

Chemainus First Nation



Council Meeting Minutes May 13, 2009 4:30-8:20 p.m.

Attendees:

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

Stephen Olson – CFN Administrator

Adoption of the Agenda

Additions: BCR for Career Awareness Funding Proposal

It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Motion carried

Adoption of the Council Meeting Minutes for April 22nd, 2009

It was moved and seconded to adopt the April 22nd, 2009 Council Minutes.

Motion carried

Before business commenced, it was noted that Council meetings would no longer be tape recorded. The Executive Assistant has not referenced a tape since she began taking minutes over four years ago. They are unnecessary and serve no useful purpose. After a general discussion, Council agreed with the decision to stop recording Council meetings. Council will use the typed notes of the Executive Assistant instead.

Natural Resources

AFS Agreement: Tabled

The Natural Resources Manager had requested that the AFS Agreement be tabled to a later meeting as the draft was not ready for review.

Administration

BCR re Election Code Referendum

It was moved and seconded to pass the BCR in support of the Revised CFN Election Code

Motion carried

CFN Change of Name BCR

It was moved and seconded to pass the BCR in support of changing the name of CFN to the Stz'uminus First Nation

Motion carried

Action: INAC contacted re the procedures for changing our name. According to INAC, the request needs to be submitted to the Minister. This process has been initiated.

BCR re: Membership: Tabled

Council reviewed the BCR in support of the new members approved for membership in CFN. New Councillors had questions in regards to eligibility criteria. It was decided to have a special Council meeting to review the applications. The meeting was set for 3:30 pm on May 28th, 2009. Ruby Harris, CFN membership clerk, to attend

Action: Meeting scheduled

SOPPADA/BCR re: Application to First Nations Health Council

It was moved and seconded to pass the SOPPADA/BCR in support of CFN's application to the First Nations' Health Council

Motion carried

Chief and Council Portfolios

Chief John Elliott reviewed a process for selecting Council portfolios. Council agreed with the process and Council portfolios were assigned. In addition, the membership of the CFN Finance Committee (Kevin Frenchy, Charlotte Elliott, and Terry Sampson) was confirmed.

BCR re: Removing and replacing directors for corporations

It was moved and seconded to replace the existing Council directors of the Coast Salish Development Corporation with the following Councillors: Tim Harris, Terry Sampson and Dean Harris Sr. Council signed the BCR.

Motion carried

Chief John Elliott requested approval to participate on the Board as the non-voting Chair. No formal action was taken on the Chief's request.

Discussion re: Day of the Council Meetings

Councillor Charlotte Elliott asked Council to consider moving the day of the Council meetings. It was decided that the two options were Tuesday and Thursday. After Council was polled, it was decided to move the Council meetings to Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.

FYI – Chief and Council Honoraria Policy

Council reviewed the existing CFN Policy in regards to Council honoraria. It was noted that Councillors who had to miss work to attend a Council meeting may suffer a financial loss, despite receiving an honorarium. The Administrator was directed to canvas other First Nations to determine their honorarium policy.

Action: In progress

Job Description for Chief Councillor

Council reviewed the draft job description for the position of Chief Councillor. A decision was made to remove the Chief's spending authority. The job description will be redrafted by the Administrator and resubmitted.

Action: In progress

Memo from Woodward and Company re: IR 11 BC Hydro Right of Way

Council reviewed the memo from Woodward and Company in which they recommend that no further monies be spent on the IR #11 BC Hydro Right of Way Specific Claim. Woodward and Company believe that the claim would be very difficult to substantiate. After a general discussion, Council decided not to withdraw the claim but also not to spend any additional dollars on it.

Action: Woodward and Company notified of Council's decision

Terms of Reference for Coast Salish Development Corporation: Tabled

Job Description for CEO of Coast Salish Development Corporation: Tabled

First Nations Summit June 10-12, 2009 Chief Joe Mathias Centre

Council approved Councillors Peter Seymour, John Elliott, Herb Seymour and Ed Seymour to attend the June First Nations Summit Meeting.

BCR re: Career Awareness Funding Proposal

It was moved and seconded to approve the BCR in support of the funding proposal for Career Awareness Program.

Motion carried

Meeting Requests

Five Star Cultural Connections request meeting with Council

Councillor Terry Sampson withdrew the request for a meeting with Council by the Five Star group. Instead, he tabled a letter in which they requested assistance for CFN members to attend the Sea Festival dinner. Councillor Sampson was directed to contact the Health Centre for access to the CFN bus. Councillors Charlotte Elliott, Tim Harris and Terry Sampson volunteered to participate in the canoe journey across the harbour.

Joint Council Meeting with the Town of Ladysmith

Council suggested June 1st at 4:00 pm for the next Joint Council Meeting.

Action: Ladysmith contacted. Awaiting reply

The Council Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.