



## **Northern Association of Community Councils Inc.**

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### **Northern Association of Community Councils, Inc.**

Northern Region Meeting

August 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

**Present:**

Leonard Budd, Norway House  
Dan Swanson, Norway House  
Gertrude Meikle, Norway House  
Lloyd Flett, Norway House  
Carl York, Norway House  
George Young, Easterville  
Garfield McKay, Easterville  
Celia Tait, Norway House  
Carina Leonard, Nelson House  
Bella Leonard, Nelson House  
Bill Leonard, Nelson House  
Caroline Campbell, Moose Lake  
Evangelene Nasikapow, Moose Lake  
Christina Buck, Moose Lake  
Dolcey Fournie, Moose Lake  
Jim Chornoby, Illford  
Brenda Flett, Pikwitonei  
Norman Campbell Sr., Wabowden  
Keith Settee, Cross Lake  
Amanda Campbell, Wabowden  
Harvey Leask, Pelican Rapids  
Melodie George, Pelican Rapids  
Janet Genaille, Pelican Rapids  
John Healey, God's Lake Narrows  
Dora Bland, God's Lake Narrows  
Doug McIvor, Cross Lake  
Ila McIvor, Cross Lake  
Darlene Beck, Cross Lake  
Isaac Laponsee, Brochet  
Robert Merasty, Brochet  
Leona Merasty, Brochet  
Norma Cook, Brochet  
Pauline Cordell, Pikwitonei

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER 10AM**

**2.0 DELEGATIONS**

Colleen Smook, Mayor, Thompson, Manitoba  
Tim Johnson, Community Futures, Thompson, Manitoba  
Jacquiline Bedard, Indigenous and Northern Relations, Winnipeg

Denis Green, Indigenous and Northern Relations, Thompson

Introduction from Glen Flett and roll call from the sign-up sheet.

Welcome to Colleen Smook mayor of Thompson.

Colleen speaks to the importance of communities uniting and including all on communication as there is power in everybody knowing that everybody is on the same page regarding issues they wish addressed.

Welcome to Tim Johnston.

Tim Johnston from Communities Futures. Darlene the longest serving Board Member and also thanks to Jim Chornoby. Gillum to Swan River is now connected by snow sled trails.

### **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Norman Campbell and seconded by Dora Bland

### **4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes from previous meeting were incomplete and therefore tabled until next meeting.

It was moved by Ila McIvor and seconded by Leonard Budd

### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no items of business arising from the meetings.

### **6.0 COMMUNITY REPORTS**

Pelican Rapids – Janet Genaille – The community hall burnt down from grass fire.

Moose Lake – Caroline Campbell– Noted the lack of INR staff as they were hoping to meet them at the conference and they are not present from the Thompson office. Would like the Board to know that their budget is bad. Their roads are in terrible condition and they cannot afford to deal with it. Where do they go now that the INR no longer has extra funding to assist them in such maintenance. They have had their fire truck for 25 years and it was used when they got it. They were supposed to get one last year but it went to another community. Want the NACC to lobby more on their behalf. They got funds for dust control but they have no gravel so why would they need dust control. RCMP even got stuck on the road. It is a safety issue. Kids on busses, ambulance, etc. Approx. 8km of road requires maintenance. Their BBQ on Canada Day went very well and everybody was involved. They hired 18 summer students. Elections are coming up.

Cross Lake, Ila McIvor – Finished park which now has a stage, playground, concession, and bathroom. Their Cadet program saw 25 youth at summer training. They have submitted and received some capital funds from feds as they do not get anything from provincial government. Housing is still an issue. Cowessess First Nation still wants to take it over. Working on personal care home for 30 beds. Just completed a new nix station by council working with others. Fixing government assets with no support from INR. Lagoon road is completed. Had 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Camp with over 1000 campers for one week. Hired 20 summer students. Darlene Beck thanks for funding funds.

Norway House, Leonard Budd - we are in survival mode – had issues with infrastructure - water plant, need for furnaces for arena running about \$15,000 for 3 – need shingles. No funds to cover. As mentioned from other communities but now the conservatives were elected and program was under review and have not seen funds since. Hoping to take advantage of Federal Infrastructure program at breakout session. They met with Minister in May and discussed - acting deputy minister that there is suppose to be a capital program this year. Want to hear about the changes to the program. That the department review in all communities the needs. Staffing is an issue as well. They are to work in partnership with INR and they used to communicate with staff but since the new government there has been little or no communication with INR staff. Technical public works consultant was assigned to all communities but in their region, they do not have one. Their community has had to deal with infrastructure and they are in debt because of it. In two cases they had commitments from INR staff in Thompson to fix and that they were never reimbursed. Working on community settlement agreement. The funds from Manitoba Hydro is not to be used for programs in place and INR asks that they spend it. They purchased a backhoe and did church upgrades. Their core funding from INR is late as well. They received their second quarter at the end of July. Historically it was received in April. Municipal funds used to be received in January of the current year and in the last couple of years they have been getting later and later. Now at the end of July. When dealing with Audits, they are waiting for confirmation of funds from INR thereby delaying audits. It was not until Lloyd spoke with Paul Doolan at INR did any paper move. Asked the minister if the Thompson INR was going to dissolve and the minister said no it would not be but the jobs are still posted to be filled. Water is being delivered. Concerned about capital program threatens to revert to life in the 70's with water in pails and slop in pails. Encourages all communities to request a meeting with the minister to be heard. Priority for Norway is safe water, garbage pickup and sewer pumped out. They have been assisting the neighbouring first nations community with fire safety and water. Paul Doolan has noted that he plans to get the regional meetings happening again.

