

**Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation
Chief and Council Meeting
Paqtnkek Health Centre
September 09, 2014**

Attendance**Chief PJ Prosper****Darlene Prosper****Robert Pictou****Kerry Prosper****Anne Marie Paul****Josephine Marshall****Councillor****Councillor****Councillor****Councillor****Executive Assistant****Guests****Molly Peters****Annie Chau****Community facilitator AWRC****Project coordinator AWRC****Opening Prayer**

Councillor Kerry Prosper said Opening Prayer

Opening Remarks

Molly Peters and Annie Chau both work at Antigonish Women's Resource Centre. Their office is out of the Paqtnkek Health Centre. They are currently looking for a member of council to sit on the advisory board. The members will meet once or twice a month. Provide feedback and develop workshops. They are currently working on a needs assessment and partner with the Status of women association. They are hoping other communities will get involved. In the process of looking for more funding. Strength by the community and run by the community.

Health Director is meeting with other health directors at cmm and will ask to see if anyone wants to join in on the project.

Councillor Darlene Prosper and Councillor Robert Pictou both offered to sit on the advisory committee to have a representation from both sexes.

River's Bend Proposal to Council

Paul Van de Weil owns River's bend and they are currently facing some challenges with lumber shortage. Paul brought some representatives from Quebec. Approaching Council with the option to join together on a joint venture.

River's Bend currently have a low supply of raw materials and are getting supply from Quebec and Maine. They are looking to partner with Paqtnkek to provide the raw materials for River's Bend instead of getting it from Quebec and Maine.

FP innovations is the highest not for profit research in Canada – receive funded by natural resources of Canada – job creations, they are willing to make recommendations on what equipment to use, and provide safety training on the use of proper equipment,

Mr. Van de Weil said the Band needs about 51% partnership before Paqtnkek can access the funds from Ulnooweg. He wants Paqtnkek to dry and kiln the wood before being finished.

Rivers's Bend is wondering if the band would be interested in starting this partnership. They would like to know by Christmas if Paqtnkek is really interested in joining the joint venture with rivers bend. Willing to put in the time to find other funding sources.

Council needs further discussions

Strategic Planning

Council will look into a Strategic Planning Workshop. Need to find a location and a facilitator to assist the Senior Staff and Council in developing a Community plan

Directors don't have work plans or updated job descriptions

Priority in the band and each department

Custom elections code

All bands are now able to develop a code. Once this code is developed then the community votes on a referendum. Council's goal is to have this Customs Election code finished by the next election in 2015.

Canada Youth Exchange Program – Megan Lafford

Megan approached Council with a request to assist with her Registration Fee. She was accepted on a last minute cancellation. With this opportunity she'll be going to live with a host family in Saskatchewan for 3 months and then with another host family in Peru for another 3 months. She leaves Friday. She was asked by Council to provide a presentation to the community when she returns and she agreed. Good Luck Megan on your adventure!

Powwow 2014

Rose Julian, Powwow Coordinator for Paqtnkek sent a request to Council regarding the 2014 Powwow. It was explained to Council that the majority of funding for the powwow is from contributions from local businesses and proposal. A budget breakdown was presented to council, along with a request to cover the remaining amount.

Motion #1

Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation to cover the remaining costs for the 2014 Powwow

Motioned by Councillor Kerry Prosper

Seconded by Councillor Darlene Prosper

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All in Favor

Member Requests

Council reviewed Community Member requests.

Finance

Council would like Delphine to conduct a training day for Entertainment Centre Manager and employees on the cash count. They would also like an update on all OSR departments and the financials every 2 weeks.

Council wants to implement the Tobacco review that was conducted by Grant Thornton. This needs to take place as soon as possible, a letter will be sent to tobacco manager to enforce the report. Council would also like an updated list of accounts receivables from the Tobacco Store.

Council would like Entertainment Staff to have uniforms, Executive Assistant will look into prices and provide manager with a catalogue.

Meeting with Elders will be rescheduled for a later date.

Meeting Closed at 4:35pm

Closing Prayer


Closing prayer said by Councillor Kerry Prosper

Next Meeting

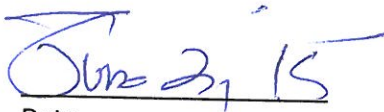
September 16, 2014 is the next scheduled meeting for Chief & Council.

Minutes recorded by Josephine Marshall, Executive Assistant

Approved



Chief



Date