



Northern Association of Community Councils Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

395 Berry Street, Unit 20

Thursday, July 9 & Friday, July 10, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: 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
Glen Flett, Northern Chairperson
June Chu, Northern Vice-Chairperson
Lorne Huhtala, Western Vice-Chairperson
Linda Payeur, Executive Director
Trinette Konge, NHFI Program Coordinator
Sara Kirby, Administrative Assistant

Staff and Board introductions

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 Delegations

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Item #12 on agenda - AGM moved to Thursday following 4.0 instead on Friday as noted.

It was moved by G. Flett, seconded by F. Parenteau that
the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.0 Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2020

It has been requested that future meeting minutes reference "Action" for items arising from meetings that are to be acted upon.

It was moved by H. Fleming seconded by H. Einarsson that,
the minutes from April 15, 2020 be accepted.

CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

Linda presented the newest hires to the NACC Administrative team.

- Sara Kirby; a graduate of the Business Administrative Assistant Certificate Program at Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology in 2017.
- Katie Antsanen; Student at the University of Winnipeg completing a Bachelor of Art degree. She will assist the Executive Director and the Program Coordinator.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Indigenous and Northern Relations.

Grant funding for the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative has been increased from \$74,900 to \$117,300. representing a 57% increase.

6.2 Email from Ghislaine Sylvestre for Companies Office/Commissioner of Oaths Office

“AGM must be held every 15 months and can be done virtually. No option to extend. The entity will not be dissolved until such time as we’ll be able to provide ample notice to each entity once business returns to normal after Covid-19.”

6.3 Manitoba Municipal Relations

The 2020-2021 Building Sustainable Communities Program.

The NACC project for the 50th Anniversary AGM was not approved for grant funding at this time.

7.0 MNP

7.1 Michelle Dubik, Deputy Minister of Manitoba, Amber Zhang, Director of Finance and Administration and Department of Indigenous and Northern Relations, Leslie Dornan, Partner & Director of Consulting Services, MNP presented findings from Phase 3 and started a discussion for Phase 4

7.2 Board members brought noted several questions and concerns for MNP/INR to research and reevaluate the Plan recommendations made to date.

7.3 MNP offered to plan and facilitate the next meeting with the NACC Board of Directors for further discussion on findings and planning presented to date.

8.0 Staff Reports

8.1 NHFI Program Coordinator Trinette Konge

8.2 Attached Executive Director Linda Payeur
- Attached

9.0 2020 Conference - 50th Annual General Meeting

9.1 Planning

9.1.1 Survey communities regarding AGM attendance given the new date and changes to proposed schedule taken to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions.

9.1.2 Mail – proxy vote via mail. Lay out instructions and information all on changes and processes

9.1.3 Notify communities immediately by phone either individually or at town hall

9.1.4 Bylaws to be changed after elections

9.2 Facilities

This year, the meetings will be held at three separate locations dictated by region

- Northern region is at CanadInns Polo Park Destination Centre
- Eastern region is at CanadInns Transona Destination Centre
- Western region is at CanadInns Garden City Destination Centre

9.3 Date

The AGM schedule includes a travel day on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020; Meeting day on Thursday, November 19th, 2020 with return travel day on Saturday, November 20th, 2020

9.4 Agenda

9.4.1 Nominations for the President elections are to be presented at 9 a.m.

9.4.2 Regional Meetings until noon with election of Regional Chairperson for each region

9.4.3 Lunch Break

9.4.4 Presidential Nominee Speeches will be starting at 1 p.m.

9.4.5 Minutes from 2019 AGM

9.4.6 Annual Audit presentation

9.4.7 Presidential election at 3 p.m.

Motion to notify community’s council members of NACC AGM being held on Thursday, November 19th, 2020 at three locations to represent the three regions in addition to the elections taking place at that time.

Moved by G. Flett and seconded by F. Parenteau

CARRIED

10.0 Financial

The General Ledger ending July 3,2020, Cheque Ledger, Accounts Payable and Budget vs Actuals to date were circulated and discussed.

10.1 Presentation of Draft Audited Statements

Motion to accept the Audit Statements

	Moved by W. Mowatt and seconded by J. Chu	CARRIED
10.2	Approval of General Ledger Motion to accept General Ledger from July 1 to July 3, 2020	
	Moved by G. Flett and seconded by F. Parenteau	CARRIED
10.3	Approval of Cheque Ledger Motion to accept Cheque Ledger	
	Moved by G. Flett and seconded by J. Chu	CARRIED
10.4	Approval of Accounts Payable Motion to accept Accounts Payable	
	Moved by G. Flett and seconded by F. Parenteau	CARRIED
10.5	Approval of Bank Reconciliation for the months April, May, June 2020 Motion to accept Bank Reconciliation	
	Moved by H. Einarsson and seconded by W. Mowatt	CARRIED
10.6	Approval of Visa Reconciliation for the months April, May, June 2020 Motion to accept Visa Reconciliation	
	Moved by E. Olson and seconded by F. Parenteau	CARRIED