Easterville, Garfield McKay – same issues as Moose Lake with roads – they need gravel and culverts. They have requested. They do not have a sewage truck and pay for each pump out. Autopack notes a payment is sitting at the Thompson office for the sewage truck accident and they have not received the funds. The sewage backups are a health issue.

#### Summary of Issues

- Housing
- Roads
- Water and Sewer
- Lack of INR presence.

## **7. RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution#007.19. N**

Moved By: Councillor York, Norway House

Seconded By: Councillor Swanson, Norway House

WHEREAS: Repairs/upgrades are required for the Community Infrastructure.



WHEREAS: Communities are able to complete repairs/upgrades to the community's infrastructure through the Capital Program.

WHEREAS: The Capital Program is still not available.

THEREFORE, IT BE RESEOLVED: That NACC meet with Minister Eileen Clarke and inquire when the Capital Program will be reinstated.

**Resolution#008.19. N**

Moved By: Councillor L. Nielsen, Norway House

Seconded By: Councillor G. Meikle, Norway House

WHEREAS: First Nations communities are exempt from Manitoba Hydro rate increases.

WHEREAS: The Manitoba Indigenous & Northern Relations community of Norway House is adjacent to the Norway House Cree Nation Community.

WHEREAS: The Manitoba Hydro rate exemption creates an inequity between both Communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That NACC meet with the Manitoba Hydro Board and request that all residents of Manitoba Indigenous & Northern Relations communities adjacent to First Nation communities be also exempt from the Manitoba Hydro rate increases.

**Resolution#009.19. N**

Moved By: Councillor L. Nielsen, Norway House

Seconded By: Councillor G. Meikle, Norway House

WHEREAS: Costs to provide basic municipal services continue to increase.

WHEREAS: The Manitoba Indigenous & Northern Relations has not provided an increase to offset inflationary increases.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That NACC meet with Manitoba Indigenous & Northern Relations Officials and request communities receive an increase in funding to offset cost increases resulting from inflation.

**Resolution#010.19. N**

Moved By: Councillor D. Swanson, Norway House

Seconded By: Councillor G. Meikle, Norway House

WHEREAS: The meal and per kilometer travel rates set by the Manitoba Indigenous & Northern Relations are low.

WHEREAS: The cost for meals and fuel has increased.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That NACC meet with Manitoba Indigenous & Northern Relations Officials and request that the meal and per kilometer travel rates be increased

**Resolution#011.19. N**

Moved By: Sam Healey, Councillor, God's Lake Narrows

Seconded By: Jeremy Bland, Councillor, God's Lake Narrows

WHEREAS: God's Lake Narrows Community Council received a request of support for electrical Inspections and or any renovations needed for all homes in the Community of Gods Lake Narrows.

WHEREAS: A Community members sewage pump is not working due to electrical issues, electricity not working from the house to pump and keeps tripping panel box when turned on.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That God's Lake Narrows Community Council is requesting NACC for assistance by lobbying Manitoba Housing to visit God's Lake Narrows Community and inspect all homes needing repairs and electrical issues requiring fixing.

**Resolution#012.19. N**

Moved By: Conrad Buck, Councillor, Moose Lake

Seconded By: Tony Campbell, Councillor, Moose Lake

WHEREAS: The Councils has had a specials meeting July 17th, 2019 regarding the local roads which are in dangerous condition and in need of serious attention. Our roads are being utilized by the school buses, medical buses, water, sewer, garbage trucks, and the Gardewine semi's drive by to deliver the groceries and other retails to the Northern Store. Gas and diesel are also being delivered to the Northern store and damaging the roads more every time they drive in and out of the road. \$16,000.00 is being funded to the Moose Lake Community Council a year and this is a problem for the council as this is not enough to fix roads. The Community Council only has one back hoe and it causes problems as there is always something wrong with the machine. Pictures are sent with the proposal to NACC. The council is also asking for the roads to be paved.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: This will be presented at the NACC conference in Winnipeg with the Mayor and Council.

**Resolution#013.19. N**

Moved By: Christina Buck, Councillor, Moose Lake

Seconded By: Tony Campbell, Councillor, Moose Lake

WHEREAS: The Moose Lake Community Council is requesting a new fire truck. Moose Lake Community is using a fire truck that was purchased 25 years ago, this fire truck was a used truck when it was purchased. The roads of Moose Lake are very rough and this fire truck has to run through, causing damages. There is a very serious wear and tear of the fire truck. Moose Lake has also served the treaty side when there is a fire.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Council continues to have concerns to the truck as the roads are causing damages to the fire truck.

