



**EEL RIVER BAR FIRST NATION
DULY CONVENED MEETING
MINUTES
November 7, 2023**

Present:

Chief Jake Caplin

Councillor Tony Miller

Councillor Everett Martin

Councillor Daniel Caplin

Councillor Chris George

Regrets:

Councillor Ron Simonson (ill)

Councillor Candace Narvie (No Contact)

Councillor Karen Narvie (meetings PEI)

Others:

Jason Harquail, Environment Canada, Indigenous Science Division

Meeting called to order

Chief Caplin welcomed everyone to the meeting, calling it to order at 1:20

Approval of Agenda for November 7th

A motion was made to accept the agenda with the following amendments: Lawyer Tom Keefer, re: Cody Caplin and a request from Mallory and Georgia Labillois

Motioned by Councillor Chris George

Seconded by Councillor Tony Miller

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2023

A motion was made to accept the minutes with an amendment regarding the Peacekeeping Training BCRs.

Motioned by Councillor Chris George

Seconded by Councillor Daniel Caplin

Motion Carried

Any business arising from the minutes of November 1, 2023

- The position of CDWAI Navigator as been filled, the successful candidate was D Bjorndal.
- Does Chief & Council want a letter sent to a member explaining if he has proof of the \$5,000 that is owed to him, they will gladly pay that but not the cost for the removal the tank and pumps.
- Does Councillor Karen Narvie have any finding regarding Harry Pictou's request for snow removal at the Osprey Truck stop.

1:30 – Jason Harquail – Environment Canada

Mr. Harquail explained the Indigenous Science Division (ISD) is looking at long term relationship on community-based projects, for example, the clam beds, environmental impact from the Eel River Dam, chemical impact on the fisheries in Eel River Bar, just to name a few.

Remembrance Day event

Chief shared with the group that this year's Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Alex Miller Hall at 3pm.

Legion Wreath Laying

The Dalhousie Legion, Branch 17 has extended an invitation to Chief Caplin to lay a wreath on behalf of Eel River Bar First Nation. The cost for the wreath is \$45.00.

PLC – Cost of camera upgrade inside and outside at the Osprey Truck Stop

Chief and Council were presented with an estimate for an upgrade to the current security cameras at the Osprey Truck Stop. The upgrade will include seeing the licence plates on all vehicles regardless of which way it is parked at the pumps. It will also include the truckers' area and its entrance. *Follow up: How long will the data be held in the system? Unsure, Tony will verify with Eli and/or PLC.* The discussion was tabled until further conciliation with legal counsel. **Update: after further discussion with legal counsel regarding a Board of Directors for Economic Development and its businesses it was noted that Chief and Council could discuss the business of the truck stop until any change.**

Staff Party

Councillor Karen Narvie and Councillor Daniel Caplin have started the planning for this year's staff party. LaSource has been booked for the catering, Lions' Club Hall is booked, waiting to hear from the James Brown Band for music. Executive Assistant Shelley Coulombe informed the group that Alice and Bella Moffat have a decorating business which could be reached to see about decorating the hall. A discussion was held on inviting all staff to the meal & dance including casual, seasonal and part-time. As well it was discussed that the doors could be open to the members of Eel River Bar after 10pm. Guest of the staff member would have to pay \$25 for the meal. Child and Family have donated a TV, apple watch, just to name a few. An email was sent to staff inviting them to a meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at noon in the Kitpu Room to help with the planning of their party.

Zoom meeting with Tom Keefer, counsel for Cody Caplin

Councillor Chirs George informed the group that Tom Keefer counsel for Cody Caplin, band member would like to have a meeting with Chief and Council to discuss Mr. Caplin's case. **Update: a Teams meeting has been set with Mr. Keefer for Friday, November 17 @ 10am.**

Request from Georgia & Mallory LaBillois

Georgia & Mallory put on an event for grade 11 Indigenous Studies class for Truth and Reconciliation Day. They did teachings with the younger kids at LER. They chose to do a BINGO with cultural words/animals. They requested a small monetary donation of \$50 for prizes. This request was received in September 2023, but just brought forward this date. **Request approved.**

Updates

1. The recipient of the Glencore Brunswick Smelter Bursary for \$1,000 is Themba Hlahatsi, son of Dorothy Hache.
2. The Care & Custody Agreement to hand over the vessel L.A.N. for the purpose of demolition and disposal has been signed on behalf of Eel River Bar by Councillor Tony Miller and Aidan Sampson, Manager of Samson Enterprises Ltd
3. Councillor Ron Simonson submitted another sick note for an additional 4 weeks.

Adjournment @ 4:20

Notetaker: Shelley Coulombe