11.0 Board Reports

Eastern Chairperson

Helgi Einarsson

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- Vegetation Field Survey scheduled July 1-14th and August 8-12th
- Bird Survey on July 24th
- Heritage Resource Impact Assessment on July 13-23rd
- Consultant being conducted over the phone with Dauphin River due to COVID-19 restrictions
- Not many people are fishing as there is no market
- White fish, Jackfish and Suckers are they only ones being sold as market is not paying price for pickerel
- Opened the Portage Diversion to reduce flooding the Forks Boardwalk which cause the waters to rise in the community from Lake Saint Martin/Lake Manitoba to the Fairford River structure. This results in more chemicals being introduced to the water as agriculture spraying just completed
- Nicky Ashton and James Bissan trying to push for the Federal Government to award Freshwater Fishing compensation for market loss due to COVID-19.

Northern Chairperson

Glen Flett

- Participated in the Town Hall meetings and found they were not very productive due to not addressing or answering the questions from the community members on the call
- The check stop has lessened in its restrictions so that you just need to stop and get checked to pass through
- No Northern roads will be fixed due to lack of Government funding as well as for healthcare
- Moosehorn to Ashern road has been seeing levels of maintenance and will be finished soon
- Building new hospital on reserve and are hiring staff for the same
- Fishing is not doing as well as it was before COVID-19. Most people are selling catch privately
- Participating on the Thompson Regional Airport Authority Board
- Participated in CEDF conference calls

Western Vice Chairperson

Lorne Huhtala

- No Canada Day celebration
- Road 328 is undrivable and should be closed (Waterhen to St. Martin Junction)
- Seal coating from Meadow Portage to Skowden
- New Cell Tower built at Crane River, now waiting to be hooked up
- New Generator Station in Waterhen (now on Cement pad), wiring is being connected to said generator
- United Way gave food hampers to Waterhen and Mallard

Eastern Vice Chairperson**Eric Olson**

- Lake Manitoba came up 7 inches due to the Portage Diversion
- No fires
- Councils back to meeting in person
- Highway #328 has become impassible
- Lost internet provider due to tower being hit by lightning and it is not worth fixing it due to Manitoba Hydro Fibre Optic

Eastern Secretary/Treasurer**Wanda Mowatt**

- No fishing is happening
- Fire at Beaver Creek. Seven cottages were lost as a result but no further damage
- \$20,000 grant received from the United Way
- Road was fixed by oil but potentially washed away by rain
- New Community Administrative Officer appointed
- New cell tower being built

Northern Secretary/Treasurer**Freda Parenteau**

- Cormorant council is none existent as councillors all resigned, mayor had to resign as a result
- INR Town Hall meetings (attended a few) were found to be repetitive
- Worked with mayor on providing hampers to the community
- Two different Hampers totaling \$300 per household were given out to all households with elders receiving an additional toiletry package
- Meeting with Nicky Ashton via Facebook video call; information about COVID-19
- Virtual Graduations were held in Moose Lake via open air ceremonies. A BBQ package was given to each graduate's family

Northern Secretary/Treasurer**June Chu**

- Nursing station - Nurse and Front Desk positions are open
- Satellite Internet be implemented at the end of the year in Cross Lake
- Poor cell and internet connections in Cross Lake, lines over loaded due to everyone being at home
- North Central Development (\$1.4 million for local Thompson)
- Businesses are hurting from COVID-19. Three-month relief coverage from Manitoba Government, E.I. will now be covering
- Graduation ceremonies were well organized to ensure safety for COVID-19

Western Secretary/Treasurer**Harold Fleming**

- Main concern: Fire truck is new to the community but buying parts for it is not cheap to come by due to the age of the unit. (\$20,000 for most current part fixed)
- No fires in the communities at this time
- Cell booster for the community
- Five students attained work in the community this year opposed to the usual two

President**Reg Meade**

- INR Town Hall meetings; were initially two per week and not have stopped attending
- to meet with the Mayor of Moose Lake regarding meeting per diems/honorariums from INR
- Railroad limited the number of passengers due to COVID-19; they request that masks be worn during travel
- NACC involved with Artic North

Motion to accept Reports**Moved by H. Fleming and second by G. Flett****CARRIED****12.0 New Business****Community Outreach for Health Plan****Using Microsoft Teams for conference calls instead of in person meetings**

Motion for conference calls Moved by L. Huhtala and seconded by G. Flett	CARRIED
Motion to accept Cost of Living pay increase Moved by H. Fleming and seconded by E. Olson	CARRIED
Motion to accept no more raises until fiscal year end Moved by H. Fleming and seconded by F. Parenteau	CARRIED

Tabled – Number of Signatures required for cheques; until after AGM is held

13.0 Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held on _____

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion for meeting adjournment
Moved by G. Flett and seconded by J. Chu**