



Eel River Bar First Nation

MINUTES

August 3, 2023

1:00

Present:

Chief Jake Caplin
Councilor Tony Miller
Councilor Ron Simonson
Chris George

Karen Narvie
Daniel Caplin
Everett Martin

Guests:

Paul Savoie
Tom & Jody Simonson

Absent:

Candace Narvie

Opening Remarks

Chief Caplin welcomed everyone to the meeting with a quick review of the agenda with the incomplete items from the meeting of August 2, 2023. Chief Caplin informed the group Mr. Kyle Caplin would join us at 3:00pm.

Keys for the Aboriginal Heritage Gardens

Mr. Savoie advised the group new locks have been installed at the AHG, currently only 3 people have keys, they are: Ray Stebbins, Amanda Caplin and himself. Councillor Karen Narvie asked about a key for a supply room for the Kitchen supplies, etc. a suggested was made that a combination lock could be installed for that room. A discussion was held on whether the Chief and Council would need keys as well. **Questions for follow-up: the installation of a springer system, heat/air conditioning system, camera system, the gates and the rental of the building.**

Update: Shelley Coulombe spoke with Amanda Caplin regarding the scheduling of the AHG. Ms. Caplin will forward all information and scheduling to Shelley and the receptionist will start taking care of the scheduling.

Staff Appreciation Date and Activities

Shelley explained the following your requested from the organizers:

- Date: Afternoon of August 31
- To allow more participation, close the office for the afternoon of August 31
- Close the office on Friday, September 1
- Full-time staff only to be given a ticket for an additional day off
- Venue at the ballpark or gym
- BBQ where the Chief and Council cook for the staff

After a discussion the Chief and Council were in favour with the addition of a band and the venue being changed to the beach with rentals from North Shore Rentals.

Update: Shelley sent an email to all parties on August 8, 2023.

ISC meeting – items

Chief Caplin informed that group of an upcoming meeting with ISC (date to be determined); he informed the group he has been in touch with some of the Directors asking for any items they would like to have added to the agenda.

Meeting with Deputy Minister Cady Libby

The group was informed by Chief Caplin Mr. Cady Libby the Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and President of the Regional Development Corporation is interested in discussing how the province could support some of the priority projects in your community. The date for the meeting is August 23.

Discussion of a community member's request

Councillor Simonson brought forward a fisherman's request regarding the Lobster Licence he holds for the community. After a discussion of the potential impact to the community the request was denied. Councillor Simonson will speak to the member. A letter would be sent to the member as well.

Fall Culture Event

Councillor George would like to see some activities take place on Treaty Day on October 1, 2023. He will put together a presentation for the Chief and Council. He also mentioned having a Bike Rodeo in the community next summer. Councillor George informed the group of an Elders' Conference in Alberta that would be great for some Elders to participate along with Katie Shea, the Elders' coordinator. Funding could come from any funding the is due from the TRC.

Bon Ami Gifts

Chief Caplin asked the all the participates in the Miss Bon Ami pageant, Little Miss Bon Ami pageant and Miss New Brunswick pageant all be given a small gift as a token of appreciation from the Chief, Council and Community. Shelley informed that group that she as some small gifts that she will put together for the 7 participants. Update: This was only done with the Little Miss Bon Ami Contestants.

Mr. Paul Savoie

Mr. Savoie mentioned a bill for work completed on Marsh Rd by RL Lagace. He is looking for guidance on who should be paying the bill.

A community member addressed an issue about following through on a previously agreed contract. A motion was made on the community member's request.

Motion by: Councillor Daniel Caplin

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Narvie

Motioned carried

4 in favour

3 Abstentions

Update: a letter was drafted and approved by Tanya Barnaby, CEO. The letter will be signed by Paul Savoie from Housing, Capital, Chief Caplin and the community member.

Mr. Savoie informed the group that the roof at the Aboriginal Heritage Gardens is not as bad as expected, he said some patching would take care of it for the next 3 to 4 years.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50