



Eel River Bar First Nation September 19, 2023 @ 9:00 MINUTES

Present:

Chief Jake Caplin
Councillor Chris George
Councillor Tony Miller
Councillor Everett Martin (arrived @ 10:30)

Councillor Daniel Caplin
Councillor Ron Simonson
Councillor Karen Narvie
Tanya Barnaby, CEO

Absent:

Councillor Candace Narvie
Tanna Pirie-Wilson-sick

Guests:

Schawn Boucher, Director of Child and Family
Darla Cove, Sunlife
Charles Symes

Called to Order

Chief Jake Caplin called the meeting to order at 10:45. Delayed to community members coming in with concerns.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Motioned by Councillor Ron Simonson

Seconded by Councillor Tony Miller

Motioned Carried

Approval of September 5, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made to accept the September 5, 2023 minutes with the addition of the word “possible” added to the OTS staffing restructuring.

Motioned by Councillor Ron Simonson

Seconded by Councillor Tony Miller

Motioned Carried

Business Arising from the September 5, 2023 Minutes

This was moved to our next duly convened meeting as the Director of Operation is out sick.

Charlo Airport Delegate

A discussion was held regarding the requirements for a delegate from Eel River Bar First Nation to sit on the Board for the Charlo Airport. Eel River Bar would donate \$1500 a year to the Airport Authority which gives Eel River Bar a seat on the Board of Directors. Councillor Karen Narvie volunteered to take the seat at the Board of Directors to represent Eel River Bar.

Residential School Survivors Cross Walk

Councillor Karen Narvie informed the group that Katie Shea, Interim Director of Health is looking for funding from Chief and Council to have a cross walk place at Beach Rd at the corner where the Alex Miller Church is crossing to Simonson’s Grocery; she informed the room that Katie was waiting for an estimate. **Update: Katie Shea was in on Friday, September 22 to inform Chief and Council, but they were not all present, that the cross walk would be completed today (September 22) at a cost \$750.**

Honour the Moose Celebration

Councillor Chris George informed the group that there would be an event to Honour the Moose. The event will take place on Friday, September 29 in the Elders' Room with lunch being provided, moose hunting story telling and ending with a moose call contest. Prizes will be awarded.

Euro Manganese Joint Cooperation Agreement

Tanya Barnaby, CEO explained the agreement to chief and council, here are some of the points she mentioned:

- Euro Manganese is mandated to involve First Nations Communities
- There is a non-disclosure agreement
- Other companies are going for the same land

Once the group reviewed the document, they requested to have the word "Metis" removed from the agreement with an explanation from the Metis agreement regarding their inherit rights.

A motion was made that Tanya Barnaby, CEO have the authority to sign this agreement with the changes mentioned above on behalf of Chief and Council.

Motioned by Councillor Karen Narvie

Seconded by Councillor Tony Miller

Motioned Carried

Update from Child & Family Department

Director Schawn Boucher shared with the group that the new Child and Family Building is official, he is looking to have a groundbreaking ceremony with invited guests and the community. He said the HeadStart Program will be housed in this building as well. It was suggested that he reach out to Nora LaBillois to see if she would be interested in facilitating the opening prayer. Mr. Boucher shared that there is an agreement with Eel River Crossing, Dundee and Balmoral regarding water usage. Still waiting for the ATR to be signed off for the land. The building will not have a basement, but there will be storage buildings on the grounds along with an harbour. The building will have a Zero Carbon footprint. The company awarded the contract is Edgeline Construction Ltd out of Dieppe NB.

Councillor Martin suggested that there be a letter/agreement in place to ensure that the government cannot come after the community for misappropriation of the land.

Mr. Boucher shared that the renovations on the house purchased for Child & Family is going slow.

-----Lunch Break-----

Meeting was reconvened by Chief Caplin @ 1:30. Councillor Candace Narvie joined council for the afternoon session of the meeting. Chief Caplin welcome Darla Cove and Charles Symes of Sun Life & Symes Financial Services Inc. to the meeting.

Sun Life Presentation

Attached is the Presentation made to Chief & Council.



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Mr. Symes explained that they are looking for clear direction from Chief & Council on the Health Plan and who should be part of the plan. Ms. Cove spoke to the presentation and the numbers showing the importance of all employees including the OTS being part of the plan. If the band were to cover ½ of the cost of the plan it would be approximately \$3700/month. Chief thanked them for their time, explaining that someone will get back to them.

Accommodation Expenses

Chief asked the councillors if they would be okay with covering the cost of lodging for the members who were stranded in Toronto on their way back from the 2023 Healing Our Spirit Worldwide conference in Vancouver because of Hurricane Lee. Everyone agreed.

-----Meeting adjourned at 3:15-----

Notetaker: Shelley Coulombe