



# Northern Association of Community Councils Inc.

## Board of Directors Meeting

### CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am

#### 2.0 Approval of Agenda

It was moved by G. Flett and seconded by L. Huhtala that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by J. Chu and seconded by L. Huhtala that minutes from December 2019. be accepted.

CARRIED

#### 4.0 Reports: The Board is to email their respective reports to the Executive Director

It was moved by W. Mowatt and seconded by H. Einarsson that the Board will email reports to the Executive Director.

Eastern Chairperson: Helgi Einarsson - PENDING

Eastern Vice Chair: Eric Olson

I attended the Gall feedlot hearing in March. It has since been approved as all required studies were in place. As for the rest of this spring we are having our council meetings be teleconference.

Eastern Sec/Treasurer: Wanda Mowatt

There is very little happening in Matheson Island because of this Covid pandemic. Everybody is taking it seriously and taking necessary precautions. We are in the process of hiring a New CAO for our community and setting up their training. Our rink renovation is moving slowly and may be postponed until this pandemic is over. Commercial fishing has been cancelled until the fall season, possibly longer. Spring is slow coming and we are all looking forward to some nice warm weather. Hoping everyone stays healthy!!

Northern Chairperson: Glen Flett

I've been keeping busy with local council meetings and, attended meetings with Norway House Cree Nation. The Norway House check stop is still in effect across Sea Falls about 5 miles north. Passes are given for First Nation travel and for medical travel. Off reserve are travelling within North of 53. I have also been participating in TRAA teleconferences and the weekly INR meetings.

Northern Vice Chair: June Chu

Right now, everyone is paying attention to the Covid-19 pandemic. The north is doing very well I think due to the cold weather. Business is very stressful though. Manitoba Housing has sent out pandemic outlines to every house and their staff, but we are needing more information on where family members should isolate if need be. I know Nelson House has used the hotel in Thompson for family members that need to isolate. As a board member of the northern region, I would like to get an update for all our communities and find out there needs. I really feel bad for the ones graduating this year, they will have to find a different way to celebrate.

Northern Sec/Treasurer: Freda Parenteau

I attended a community hall meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Cormorant with Mayor Edie Turner. I also volunteered with the Cormorant Community Council to organize, prepare and distribute food hampers to every house hold in the community. The food for the food hampers was graciously provided by MMF. It took us a total of three days, from start to finish. April 2<sup>nd</sup>. we started to organize and store food items. April 16<sup>th</sup>, we prepared the dry goods for hampers. April 17<sup>th</sup>. we prepared the meats and frozen goods and distributed the hampers to community members.

Western Chairperson: - Interim Lorne Huhtala

The month of March has been pretty slow for us. The FFMC stopped buying fish on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. SKO still has the road closed, so our local store is delivering groceries to the road block for people in SKO so they can still have access to goods. The Fur Harvester sale was very poor, most of the fur never sold unfortunately.

Western Sec/Treasurer: Harold Fleming

I kept our scheduled council meetings in place to deal with the ongoing things in our community and stay on top of the Covid-19 procedures. I've been attending the weekly INR calls. I have heard rumors of the government trying to amalgamate communities, or do something else with them. As soon as the pandemic is over, and things have settled down I will try setting up meetings with INR and the Minister. I will not wait for the government to come to us. Otherwise things have been going well.

President: Reg Mead - PENDING

## **5.0 Correspondence**

### **5.1 Bell Cell Tower: write letter of support**

It was moved by G. Flett and seconded by H. Einarsson that Linda writes a letter of support.

## **6.0 Staff Reports**

### **6.1. Executive Director - Linda Payeur**

- Attended two of the MNP INR Design Sessions. They are in the early planning stages with four possible scenarios being mapped out. Next step is to meet and consult with each community and discuss options as well as consult on options coming from the communities.
- Pandemic Not for Profit Federal Tax incentive saving NACC approximately \$1000 for each of four months in taxes paid.
- Bell MTS – reviewed packages and current saving a further \$300 per annum. Any Executive Cell phones not in being used please return to office.
- Outstanding grant applications submitted– Manitoba Heritage – 50th AGM Indigenous and Northern Relations Initiatives Fund – AGM Indigenous and Northern Relations Initiatives Fund – NMT Building Sustainable Communities – NMT Building Sustainable Communities - AGM We submitted application for a Summer Student to the Federal Government program and have not heard back to date. Sponsorship letters for AGM being started on. We are ready for our 2019/2020 audit.
- Will be circulating a proposed 2020/2021 budget for review as well as the Annual Operating Plan for review and update. We require a new three-year plan for INR.
- I have been attending conference call twice weekly INR North and North Central Town Hall Meetings for both the Northern and North Central regions. It has been requested that NACC also provide updates on what is available through our organization to INR to assist during this time of COVID 19 preventative measures being implemented. We reached out to each community offering a shipment of sanitizing cleaner and disposable gloves. Each community will be invoiced for cost of supplies with NACC handling packaging and shipping. The vast majority of the communities participated. We received free shipping for the communities that Northwest Company ships to and a substantial discount from Gardewine for the remainder of the communities. Some travel for pick-up is required by some of the communities.
- Partnered with CEDF/Look North on a Federal Application for Indigenous Community Support Fund that was due April 13, 2020 to provide food hampers focused on cleaning supplies, baby and dry goods to each of the NACC community households.
- The NACC shared network hard-drive crashed and was irreparable. This slowed things around the office this past week. We are now using a folder on Tessa's computer drive as a shared network.

6.2. Northern Healthy Foods Trinetta Konge  
Attached

6.3. Northern Market Trail - Terri Chevrefil  
Attached

**7.0 Financial**

- 7.1.1 Accounts Payable – Tabled
- 7.1.2 General Ledger – It was moved by J. Chu and seconded by G. Flett
- 7.1.3 Cheque Listing – Tabled
- 7.1.4 Budget Year End Comparison- Tabled

**8.0 New Business**

Reg Mead suggests we lay Terri off for now, due to covid-19. The communities have other things on their mind right now, and it's just not good timing. Helgi Einarsson suggests looking into CERB, as she should qualify.

**It was moved by G. Flett and seconded by W. Mowatt that Terri be laid off for now.**

9.0 Part 2 – Annual Operating Plan/Strategic Plan & 2020/2021 Budget is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

10.0 Motion to Adjourn at 11:40am by G. Flett