



Eel River Bar First Nation
August 15, 2023 @ 9:00
MINUTES

Present:

Chief Jake Caplin	Councillor Daniel Caplin
Councillor Chris George	Councillor Candace Narvie
Councillor Ron Simonson	Councillor Tony Miller
Tanya Barnaby, CEO	Councillor Karen Narvie
Tanna Pirie-Wilson, Director of Operations	

Guests:

Paul Savoie, Director of Housing, Capital & O&M
Tyson Miller
Robert Worster
Christopher Labillois
Janelle Budgell, ISC
Josh Doran, ISC

Called to order

Chief Caplin called the meeting to order, welcoming all present for the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

After review of the agenda, there were two additions made:

Paul Savoie, Director of Housing, Capital & O&M
Fall Brawls-Gunner Simonson

***because of the additions to the agenda, it was not followed in the order as presented.*

Motion

Motion made to accept the agenda as presented

Motioned By Councillor Candace Narvie

Seconded by Councillor Tony Miller

Motion Carried

Paul Savoie, Director of Housing, Capital & O&M

Mr. Savoie presented the Chief and Council with an issue where another small business building will need to be moved to continue with the housing development. A discussion followed. The owner was asked to meet with Mr. Savoie, an agreement was reached; the building will be moved to the agreed location with the cost of power and water & sewage relocation being covered by housing, capital & O&M.

Robert Worster & Chris LaBillois

A discussion took place regarding their concerns with the harvesting of wood, who cuts it, when does it start, non-native cutting wood, stumpage, etc.

Follow-up: Tanna will meet with MTI

Another topic was the development of land that Chris has ribboned and painted off for a business endeavour. A discussion followed as part of the land is allocated to the housing development and potential businesses. Another item discussed was the Commercial and Fall lobster licences.

Request from Nora LaBillois

A request from Nora LaBillois was presented for some financial assistance to attend the “Healing Our Spirit Worldwide 2023”. She is looking for the following:

\$630 registration,

\$600 for accommodations

847.50 for flight - Total is \$2077.50

Chief and Council agreed to assist with the total request.

Follow-up: Councillor Candace Narvie will look for additional funding to help replenish the cost paid by Chief and Council.

Meeting Adjourned for Lunch

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 with Councillor Candace Narvie appointed as Chair by Chief Caplin.

Member Request

A community member came to discuss his situation since having been on administrative leave, followed by sick leave. Expressed concerns with the issues he has had with LTD. A discussion followed where the member was told what we would need from him to assist him with returning to a position with Eel River Bar.

Meeting scheduled with Tanna, Director of Operations with member for August 30 @ 11am.

Josh Doran & Janelle Budgell, ISC

After a round table introduction, Janelle made a presentation on CDWAI, informing the group that Eel River Bar is the only First Nations community in the Maritime provinces to chosen for this funding.

It was noted that Directors need some training to enable them to do their own reporting.

There will be an in-person CDWAI orientation with ISC soon, may also be able to participate via zoom.

A motion was made for approval of Great Earth Consulting to be our consulting company.

Motioned by Councillor Karen Narvie

Seconded by Councillor Tony Miller

Motioned Carried

A motion was made to have a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Aboriginal Heritage Gardens for a Feasibility Study.

Motioned by Councillor Karen Narvie

Seconded by Councillor Daniel Caplin

Motioned Carried

A motion was made to have a steering committee/delegation of the following individuals Tanya Barnaby-CEO, Tanna Pirie-Wilson-Director of Operations, Amanda Caplin-Director Economic Development, Chief Caplin and Charles Harn; they have the authority to make applications and decisions on pre-approved projects that have non-monetary implications to the Band and /or project.

Motioned by Councillor Tony Miller

Seconded by Councillor Karen Narvie

Motioned Carried

New Mills Land Claim – via zoom

Present for this presentation was Sabre Pictou Lee & Kerry Young from First Peoples Law firm. A round table introduction followed with Sabre informing the group she is being called to the bar in May 2024 and Kerry Young informed us that she has been with First Peoples Law for the last 5 yrs. There is \$40,000 in place to process/research the land claim for New Mills.

Several ideas that were discussed, for example, train someone in community to gather information from community members, tap into the University students, reach out to UNB, MTI, Gespe'gewa'gi – Mr. C. Mitchell.

The next meeting will include the Historian from First Peoples Law.

Sponsorship – Dalhousie Marauders

Councillor Daniel Caplin presented to chief and Council the different levels of sponsorship for the Dalhousie Marauders along with the incentives attached to the different levels. He also explained if we were to choose gold level, we would get a seat on the Board of Directors. Councillor Daniel Caplin would fill that seat.

A motion was made to sponsor the Dalhousie Marauders at the Gold level with a cost \$2500.

Motioned by Councillor Daniel Caplin

Seconded by Councillor Karen Narvie

Motioned Carried

Community Member requesting funding assistance

A community member living out of province sent in a request for some financial assistance through the Community Assistance Program as he is suffering from long term affects of Covid-19. Tabled until more information is gathered.

Update on Basketball and Ball Hockey Tournaments-Tabled waiting for more information.

Fall Brawls- Tabled waiting for more information.

Approval of Minutes-August 2, 2023

A Motion was made to accept the minutes from August 2, 2023, as presented.

Motioned by Councillor Candace Narvie

Seconded by Councillor Tony Miller

Motioned Carried

Business arising from August 2, 2023, Minutes

The group was informed that Social Development gives \$250 for hardwood and \$300 for tobacco per year.

Approval of Minutes-August 3, 2023

A Motion was made to accept the minutes from August 3, 2023, as presented.

Motioned by Councillor Candace Narvie

Seconded by Councillor Tony Miller

Motioned Carried

Business arising from August 3, 2023, Minutes

The cheque and letter regarding the moving of a building for housing development have been signed by all parties and the member received his payment.

Report from Tanya Barnaby, CEO

The following are items which Ms. Barnaby updated the group on:

- ISC has approved funding for the Job Descriptions and the pay scale for ERB.
- The 2021-22 Audit will be finalized by August 24.
- The 2022-23 Audit will start once the previous one is completed.
- Regarding the tax agreement, Ms. Barnaby will be meeting with the lawyers from MTI to discuss a presentation for Chief and Council.
- Presented the succession plan Lynn Labillois, Director of Health has for Chief and Council to consider during her year's leave of absence. **Update: Ms. LaBillois presented her plan to Chief and Council on August 24, 2023, everyone was very pleased with the thoroughness of her plan and that she will still be available for any questions from the staff for approximately 2-3 months.**

Report from Tanna Pirie, Director of Operations

- Ms. Pirie shared with the group where we stand with the \$24,600, we receive each year for Cultural and Language enrichment. There are still a couple of outstanding topics regarding basket making. These funds should go the Department of Education.
- A conversation will be had with Chuck Harn regarding the community engagement sessions and his involvement with projects for ERB.
- A BCR will be developed for the Sand & Gravel Claim which will mandate and instruct Delia Opekokew to submit Workplan and Budget for 2023-24.

Update: BCR was signed on August 24, 2023, sent to Delia Opekokew on August 29, 2023 via email.

- An employee asked about his severance pkg; Tanna informed him that he does not receive a severance pkg for going off sick, but he could investigate LTD.

During this meeting the banking cards and paperwork for the banks for the new councillors were completed.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15