



Eel River Bar First Nation
DULY CONVENED MEETING
MINUTES

September 28, 2023

Present:

Chief Jake Caplin

Councillor Tony Miller (left for a zoom @ 2:00, returned)

Councillor Ron Simonson (left for appt @ 2:20)

Councillor Chris George

Councillor Karen Narvie

Councillor Daniel Caplin (arrival 1:30)

Councillor Everett Martin

Councillor Candace Narvie

Others:

Tanya Barnaby, CEO

Tanna Pirie Wilson, Director of Operations

Guests:

Schawn Boucher, Director of Child & Family

Thomas Fournier, Tom Simonson Contracting

Matthew Vienneau, Boissonnault McGraw

Jody & Tom Simonson, Tom Simonson Contracting

Tyson Miller, ERB Housing Department

Andre Boissonnault, Boissonnault McGraw

Meeting called to order

Chief Caplin called the meeting to order at 1:15, welcoming all who are present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Councillor Candace Narvie

Seconded by Councillor Ron Simonson

Motion Carried

Schawn Boucher & Kathy Pictou – Child & Family Position

Mr. Boucher, Director of Child & Family advised the group Kathy Pictou, HR department employee would not be joining the meeting. He is here today to inform the group of a recommendation for another Social Worker's position; there was only one candidate that applied. The candidate is Brianna Williams, she did go through the interview process, she has been working for Child & Family Services at Migaju House. Chief and Council thanked Mr. Boucher for the update.

Mr. Boucher also informed the room that there would be a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Child & Family building on the morning of Friday, October 13, 2023, with a light lunch to follow afterwards at the Aboriginal Heritage Gardens.

Hunting Permission Letters

Executive Assistant, Shelley Coulombe advised the group that she has received numerous letters from individuals looking to hunt in our territory; she is looking for guidance or updates on the letters. After a discussion it was decided the following would be added to the letters:

- You will only be allowed to harvest one (1) bull moose during your visit
- You will have to provide us with your vehicle registration which will be scanned to your letter of permission
- If you should harvest a bull moose, you must report the kill to our Lead Ranger Donna Caplin

Update: Chief Caplin overturned this decision, deciding that it is in the best interest of ERB not to have anyone hunt in our territory for this year. However, after more consultation it was decided individuals could hunt with a guide. Ms. Coulombe forwarded emails to all hunters each time a change was made.

Meeting Tom Simonson Contracting and Boissonnault McGraw

A discussion took place amongst the group regarding the tender that has not been signed yet where Tom Simonson Contracting does not want to use the side road that is being built next to the newly paved road. Mr. Boissonneault advised the room that this is common practice especially when there will be 1200 truck loads of gravel driving on the newly paved road.

Mr. Simonson found there to be a lot of changes to the contract, but Mr. Boissonneault explained the need for topsoil with a color-coded map he brought in, furthermore he advised the room that this was discussed at the pre-tender meeting along with the side road. He also advised the contractor must always have a technician on site.

Councillor Karen Narvie questioned the funding for these projects and why the funds don't go through our finance department. It was explained the funding is in trust with reporting and an audit is completed after the project completed.

A further discussion followed on the contract and the fact the work hasn't started and the contract is not yet signed. Mr. Simonson explained the weather has caused delays and cost increases. Numerous questions were raised on the tendering process, it was explained that the work is completed by the Capital and Housing department in conjunction with the engineering firm and is not the job of Chief and Council. It was also noted that there needs to be work completed on having more internal meetings with the various directors and a strategic plan with guidance is needed as well.

Chief Caplin explained that he would not want to see the two (2) housing projects put in jeopardy.

A motion was made to make an amendment to the contract: Tom Simonson Contracting trucks will be allowed to traverse on the newly laid pavement and curbs. If there is any resulting damage from that Tom Simonson Contracting will cover costs to make the necessary repairs.

Motioned by Councillor Candace Narvie

Seconded by Karen Narvie

Motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

Note: Councillor Ron Simonson left chamber at 2:20 before any voting took place.

Executive Assistant, Shelley Coulombe excused herself to chief as she found it too difficult to be in a meeting that was out of order. She asked Tanya Barnaby, CEO to take the minutes. They are as follows:

- Director for Capital and Housing released money for the roof at the C-store without checking the venting.
- A working committee should be created for the bidding process, revisit the policy on tenders.

Business arising from the minutes of September 19, 2023

Unfinished items from the September 5, 2023 agenda:

1. BCR for the Peacekeepers training **Not signed**. But a discussion followed to advise the room the training would be done with two (2) groups of trainees. The four (4) individuals chosen are:
 - Jason Diotte, Shelby Lagacy, Drake Caplin and Vinny Mulcahy.

Can we make an amendment the Peacekeeping with the consultation of the council?

Update: Shelby Lagacy declined the training at this time.

- Chief and Council and looking to have the facts.
2. Approval of Vacation Days for the remainder of 2023
 - Remembrance Day & Christmas Break **Update: this has been taken care of, but not at a council meeting.**

Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2023 - Not completed

Update on ISC meeting in Moncton Not completed

Business arising from the minutes of September 5, 2023: Osprey Truck Stop Staffing & CDWAI
Navigator update - **Not completed**

ATM Not completed

The issue of the previous contract is still outstanding, but a suggestion was made that we look at getting a grant for ERB to have their own ATM machines.

Update: Tanya Barnaby, CEO has been in touch with Nadir Andre, lawyer, to draft a letter, he will be joining chief and council at their next duly convened meeting.

Adjournment at 4:37

Notetaker:

Shelley Coulombe