournament in Edmundston on the past weekend.
- MIC: Councillor Jake Caplin motions to provide the Bon Ami Committee with sponsorship at the Platinum level of \$1000. Councillor Derek Mulcahy seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- MIC: Councillor Candace Narvie motion to remove the 2.5% extra on the gas being charged at the full-serve pumps. Councillor Derek Mulcahy seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried. A memo will go out to the community.
- Admin team – Tanna and Tanya provide Council with updates. Look into changing to Blue Cross. This will be explored as an option for our staff.
- Tanya updated Council on her conversations with Elder Gordon and Delia regarding the current status of the Sand & Gravel Claim.
- Presentation from Andre & Jacques Boissoneault. Working on the Municipal Service Agreement with Eel River Dundee – when this is finished then we can proceed to have the ATR processed. Invite the Mayor and Administrator to the next meeting – check their availability. Also, update on works being done soon to the Aboriginal Heritage Gardens – A/C to be installed and the painting of the building. Also, prevention strips added to keep pigeons away.
- Council approves date of May 27th for the re-signing Protocol Agreement with the Port of Belledune. This will be a family event and open to the community and Pabineau. The Port will help with set-up and payment for the event.
- Discussion was had to confirm resignation of Councillor Justin Gallen from the Council. This changes our quorum from 5 to 4.

NEXT MEETING DATE: MAY 2nd, 2023

MEETING ADJOURNED: @ 4:36 pm