**Resolution#014.19. N**

Moved By: Dolcey Fournie, Councillor, Moose Lake

Seconded By: Conrad Buck, Moose Lake

WHEREAS: Council needs an update of the public works garage for all the services such as fire truck, back hoe, sewer truck, garage truck, and water truck. The Mayor and Council is requesting of a 5 or 6 bay garage for storage of these machines and an office for the maintenance man. This will be good and safe for the workers when they do safety checks and decrease in clutter. The Hydro will be one bill and this saves on bills in every season. The present garage building is very worn down and it is ready to fall. It also has holes from the outside and gets very cold in the winter, this causes the hydro bill to increase the bills for the community and stresses with limited funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: This will be presented to at the NACC Conference in Winnipeg with the Mayor and Council and this building will be built in another location.

**Resolution#015.19. N**

Moved By: Ila Mclvor, Cross Lake

Seconded By: Leonard Budd, Norway House

WHEREAS: Communication between INR and communities is poor.

WHEREAS: Member communities recommend that INR have information/ presentation day to improve communications between INR and communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: NACC board of directors and communities request that INR schedule an annual information/presentation at all AGM's as a way to improve communications.

**Resolution#016.19. N**

Moved By: Leona Merasty, Brochet

Seconded By: Robert Merasty, Brochet

WHEREAS: The remote and isolated community of Brochet, MB is without cellphone service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Brochet Community council request NACC to lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to provide access to cell phone service to the residents of Brochet, MB.

**Resolution#017.19. N**

Moved By: Isaac Laponsee, Brochet

Seconded By: Leona Merasty, Brochet

WHEREAS: The remote and isolated community of Brochet, MB is without high speed internet service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Brochet community council request NACC to lobby the Federal and Provincial government to provide access to high speed internet service to the residents of Brochet, MB.

**Resolution#018.19. N**

Move By: Robert Merasty, Brochet

Seconded By: Isaac Laponsee

WHEREAS: The community of Brochet has no all– season road connecting to major urban centers to the south.

WHEREAS: This is creating a lack of economic benefits to the residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED: The Brochet community council request NACC to lobby the Federal and Provincial government to build an all– season road to Brochet connecting to Provincial road 394.

**Resolution# 019.19.N**

Moved By: Isaac Laponsee, Brochet

Seconded By: Robert Merasty, Brochet



WHEREAS: The isolated and remote community of Brochet has no all-season road connecting to the rest of Manitoba.

WHEREAS: The only means of vehicle transportation out of the community is via the winter road which is only open for a short period of time during the winter.

WHEREAS: The nearest Provincial highway is provincial road 394 at Kinoosao, Saskatchewan.

WHEREAS: This situation will continue to exist for the foreseeable future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Brochet community council request NACC to lobby the Provincial and Federal Government to provide the residents of Brochet with a ferry service on Reindeer Lake linking to Provincial Road 394.

**Resolution#020.19. N**

Moved By: Isaac Laponsee, Brochet

Seconded By: Leona Merasty, Brochet

WHEREAS: The community received its electrical power supplied by Manitoba Hydro via fuel burning generators.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Brochet community council request NACC to lobby the Provincial and Federal government and Manitoba Hydro to connect the community of Brochet to the transmission line servicing the province of Manitoba or convert the existing electricity generating system to a more environment friendly alternative.

**Resolution# 021.19.N**

Moved By: Robert Merasty, Brochet

Seconded By: Isaac Laponsee, Brochet

WHEREAS: The present location of the community waste disposal site poses a safety threat to landing aircraft at the airport by scavenging birds.

WHEREAS: The proximity to the community is creating a health hazard for the whole community

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Brochet community council request NACC to approach INR to respond to the urgent matter.

**Resolution#022.19. N**

Moved By: Robert Merasty

Seconded By: Isaac Laponsee

WHEREAS: The Northwest Company freights their supplies into Brochet using their own airline company.

WHEREAS: The amount of waste products accumulating at the local waste disposal site is overwhelming the garbage dump.

WHEREAS: The airline company returns empty.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Brochet community council request the airline company to transport recyclables to recyclable centers in Thompson or Winnipeg.

**Resolution#023.19. N**

Moved By: Isaac Laponsee, Brochet

Seconded By: Robert Merasty, Brochet

WHEREAS: The water and sewer pipes in the community of Brochet are past their expiry date and have become a safety and health hazard.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Brochet community council request NACC to lobby the Federal and Provincial government as well as INR to provide a financial contribution to remove and replace the old water and sewer lines/pipes in the community of Brochet.

Mover for resolutions as presented – Keith? Cross Lake seconder Isaac Brochet

**CARRIED**

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Ensure sufficient rooms are booked for next AGM.

7.2 Darlene Back – Cross Lake - recommends NACC announce dates of next year when dates are set.

Motion to have NACC advise INR of the August 19 to 21, 2020 AGM and Tradeshow to include a day for INR

Moved by Ira McIvor, Cross Lake Seconded Leonard Budd, Norway House

**CARRIED**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Norman Campbell and seconded by Robert Merasty, Brochet

**CARRIED**