



**Eel River Bar First Nation  
DULY CONVENED MEETING  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

**Notetakers:**

Sonja Lee

Chief Chris George called the meeting to order at 9:10 am

A Motion In Council was put forward by Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal to accept the agenda with additions, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor Daniel Caplin  
Council reviewed the minutes from February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal motioned to approve the minutes with one change, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor Misty LaBillois

**Chief's Update**

The Boston Seafood Market will take place on March 15-17, 2026, it would be good to attend and make connections between community and commercial opportunities. Trip will be funded by AICFI (Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative)

AICFI has funding for capacity building available

Community consultation will take place with Innergex and Prodigy regarding partnership in SMR's (Small Nuclear Reactors)

## **Band Manager Update**

Finance Department has been working with Doane Grant Thornton on the audit, all is going well. Just a handful of deposits to be reclassified. Should be complete by the end of March.

Forensic Audit report is complete and will be presented to C&C, Doane Grant Thornton will continue to do our audits.

Met with BMO, they will present the agreements made with previous council on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Housing Update**

### **Briefing Note:**

Internal Housing Committee have selected a eligible applicant for 32A Sunset.

Internal Housing Committee recommendation that services should not be provided to those who have fully separated rental units and/or homes with rental units inside or attached to the home. This will be addressed within new policies.

There is 1 Build Allocation remaining in carry-over funding. Recommendation is to use this money to rebuild a current condemned home.

Home Incentive Program will be included in Housing's Budget and presented to Council.

Director of Capital, Housing & Infrastructure is recommending that the rent payments from Social for Section 95 units be assessed by the Band Manager and a briefing presented to C&C

Motion In Council to accept the recommendations in the Briefing Note from the Director of Housing was put forward by Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal to accept the recommendations from the housing Director, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor Misty LaBillois, vote 6/0 Aye. Motion was passed.

### **Funding**

RRAP (Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program) has been approved for 3 homes.

Applying for the RBC Barrier Buster Grant for a maximum of \$40k to address the Main Entrance Accessibility, which will include a ramp, and push buttons to open the door. Grant was forwarded to housing by community member Desiree Pictou.

Band Manager, Comptroller and Director of Housing will meet with AON Insurance to compare rates.

APC Urban & Rural Funding was allocated in 2024, has funds that need to be spent. Report is due March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The Off Reserve Committee will reach out.

Budget for 2026/2027 will be developed with caps on Council's travel allowance set.

A specific time to be established for C&C to meet with Directors once a month.

**Striped Bass Commercial Fishery:**

The Striped Bass Project, funding to come from MTI, will look at a 5 year plan to ensure feasibility

Northern Energy Alliance provided maps to view the area where the windmills will be built, and sections of land that can be available for the use of ERB. Northern Alliance has partnered with nearby communities.

AA Roundup had challenges for Health, need more communication, fund raising, and a budget.

Emergency Management Funding for wild fire prevention, spend by March 31<sup>st</sup>, Councillor Daniel Caplin will have a list of what we need.

### **Requests**

- Spring hockey sponsorship request approved \$250.
- Emergency fund request approved \$500.
- Request for help with power directed to Councillor Tiffany Boyd for off reserve funding
- Round Dance donation was approved \$5,000.

Next Duly Convened meeting will be at 9:00am on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm

