



**Eel River Bar First Nation
DULY CONVENED MEETING
February 2nd, 2026
9:00am
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

*sick day

Notetakers:

Sonja Lee

Chief Chris George called the meeting to order at 9:50 am
Quorum is 4

MIC from Councillor Karen Narvie to accept the agenda with additions, motion was second by Councillor Misty LaBillois, vote 6/0 Aye, motion passed.

Council reviewed the minutes from January 26th, 2026. A MIC was put forward by Councillor Tiffany Boyd, to approve the minutes with changes. Motion was 2nd by Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal Vote 6/0 Aye, motion passed.

CHIEF'S UPDATE

- Fisheries Conference highlighted the core issues, all Mi'kmaq feel the same way regarding the RIA with DFO. While we sink our teeth into our rights, government treats us with regulations.
- ARROM is the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management, they have resources to help around fisheries. We will build our relationships with AAROM and APC fisheries.
- Tuma Young presented at the Fisheries Conference, he was very inspiring. we will put together a file as we compile what is Mi'kmaq?

- 3 people were honoured at the conference including our own Iris Turpin-Simonson.
- We are looking at operations as a whole for capacity building.
- Professional Development is key, Directors to attend conferences.
- The need to prioritize strategic planning, what employees do and accountability to each other.

BAND MANAGER UPDATE

- Will meet with Grant Thornton on Thursday
- Met with the management team at OTS re: pricing, Dable will make a presentation to C&C, then C&C will make the final decision
- Met with Councillors Ron Simonson and Tony Miller regarding the Peacekeepers and Rangers Program. Program needs to be revised, looking for ways to separate the programs.

HOUSING UPDATE

- Committee met on Jan 28, 2026 @ 3pm to review considerations presented by the Director of Capital, Housing & Infrastructure. The **recommendations are below**:
 1. Allocate 32A Sunset – Unit is renovated and move-in ready. Committee reviewed the allocation list and selected the successful applicant based on the point system outline in the 2021 Housing Policy. The successful applicant had the highest score of 39. There were two others with a higher score but one was deemed to be in a care home and the other has suitable living accommodations, at this time.
 2. CP Repairs and Maintenance – Director informed that currently those who sold CP's have been provided inconsistent access to services for repairs and maintenance. Records, and conversations with members and staff, show that in certain points of time some members with CP's have received repairs and maintenance and others have been told no. The current policy does not have any criteria that states we should or shouldn't provide services.
 3. Director asked the committee for recommendation on how to proceed. The committee recommends providing services to those who have CP's lots if budget and/or funding is available to do so. Committee recommends addressing this gap in policy revisions
- Another 20 homes to be completed through FNEEP (First Nation Energy Efficiency Program). Committee will review selections to make recommendations to Council. Application deadline is March 2026.

- 2026- 2027 RRAP Application due for February 10, 2026, \$30,000.00 allocation (CMHC). This program can be used for any home that is no longer under mortgage.

Motion in Council by Councillor Misty LaBillois to approve and accept recommendations as presented by the Housing Director. Motion was second by Councillor Tony Miller. Motion put to vote all in favour 7/0 Aye, motion passed.

- BCR for Land's Department was reviewed and tabled.
- BMO paperwork was signed
- BCR's for proposals 3 of 4 signed (MIC last duly convened meeting)
- Resume received, recommendation to send to H/R when they post for an appropriate position.
- Request for emergency funding was approved MIC by Councillor D LaBillois Bjorndal, 2nd by Councillor Daniel Caplin, vote 7/0 Aye, motion passed
- Census collection for First Nations Population Report will begin in May of 2026, there will be job opportunities for our community members.
- Sports funding request for bowling was approved by C&C
- Sports funding request for Jersey Sponsorship was approved by C&C MIC from Councillor Tiffany Boyd, 2nd by Councillor Daniel Caplin to provide funding for sports funding requests, vote 7/0 Aye, motion passed

Next Duly convened meeting will take place on February 23rd, 2026 at 9:00am

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm

