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COUNCIL CHAMBER MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHIEF SACHA LABILLOIS
COUNCILLOR DEREK MULCAHY
COUNCILLOR JAKE CAPLIN
COUNCILLOR CANDACE NARVIE

COUNCILLOR TONY MILLER
COUNCILLOR RON SIMONSON
COUNCILLOR MISTY LABILLOIS

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 28th, 2023

COUNCILLOR JUSTIN GALLEN – out

Also present: Tanna Pirie-Wilson & CEO Tanya Barnaby

Elders: Judith LaBillois; Lenny LaBillois; Shirley Sewell; Nora LaBillois

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 9:30 AM

- Chief Sacha opened the meeting by welcoming the Elders to the Council meeting in Chambers. Elders will be present for the morning Council meeting and then lunch will be catered in and Q & A will continue during lunch.
- MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motioned to approve & accept today's agenda and Councillor Candace Narvie seconded the motion. All in favour with additions. Motion carried.
- MIC: Councillor Candace Narvie motioned to approve the minutes of Mar. 21st, 2023 with changes as noted. Councillor Derek Mulcahy seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- The request for sponsorship for the Bon Ami Festival came in last week and no conclusion was drawn. Action: Request for the Bon Ami Committee to come in and meet with Council.
- Ulnooweg requires signatures from Council for a Community member's request for a business expansion. Chief read the BCR to Council and Council approved. The BCR was signed by all Council present. MIC: Councillor Jake Caplin motions for the approval of the BCR. Councillor Candace Narvie seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Updates from Tanna and Tanya regarding some Admin subjects. The audit will not be ready for April 19th – so we can have a Community meeting that night instead of the AGA and audit presentation.
- We have not received the proposal cost yet – waiting on the official amount. The audit can be as focused as we want and we can specify how many years to review and how detailed. They will start with Phase 1 – go through the bank statements for the past 2 years. Review and then report. From there if any issues are flagged or questions then they can dig deeper. We have 3 quotes for this forensic audit.
- The Telepay signing authority – there was an unauthorized change in signing authority. Moving forward, with transparency and accountability, it may be up to 2 weeks to process all invoices.
- A draft of the Emergency Fund Policy was circulated for Council to approve. The funds for this would come out of OSR. This is separate from the Catastrophe

Fund which is funded by Social. Another policy will be drafted called the Community Assistance Fund.

- Chief was recently on a phone call with the Insurance Advisor with AFN – requested information for getting insurance for homes individually for those in homes on the reserve.
- Aboriginal Heritage Gardens (AHG) – there is ventilation to be installed this summer. Question to the Elders – how could the Gardens generate some revenue? One idea was to build glamping domes along the water by the Gardens. This would increase tourism to the area and spark our economy. Could the Gardens building itself be a convention centre? But the question always come up about serving alcohol. Could it be served and restricted to an area? Keep it separate from the Powwow grounds and sacred fire areas. Would people be accountable? The rentals we currently have per year are not sustaining the cost of the building upkeep. Could we envision a fenced off area for conventions and parties, the other side for sacred grounds and Powwows. From an Elder: When the building was being built, there were many that came to see what was being constructed, to ask questions, and then we spoke about the project, gave tours, walks and explained the medicines being planted. We would drum, have a fire on, serve tea and luskinigen. Tours of Heron Island were also happening.
- Questions about the election – would a 4-year term be better for ERB? The 4-year term would allow for more stability for the Council and they would be able to work through those projects that require many years. There would have to be pros and cons put out to the Community to educate them on the differences of the 2- or 4-year terms.
- Lunch served for Council and Elders. Q&A informal session.
- Meet with Director of Capital and Housing and Tyson Miller. There is a BCR to sign for a client under Jordan’s Principle. The BCR was approved and signed. The renovations for the client will be underway. MIC: Councillor Candace Narvie motions to approve the BCR. Councillor Jake Caplin seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Discussion of the Municipal Service Agreement – MSA. Schedule a meeting with the Eel River Crossing soon. Tanna will adjust the agreement and re-write it for a short term.
- 41 garbage bins have arrived and they are free. They will be labelled and distributed to the community – there us an active list of requests.
- There have been 2 meetings for the Gardens – tenders put out for painters. The tender was awarded to EM Diotte Contracting. By Friday there will be a final price for the ventilation. Project should be done by June 30. The building will be pressure washed and painted.
- Meeting with Marco Romero of Euro Manganese. Presentation on the status of the project and it’s relation to a potential build at the Port of Belledune.

NEXT MEETING DATE: APRIL 11th, 2023

MEETING ADJOURNED: @ 4:30 pm