

Stz'uminus First Nation



Chief and Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2009 4:30 – 7:40 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Chief: John Elliott

Council: John Vincent, Edward Seymour Sr., Terry Sampson, Peter Seymour, Tim Harris, Harvey Seymour Sr., Charlotte Elliott, Kevin Frenchy, Herb Seymour

Stephen Olson – CFN Administrator

Teoni Jameson – CFN Executive Assistant

Guest: S/Sgt. Roger Plamondon – RCMP, Ladysmith Detachment, Sgt. Chris Bear – Aboriginal Policing Advisory NCO

Meeting called to order at 4:45 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Add report on AFN 30th AGA in Calgary to others, 5a.
- Add Memo re: communications to administration, 4f
- Add Discussion re: Cable Bay Golf Resort to administration, 4g

**It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended
Motion carried**

2. RCMP – S/Sgt Roger Plamondon & Sgt. Chris Bear

- Council spoke to the RCMP about being more visible in the community, attending community meetings, events, sports tournaments etc. They would like the RCMP more involved in the community, being more proactive than reactive. We need more patrols around the 20th of the month and the end of the month. There was talk of an office space being provided in the elder's center, we should do that. What are the services that CFN is entitled to?
- S/Sgt. Plamondon has been with the Ladysmith detachment for three months now. Visibility –Ladysmith is fortunate, as we do have a First Nation police officer (Cst. Dave Fish) that is 100% devoted to service the reserve. The RCMP would like to participate in community events, games etc.; they would just need to know when. The biggest challenge for the RCMP is the software, which only works in the police car or office. Entitled services – everything offered outside of the reserve should be offered here. We have a dedicated officer in the community, who should be meeting with the community, the council, band office etc. S/Sgt. Plamondon can also meet with council when required (monthly, quarterly etc.).
- Sgt. Bear oversees the First Nation community policing members of the island. Ladysmith has one officer (Cst. Dave Fish), who is to devote 100% of his time working towards policing of the SFN reserve. Cst. Fish's job is to work collaboratively with the community to do what needs to be done. Service – you get enhanced policing; one position devoted to your community, but all of the other members are expected to respond to calls.
- Letter of expectations: This letter is what Chief and Council expect of the police officer to make things better on the reserve. Stephen has the letter. Council can put whatever they want in the letter i.e. If you want the DARE program at the schools, put it in the letter. The entire community should know who Cst. Fish is, do they?
- Probably not. We need to plan how to get Cst. Fish more known in the community.
- In other communities, when a new member of the RCMP comes into the community, there is a welcoming dinner to introduce the new member. Cst. Fish may be transferring and if he does, it would be nice if Cst. Fish and an elder could work with the new RCMP members to talk about the history and what is working in the community.
- Next steps – the RCMP will continue to provide monthly reports to the administrator. S/Sgt. Plamondon and/or Cst. Fish will attend more council meetings to ensure services are in the community. Phone S/Sgt. anytime there are any concerns.

RCMP leave council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

- Council feels that they may need to speak more with Sgt. Chris Bear and let him know we are not getting the service we want. We should set up an office here for the RCMP, so the members have a place to speak with them. Council would like to tour the new RCMP facility.
- We have offered him an office but he doesn't use it because there is no computer.

3. Adoption of the Chief and Council meeting minutes

a. July 14, 2009 Chief and Council meeting minutes

**It was moved and seconded to approve the July 14, 2009 Chief and Council meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried**

b. July 22, 2009 Chief and Council meeting minutes

**It was moved and seconded to approve the July 22, 2009 Chief and Council meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried**

4. Administration

a. Health Funding Contribution – Addendum #1

- This amendment is for the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention – Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative in the amount of \$20,000 for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

**It was moved and seconded to support the amendment to the Health Funding Contribution Agreement in the amount of \$20,000 for the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative.
Motion carried.**

b. BCR re: Telecommunication facilities within IR 13

**It was moved and seconded to support the BCR consenting to the construction of the Telus facilities on IR 13
Motion carried.**

c. MOU re: Ladysmith Harbour

- This MOU is dealing specifically with the cleanup of Ladysmith Harbour. Can the map expand into our territory and be included as part of the clean up? An assessment of the area could be done at least. We need to benefit in the cleanup, not just economic development because we do not have that opportunity for funding. All of the contamination in our harbour is not from us and their statement in the background of the MOU supports that. Did our lawyers review this?
- No, but we could get it reviewed if council would like.
- Table pending opinion of lawyer.

d. Letter re: Telford's request for his funeral services at Stz'uminus Community Centre

**It was moved and seconded to approve the request from Telford Nault to have his funeral service at our Community Centre.
Motion carried.**

e. Discussion re: remaining FRO revenue

- This was put on the agenda at the last council meeting. An FRO summary was provided to council to show where the 5 years of revenue has been allocated to date. Council has allocated \$300,000 per year for four years to economic development and \$300,000 to the school construction. The remaining \$229,800 per year has remained in Natural Resources in the past, but for 2009 – 2012 has not been allocated.
- This money could be used in the community i.e. road repairs, church, baseball fields, lacrosse box etc. Council can allocate it to anything they wish.
- Council would like to revisit the goals from the strategic planning meeting that was in May. They set a meeting date for September 9, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

**It was moved and seconded that the remaining \$229,800 from the 2009/2010 fiscal year can be spent at council's discretion.
Motion carried.**

f. Memo re: communications

- The communication committee of council (John, Charlotte, Kevin, Herb and Stephen) met on Monday to discuss ways of improving communication with the membership. The main focus of the meeting was the newsletter and the committee concluded that a separate council newsletter would be a good communication tool. It would be published quarterly and the final draft would be brought to council for approval. The committee also discussed house to house meetings, where the chief and a councilor could visit each house to educate members on issues concerning the community i.e. referendum, designation etc.
- We could have pamphlets or posters made to help with this process as well, especially for the referendum or designation etc.
- Newsletter – is it getting circulated, does everyone read it? What about off-reserve members?
- Chad has been asked to ask the delivery people what their challenges are with delivering the newsletter.
- Does the table feel comfortable allowing the committee to continue doing this work?
- Yes. Maybe Brandon or Chad should be part of this committee.

g. Cable Bay Golf Resort

- Someone was on site and found a cave like structure with human remains in it. The remains haven't been disturbed yet. Both Snuneymuxw and Stz'uminus First Nation are involved.
- We need to start asserting ourselves as Stz'uminus on shared territory. We should have Ed, Willie or John Jim there to state the protocol. We should explore accommodation and compensation. Heath should assert compensation and our elders, knowing the protocol, assert Stz'uminus First Nation.
- Heath is looking for support from the table. Do we want to stop the work? Heath wants an area closed off around the remains. Nanaimo had someone on site too. We could partner with Nanaimo to make sure the right thing is done. Someone should be accompanying Heath at the site. Heath can update Stephen on what is going on and Stephen can update Council.
- John will go with Heath to the site tomorrow.

5. Kevin Frenchy – report on AFN 30th AGA July 20 – 23, 2009 – handout

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.