



**Eel River Bar First Nation**  
**DULY CONVENED MEETING**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**9:00am**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Chief Chris George

Councillor Daniel Caplin

Councillor Tiffany Boyd

Councillor Misty LaBillois

\*excused

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 9:30 am

A Motion In Council was put forward by Councillor Tiffany Boyd to accept the agenda with additions, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal

Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal made a MIC to approve the minutes from March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Motion was second by Councillor Daniel Caplin

**CHIEF'S UPDATE**

- There is a meeting with Prodigy at 8:00 am tomorrow, previous Chief signed a MOU with Prodigy, there is a Collaboration Agreement on the table to be signed, there is nothing binding in the agreement, but is a nuclear project. The plan is to ship nuclear waste, the half life for nuclear waste is 1 million years. The project is supported by AFN, but in Northern Ontario where they want to store the waste is against it
- Receipt to MTI will need a contract to hire for fisheries on a retainer
- Greenhouse would need upwards of 22k as a budget for the greenhouse project. We can a lot 5k for the summer budget. Structure repairs will be looked at by housing, cost would come out of Own Source Revenue. The Greenhouse Project will use an office in the band hall.

- Elder's Lodge, stumpage \$\$ was to be given towards an Elders lodge, council supports the idea of a lodge with an internal committee. Residential School Survivor funding is coming available
- Letter to Lori Clark of NB Power re: Land at decommissioned site to be put on letterhead and forwarded with the Letter of Intent for Stolts Sea Farm
- Fisheries Committee, C&C met with the commercial fishermen and explained that the licenses were given in an undemocratic fashion, discussed the need to give back to community. Fishermen will donate for the Mothers day event, drop off lobster, cook it and have a pick up zone like last year. Commercial Fisherman do invest in a seeding program and hire security for their boats as a collective. Discussion on a work trailer with electricity and internet for the security person(s)
- April 30<sup>th</sup> community meeting suggested we invite Mark Godin from DFO, we had a working group previously could be revised.
- Renewed our Gaming Agreement – lottery program standard
- Discussion on NB Power payments coming out of Own Source Revenue, we need a full understanding of what Social can cover

### **BAND MANAGER UPDATE**

- IN CAMERA SESSION
- Band Manager position will be posted for 2 weeks, if we get 2 good applicants interviews will go ahead, if not posting will be extended. A committee will be needed, Chief would like to sit in.
- C&C will hire the band manager and Finance Administrator
- Grant Thornton will meet with Band Manager on Thursday. Charter of Accounts is ready, Directors will redo budgets using the new codes. Meeting with GT to review Audit for 2024/2025, 2025/2026 to be complete in July
- Reviewing costs of consultants, \$'s coming from Own Source Revenue, will devise a list of who does what with an eye on crossover work
- Chain of Command by Department handout
- Rental Agreements to be signed with North Shore, Cedar Path has signed and pre-paid for 6 months.
- Ec/Dev to be reviewed
  1. Greenhouse should be under the Health Centre
  2. River Crew should be under Fisheries

- Ec/Dev Board amalgamate forestry and fisheries into Natural Resources
- Fisheries & Public Sector will need changes, Office management to set schedules and have knowledge of programs is needed
- Any hire of new positions will go through C&C to be approved
- Band Manager contract is up in July, would be willing to stay longer if needed
- Procurement Policy will be written by Chief, Band Manager and Exec. Assistant

### **HOUSING UPDATE**

- ISC is hesitant to build on CP Property
- Request for further \$ for build was denied re: rules of contract
- First Nations Energy Efficiency Program is underway, they will be installing next week, we will provide another 20 houses to be inspected for the next round
- Housing Department will work on Public Statement/Memorandum regarding CP's, the selling of band owned houses, ISC housing maintenance budget

### **General Business**

- Land dispute reviewed, Executive Assistant to write a letter
- Application forms for Healthy Living and Emergency Fund have been approved, will be uploaded to our website today
- BCR for Chief as signing authority for RBC was signed
- Special Purpose Vehicles funding is not available unless FN is in the Grant System
- Signed legal documents with JFK Law to move forward against KNR trucking
- BCR for C&FS to set aside land for the use of the Migaju House at Heritage Gardens
- Motion in Council by Councillor Tony Miller to suspend the additions to membership effectively immediately until the membership codes are complete, Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor Misty LaBillois, Vote 7/0 Aye, motion passed
- Councillor Tiffany Boyd put forward a MIC to accept the organizational chart and approve the new structure for fisheries and the public sector,

Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor D. LaBillois Bjorndal, Vote 7/0 Aye, motion passed

- MIC to provide \$3k for the Senior Hawks team was put forward by Councillor Misty LaBillois, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor Tony Miller, 2 councillors abstained from the vote, Vote was 4/0 Aye... Motion passed

Next duly Convened Meeting will take place at 9:00am on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm

