



**Serpent River First Nation  
Chief and Council Meeting**

Tuesday April 21, 2020  
6:00 pm  
Online-Google Meet/Hangouts

Minutes

Participants:

Chair: Chief Brent Bissaillon  
Council: Joey Jacobs, Jack Trudeau, Marlene Essex, Kerri Commanda, Michelle Owl, Earl Commanda, Shirley McLeod, Steven Baranyai, Steve Meawasige, Tillie McLeod, Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Miranda Pelletier  
Regrets: N/A  
Director of Operations: Cheryl Nahwegahbow  
Staff: Sonya Cloutier, Wilma Bissaillon,  
Recording Secretary: Erin Carne

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1) Opening Prayers/Remarks

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chief Bissaillon  
Chief welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Addressed housekeeping issues: questions are to be noted in the “chat” section of the meeting, will be noted then come back to and will address.

2) Review and Adoption of Agenda:

Council reviewed the Agenda:

**Motions #2020-04-21-01**

**That Council adopts the Agenda for the Chief and Council Business Meeting of Tuesday April 21, 2020**

**Moved by: Nicole Pelletier-Southwind**

**Seconded by: Steve Meawasige**

**CARRIED**

3) Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

N/A

4) Approval Of Previous Minutes

a) Review Previous Minutes –February 24, 2020

**Motions #2020-04-21-02**

**That Council approves the previous minutes for the Chief and Council Business Meeting of February 24, 2020**

**Moved by: Tillie McLeod**

**Seconded by: Jack Trudeau**

**CARRIED**

b) Review Previous Minutes – March 12, 2020

**Motions #2020-04-21-03**

**That Council approves the previous minutes for the Chief and Council Emergency Meeting of March 12, 2020**

**Moved by: Michelle Owl**

**Seconded by: Marlene Essex**

**CARRIED**

**Our Vision** *Serpent River First Nation will have self-sufficient people within a community of caring and compassionate families.*

**Our Mission** *Serpent River First Nation will use all available financial, human, natural, technological and cultural resources to achieve self-sufficiency through the efforts of all Community Members. Our strong and unique cultural and spiritual identity will drive us to ensure a healthy community that is safe and secure for all generations.*

5) Business Arising:

- a. Financial Report-Will be given in the DOO for the next Council meeting of May 05, 2020
- b. Doodem Task Sheet-Pandemic Planning through Doodems-Doodems are still working through
- c. Council/SMT Training-Council still agrees that training should be pursued. Erin to follow up with what is available.

6) Chief's Report, Director of Operations and Doodem Reports:

Chief's Report:

Chief would like to know how Council would like him to report, what items they would like to see in his report.

New policies coming that Council needs to be aware of, no land code or Chi-Naakinagewin so we need to depend on Indian Act laws to draft our bylaws.

Trespassing Bylaw is being worked on with Lawyer, cannot fine trespassers but we can remove them from the First Nation.

**Motion #2020-04-21-04**

**Council moves to accept the Chief's Report dated April 21, 2020**

**Moved by: Steve Meawasige**

**Seconded by: Marlene Essex**

**CARRIED**

a) Director of Operations Report:

Cheryl Nahwegahbow, Director of Operations reviewed her report dated April 19, 2020

- Border Policy will go to Loon Doodem to review.
- Food Bank Policy being sent to Marten Doodem, working on food sustainability.
- Concerns brought forward: Efficiency of gate at Geka, only one person working night shift at Geka.
- Concerned with time it takes to get through call list.
- EOCG group will look at, best plan as of right now, Elders are first priority.
- Concern with Cars at the checkpoint on Woodland, move pylons if needed.
- Sheena is cracking down; training being provided for guards.
- Let Border Coordinator know if you see anything happening that should not be so it can be addressed.
- Exception to be made in Bylaw regarding hunting/fishing for community members. Permits in Sagamok, emulate here.
- Can we shuffle daycare dollars?
- We can use funds to pay bills, to pay daycare staff and we are utilizing staff for educational support.
- OPP are not responding quickly, or not at all, highlighting the need for police in community.
- Gate at Geka-Move towards houses along Ball Park Rd? Would not work to move, need to consider people coming off hwy, turning around. No win situation, Geka has been okay with current plan, confident in ability to respond in a timely manner.
- Job Descriptions for Border Control, Border Security, Food Bank Coordinator to be approved by Chief and Council.
- Employment and Training being utilized? Use for new roles.
- Border Security-"Previous experience in security preferred" to be listed on posting? Yes.

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9) New Business

a) Funeral Policy-

- Encouraging cremation, this way memorial can be held once S.O.E is lifted.
- 1 day visitation in home, but amount of people should be limited
- No cases in our community at this time, if gathering happens, could cause an outbreak.
- Having a community gathering after pandemic
- Brent and Erin to re-evaluate policy, to have by next Council meeting

b) Border Policy-

- In the works

c) Trespassing Bylaw-

- provides legal notice
- trespasser-sets out procedures and policies if we pursue legal action
- OPP is willing to assist serving notices but it is up to the Band to enforce
- Shelter in Place is not being obeyed, threatening health/safety of our community
- C&C to enforce the Trespass Bylaw, we have no enforcement or authority and need to start somewhere.
- Land Code would help this, 3 outstanding issues with Indian Affairs that stopped process
- Sonya to look into Land Code funding again.

**Motion #2020-04-21-10**

**Council moves to accept the Trespassing Bylaw #2020-04-21-02**

**Moved by: Steven Baranyai**

**Seconded by: Nicole Pelletier-Southwind**

**CARRIED**

d) Harm Reduction Strategy-

- Mukwa Doodem to look review

e) Business Closures/Essential Business

- Force closures, causing safety issues on highway, with the border
- Scone/Wong ordering bread, milk working with the community
- Woodland causing issues on the highway, need to look at other avenues to conduct business
- Having a drop off/delivery point
- Wilma to follow up with Trading Post-using parking lot for contact point of sale
- Other businesses confused/upset as to why they are still in operation
- Part of harm reduction
- Take to Cannabis working group

f) Agreement #1617-ON-000064 Amendment #003

**Motion #2020-04-21-11**

**Council moves to accept Agreement #1617-ON-000064 Amendment #0033 in the amount of \$193,508.02**

**Moved by: Steve Meawasige**

**Seconded by: Steven Baranyai**

**CARRIED**

10) Next Meeting Dates:

C&C Meeting

Tuesday May 05, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

C&C Meeting

Tuesday May 19, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

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11) Adjournment at 8:50 pm

**Motions #2020-04-21-12**

**That Council adjourns the Chief and Council Meeting of Tuesday April 21, 2020 at 9:39 p.m.**

**Moved by: Tillie McLeod**

**CARRIED**

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