

**Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation
Chief & Council Meeting
December 2, 2014
Paqtnkek Health Centre**

Attendance

Chief PJ Prosper	
Robert Pictou	Councillor
Darlene Prosper	Councillor
Anne Marie Paul	Councillor
Kerry Prosper	Councillor
Josephine Poulette	Executive Assistant

Meeting convened at 10:00am, chaired by Chief Prosper.

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer said by Kerry Prosper

Opening Remarks

Chief Prosper welcomed all to the meeting. Council reviewed agenda items.

Contract review

Council would like to review Contract for the independent contractor who is implementing the tobacco review. Please note that they will be responsible for their own expenses. Contract will be valid until March 31, 2015 and may be extended depending on the outcome by March 2015. Goal is to develop all policies pertaining to all OSR venues beginning on November 20, 2014.

Motion#1

Approval of contract for independent consultant for the OSR Department

Motioned by Councillor Darlene Prosper

Seconded by Robert Pictou

All in Favor

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Crown Land usage for Blueberry Producers

Council received a letter from KMKNO Lands Researcher Officer regarding Leasing Crown Lands for Blueberry Producing. A representative from KMKNO updated Chief in a letter.

Council suggest to meet with the Lands Researcher Officer to get a better understanding.

Housing

Paqtnkek will look into developing a Contract based Housing Company. Council spoke with Nicole Young from CMHC to discuss the Section 95 and replacement reserves.

Paqtnkek is looking into ICF and steel roofs to help lower the maintenance and energy costs in the long run. Bear River is currently looking into building efficient homes and are encouraged to contact them to discuss their gains and challenges.

Council will discuss with Finance and the director of Housing and Infrastructure on the payment arrangements for the Replacement Reserves. Nicole Young from CMHC will provide a document to Council to be signed based on agreement.

Feasibility Study Update

Education committee planning will be meeting December 11, 2014.

Council is reviewing possible sites to have assessments conducted where a school can developed.

Christmas Staff Party

The purposed date is set for the evening of December 12, 2014. The afternoon from 12pm to 3pm will be a Christmas Café with the Community being able to discuss the highway project and the unveiling of the 3D Model.

Highway Strategic Meeting in the morning with Council before the Café begins.

Budget for Staff Party

- Food- desserts, Chinese, turkey, ham - 1500
- Gifts- 4500 (all full time and part time staff will receive a gift)

Council spoke to Event Coordinator and a Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec 14 with a Christmas tree lighting (memorial). Council advised Coordinator that is any new decorations were needed to proceed with the purchase of new lights and decorations.

Vendor

As per policy, Council will speak to Vendor regarding costs associated with their business at the tobacco store.

Community Member Requests

Council approved a request to offset costs on home renovations.

MRP

Legal representation is meeting with council to discuss the MRP. There are two communities that have passed the law. The community meeting will be live streamed tonight for the off reserve members and those who can't make it out to share.

Custom election code.

Two bands so far in Nova Scotia that has their own custom election code.

Council was advised that once you've opted in to the code and out of the Indian act, the option to go back to the Indian Act is no longer. There are more bands doing the custom elections code in Canada

A referendum can be included with the election and if passed then it would come into effect next term. INAC wants to see the same threshold as a regular election

Update Community Member on the housing infrastructure planning

Council met with a community member to get clarification on their current living arrangements with another member. Council agreed based upon their current living agreement between each member that they will continue to reside in the residence until June 2015.

Closing prayer

Councillor Kerry Prosper said the Closing prayer

Meeting closed at 5:15

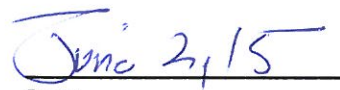
Next Council meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2014

Minutes recorded by Josephine Poulette, Executive Assistant

Approved



Chief Prosper



Date