



# Northern Association of Community Councils Inc.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES Thursday December 5, 2019 Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park

**In attendance:** Reg Meade, President  
Helgi Einarsson, Eastern Chairperson  
Wanda Mowatt, Eastern Secretary/Treasurer  
Freda Parenteau, Northern Secretary/Treasurer  
Harold Fleming, Western Secretary, Treasurer  
Eric Olson, Eastern Vice-Chairperson  
June Chu, Northern Vice-Chairperson  
Lorne Huhtala, Western Vice-Chairperson  
Larry Chartrand, Western Chairperson  
Linda Payeur, Executive Director

**Regrets:** Glen Flett, Northern Chairperson

### 1. Call to Order

It was moved by F. Parenteau and seconded by H, Einarsson that  
**The meeting be called to order at 9:20am** **carried**

### 2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved to approve the minutes from August 13, 2019  
by E. Olson and seconded by L. Chartrand **carried**

### 3. Delegations

Trinette Konge, Northern Healthy Foods Initiative

### 4. Reports:

#### 4.1. Eastern Chairperson

#### Helgi Einarsson

- September through October fishing with break due to two-week power outage
- Met with Kevin G. Anderson, the interlocutor for the transformation of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation– meeting regarding areas 5, 6, 7 & 8
- Lyle Campbell retired from MIT. He is a consultant now setting up meetings to consult on drain channels.
- Will be attending Manitoba Lodgers two-day AGM followed by the two-day INR regional meeting
- INR not covering per diems this year and councils do not have the funds to cover therefore attendance costing communities funding
- INR continues to implement changes without council communication

#### 4.2. Eastern Vice Chair

#### Eric Olson

- Dry summer to wet fall and good freeze up
- 13 days without power with 76 hydro poles down
- Crown land has changed leasing of land and now have to bid for land that has been part of existing farming infrastructure. They have the right now to take away your land every 15 years and you have to bid on it again where some farms have been in the possession of the same land for over 100 years in the past. Has attended many meetings in this regard and now farmers have the first right of refusal. All agriculture leased land is seeing 150% increase on rates both first and second year therefore 300% increase over two years. Farms cannot sell rights to Crown lands therefore farms are becoming even less attractive to potential buyers if any were to go to market. Typically, the majority of farm land is held by crown.

#### 4.3. Eastern Secretary/Treasurer

#### Wanda Mowatt

- 4 days without power
- Matheson Island was approved to build rink in 50% Government of Manitoba match grant
- Stewart Sabiston from INR visited to inform that anything under \$75,000 does not have to go under MERX

**4.4. Northern Vice Chairperson June Chu**

- CAO training in March and June for the North
- New CAO in Wabowden
- INR subsidises wage to train and used to train two janitors which is helpful to businesses
- WDC got one more office assistant and is seeking to hire one more for recycling program
- Applied to Manitoba 150 for funding
- Manitoba Housing had meeting with 62 units needing upgrades and only \$1,785 per unit to upgrade per annum falling short of needed upkeep

**4.5. Northern Secretary/Treasurer Freda Parenteau**

- Moved from Cormorant to Moose Lake
- Hoping to become involved on Moose Lake Council
- Water treatment plant is up and running in Cormorant
- Continue having issues with reaching INR and not returning calls
- Armand from INR was working on plant as well as they could not get contractors to the facility
- The Pas sent water to community to help out until they could have safe drinking water
- Media coverage of issue got action

**4.6. Western Chairperson Larry Chartrand**

- INR bought back-up generators for 3 or 4 water treatment plants - not installed yet - to pump out prior to 2-hour boil advisory
- Tendered out some road maintenance through MERX - they awarded contract and then Manitoba Highways pulled out and they lost two roads so had to renegotiate but continue to be an issue getting tenders
- Roads are a mess as it is too big of an area to cover
- Communities received no communication on cuts to highway maintenance
- It is difficult to get consistent work done with the tendering process
- INR staff and clerk took two months to get tender out
- Waiting for agreement from INAC for garbage disposal reimbursements owing
- Asking INR to finalize funding to get things finished at the dumping site
- INR has approved an increase \$5,000 per annum to cover additional costs of dump site where that will probably be exceeded in a month
- Major funding shortfall for the 5 communities to include maintenance and operations in budget with inspectors ensuring dumping is being done properly and old dumping sight locked

**4.7. Western Vice -Chairperson Lorne Huhtala**

- Garbage haul is working well outside of dump filling up too quickly as there is too much clay for dig – running at 100%
- Roads are in worst condition in memory with highways not inspecting to ensure they were being maintained
- Skating rink up and running
- Ice fishing very busy
- Stewart Sabiston at INR is not responding to various community's request for state of emergency

**4.8. Western Secretary/Treasurer Harold Fleming**

- Request for disaster relief due to lack of cow feed
- Dan Mazur, MP – Federal Program but the Province has to deal areas for relief and Dan Mazur is to advise on areas 17, 18, 20 which are INR area

**4.9. President Reg Meade**

- Spoke with Wab Kinew while at the AMM AGM in Brandon and will request a meeting with in the future
- Minister wishes to meet with NACC quarterly at minimum in future

- Issues with governments changes on land leases was also an issue at AMM
- Met with Federal Fisheries ?? and wants set up committee for findings on fresh water fishing
- Cannot leave to the fish buyers to set price
- North American Fur dissolved as of November as bank pulled their credit and only some trappers received payment
- Attended Joe Masi, E.D. AMM, retirement party with Linda Payeur. Appears he will be continuing as a consultant
- Met with Hudson Bay Rail line in The Pas where it was noted that funds were being set aside for line maintenance

**5. Staff Reports**

**5.1. Executive Director** **Linda Payeur**

attached

**5.2. Northern Healthy Foods** **Trinette Konge**

attached

W. Mowatt inquired about piglets being added to initiative support

**6. Financial**

**6.1. Accounts Payable**

Motion to accept accounts payable report

Moved by L. Chartrand and seconded by H. Einarsson

**6.2. General Ledger**

General Ledger was presented from date

**6.3. Cheque Listing**

Cheque Listing was presented from date

**6.4. Budget Year End Comparison**

**7. 50<sup>th</sup> AGM / Conference**

**7.1. Registrations**

Discussion regarding community delegates being doubly compensated

**7.2. Theme**

50<sup>th</sup> AGM therefore bring in more presentations and social activities such as perhaps a magician show, hypnotist, hoop dancers, band, bingo, square dancers, fiddlers

Discussion on potential sponsors – Fort Gary Industries, Luke Marina, Birchwood, St, Martin

Garage, Fresh Water Fish Marketing

Book Jim Perchaluk as MC

Grand entrance with RCMP

Welcome from INR Minister and City of Winnipeg Mayor

**7.3. Dates**

August 18 to 20, 2020

**8. New Business**

Motion for NACC to cover the expenses of Reg Mead to attend the INR Regional Meeting in Winnipeg

H. Einarsson and seconded by J. Chu

Carried

**9. Next Board of Directors Meeting**

**10. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 4:34 pm by W. Mowatt

Carried