



**EEL RIVER BAR FIRST NATION
DULY CONVENED MEETING
MINUTES
November 1, 2023**

Present:

Chief Jake Caplin

Councillor Everett Martin

Councillor Candace Narvie

Councillor Karen Narv

Councillor Chris George

Councillor Daniel Caplin

Regrets:

Councillor Ron Simonson (ill)

Councillor Tony Miller (meetings in Quebec)

Others:

Tanya Barnaby, CEO (via zoom)

Nadir Andre, Lawyer (via Zoom)

Paul Savoie, Director, Capital & Housing

Meeting called to order

Chief Caplin welcomed everyone to the meeting, calling it to order at 9:50.

Approval of Agenda for November 1st

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented.

Moved by Councillor Candace Narvie

Seconded by Councillor Chris George

Motioned Carried

Councillor George thanked everyone who volunteered to organize the Halloween Party, he said it was great to see the community out enjoying themselves.

A discussion was held regarding the permission letters to hunt in this territory; a point was made that we need to remind our own people to hunt in a respectful matter. Perhaps have a meeting with community members, DNR and elders.

Meeting with Nadir Andre, Lawyer

Mr. Andre was called in advice C&C on the situation with the ATM machines at the Osprey Truck Stop (OTS). Chief and Council explained the history of the ATMs at the OTS, like a contract with the previous owners for the ATMs, not see a new contract with new Company. C&C explained that they would hope to have their own ATMs at the OTS in the future. Mr. Andre explained the importance of having a Board of Directors for Economical Development, there by separating C&C from the business decision of Economic Development. The forensic audit that is in progress does not include Migaju House and the ATMs, Tanya Barnaby will see if they can be added. There are questions regarding the Cannabis company that was supposed to be the only contributor to ERB. Tanya Barnaby, CEO will gather more information for Mr. Andre, this will assist him in writing a letter to the owner of the ATMs that were at the OTS before a new contract was signed with Go Cash Go. Mr. Andre will assist C&C with developing a Board of Directors for Economic Development at our training session on November 9 & 10.

Signing of Documents:

BCR – Participation in Mi'gmaq Peacekeeping Inc. - Signed by Chief & Councillors Present

BCR – Community Agreement Peacekeeping Inc. - Signed by Chief & Councillors Present

Consent for Chief to sign for Mi'gmaq Peacekeeping Inc. - Signed by Chief Caplin

Chief to sign Community Agreement for Mi'gmaq Peacekeeping Inc. - Signed by Chief Caplin

Sign April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 Auditors' Report – Signed by Chief & Councillors Present
Update: documents will be hand delivered to the auditors on Thursday, November 9th. BCRs, etc. for the peacekeeping training have been emailed to Tracy Cloud, MTI.

Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2023

A motion was made to accept the minutes of September 28, 2023, as presented.

Moved by Councillor Candace Narvie

Seconded by Councillor Karen Narvie

Motion Carried

Business arising from meeting of September 19, 2023

Due to unforeseen circumstances, at the meeting on September 28, 2023, the minutes of September 19, 2023, were not discussed.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of September 19, 2023

Moved by Councillor Candace Narvie

Seconded by Daniel Caplin

Motion Carried

LUNCH BREAK

Chief Caplin called the meeting to order at 1:15

Community Development Mandate

An email was received from Betty-Ann Fortin, CEO of the Restigouche Regional Service Commission. The email informed C&C that within the Regional Service Commission's new mandates, they have established an advisory committee for Community Development. The person that was appointed by C&C has not participated in any meeting. She recommended Cathy Pictou as she has shown interest. Upon further investigation C&C learned there is a Board of Directors, but because ERB does not pay property taxes to the PNB in accordance with the Regional Service Delivery Act, we cannot have a seat on the Board. With this information C&C decided to table this until we have a meeting with the Commission. They do have the following Advisory Committees:

- Economic Development - (new)
- Regional Tourism Promotion – Amanda Caplin
- Community Development & Regional transportation - no participation from appointee
- Recreational Infrastructure Cost-Sharing
- Public Safety Committee – no participation from appointee

The Committee meets 3-4 times per year, the candidate would receive \$75 per diem plus mileage for meetings.

Elders' Gathering in Edmonton

Executive Assistant, Shelley Coulombe informed the room of the final cost for the Elders' trip to Edmonton, with the donation from C&F of \$5,000, the final cost was \$11,576.

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

Mr. Savoie joined the group as he needed three (3) renewal of mortgage documents signed. He also needed documents signed by Chief and Council regarding the street names for the tiny houses.

Updates:

CDWAI position

Tanya Barnaby, CEO advised the group there was only one candidate for the position. After a discussion it was decided to interview the candidate. **Update: The candidate is scheduled to be interviewed on November 8th.**

At this time, Councillor Chris George shared was C&C some numbers of the budgeted for the Greenhouse project, the Aboriginal Heritage Gardens, the Splash Pad, Hunting trails, etc.

Director of Operations position

Tanya advised the group she updated the posting. A discussion followed about the reasons why it is an interim position and the fact that individuals may not want to apply because it is temporary. The decision was made to rename the position to Band Manager, as it once was and make it full-time. **Update: the position has been posted, the closing date is November 24, 2023**

Quotes for removal of gas tanks and pumps at Simonson's Grocery

The following quotes were presented to C&C: DBM Quotation for Gas Bar Removal at Simonson's Grocery is \$28,740.00+taxes. Sutherland Excavation Ltd. quotation is \$15,890.00 no taxes. A Discussion followed on the fact that this is a private business, and that the property would be used to develop another private business. Tabled until proof can be shown of the moneys previously owed to a member.

Lion's Club letter for Outdoors Men's Night

Chief and Council agreed to donate \$250 for their annual Men's Night fundraising event. Councillor Karen Narvie was going to check on gas cards from the Osprey Truck Stop

Delsan Job Fair

The date for the Delsan Job Fair will be November 14 at the Alex Miller Hall from 10am to 5pm. Colleen LaBillois is providing the lunch for anyone that would show up during that time of day.

Harry Pictou – Snow Removal

Mr. Pictou came in to speak to C&C about getting the snow removal contract back for the truck stop. He believes that there wasn't a tender put out for, he believes the previous Manager simply gave it to Tom Simonson Contractors. He spoke about losing the snow removal contract and how it wasn't looked at carefully enough to ensure everything was covered in the bidding. Does the Osprey Truck Stop do its own bidding for tenders? Who puts them out? **Follow-up to be done by Councillor Karen Narvie.**

Kim LaBillois-Cormier & Judith LaBillois

On advice of council, Nadir Andre, this will not be discussed at council until a resolution/agreement can be met. A letter as been completed, will be sent through Purolator. A letter submitted by a band member regarding lot 158 has been tabled as well regarding this situation.

Adjournment at 4:00

Note Taker: Shelley Coulombe