



**Eel River Bar First Nation
DULY CONVENED MEETING
January 12th, 2026
1:00pm
MINUTES**

Present

Chief Chris George
Councillor Daniel Caplin
Councillor Tiffany Boyd
Councillor Misty LaBillois

Councillor Karen Narvie*
Councillor Tony Miller*
Councillor Ron Simonson
Councillor D LaBillois-Bjorndal

*excused

Notetakers:

Sonja Lee

Chief Chris George called the meeting to order at 10:42am

Quorum is 4

MIC from Councillor D. LaBillois-Bjorndal to approve the agenda, 2nd by
Councillor Tiffany Boyd.

MIC put forward by Councillor Daniel Caplin to approve the minutes from January
5th, 2026, 2nd by Councillor Ron Simonson.

CHIEF'S UPDATE:

Off Reserve meeting at 7pm on January 15th, 2026, meeting will be an update and
organic conversation.

BAND MANAGER UPDATE:

- Audits are causing delays, need to be up to date. Coding needs to be corrected. September 2025 report from auditors shows some departments way under the spending \$, while others show way over, monies just needs to be coded to the correct departments
- Strategic Planning session will take place on March 10, 11, and 12th, possibly in the Bathurst area. Executive Assistant to book a boardroom

- Chief and Council and all directors to attend
- H/R Operations meeting to review the employee handbook will take place on January 15th, from 9-4pm

HOUSING UPDATE:

- Appliances, Social can cover the cost for the fridge and stove for the 5 new builds, future builds will come turn-key and will include the fridge and stove
- Housing will be utilizing the 2021 on line housing policy, until it has been revised, at which time it will be shared to social media for the community
- January 28/29, 2026 Turtle Island Consultants will meet with C&C for the True Cost of Housing

FORESTRY UPDATE:

- Councillor Daniel Caplin is attending training at AV Cell to be certified as a supervisor, safety is a concern as Safety NB audits 4 times a year.
- First Aid training will be held on January 6th and 7th, 2026 in the old IT room
- New allocation can go up to 60,000 cubic meters, AV Cell will assign where we cut (Irongate Road). This is not the 10,000 cubic meters already allocated, this is a separate allocation, NB wood projects is going strong
- Long term plan is to have it run by ERB once we're ready
- All employees will need jackets, hats, glasses, gloves and boots. The mandatory safety gear.

PORTFOLIO REASSIGNMENTS:

- Housing portfolio will be led by Councillor Karen Narvie, with all Chief and Council on the portfolio with the exception of the housing director Councillor Tiffany Boyd
- Fisheries portfolio will be led by Councillor Tony Miller , with all Chief and Council on the portfolio with the exception of the fisheries director, Councillor Ron Simonson
- Director will be first point of contact

Meeting adjourned 12:00

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 pm

Councillor D. LaBillois-Bjorndal's Update:

- Daycare, there are 2 designs at one cost to be reviewed by project committee
- Working on the Terms of Reference for the new Youth Council/Committee
- March 28th, 2026 ERB will host a Community Round Dance

WINTERFEST UPDATE:

- Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 8th, 2026
- Clam Festival and Winterfest historically received \$7,500. from C&C toward their budget
- Will need a budget for merchandise, and fireworks.

Councillor Daniel Caplin put a MIC to provide \$7,500. from own source revenue to Winterfest, 2nd by Councillor Misty LaBillois, vote 6/0 Aye... motion passed.

GENERAL:

- Amendment 0099 for Indigenous Services Canada was signed by Chief and Council
- Councillor D. LaBillois-Bjorndal put forward a MIC to provide the \$500. Emergency fund requested by a community member, motion was 2nd by Tiffany Boyd, vote 6/0 Aye... motion passed
- Letter of Support for NSMTC Air Quality Monitoring was signed, this will be at no cost to the band
- Old IT office will be turned back into a Staff Room, restricted to just staff for coffee breaks, lunch
- JFK Law was tabled, waiting for the workplan

BCR's

- Specific Claims was tabled

Next Duly Convened Meeting on January 19th, 2026 @ 9:00am

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

