



Northern Association of Community Councils Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Room #319 – 352 Donald Street

Friday, August 14th, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: BOARD

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

STAFF

Linda Payeur, Executive Director
Sara Kirby, Administrative Assistant

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2.0 Delegations

- 2.1 MNP - INR Review Consultation Update - **Amber Zhang**, Director of Finance and Administration, **Michelle Dubik**, Deputy Minister, Department of Indigenous and Northern Relations, **Leslie Dornan**, Partner and Director, MNP – 9:00 am

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Item #5.1 on agenda – remove “Approval of the” for the Financial Year to Date Budget comparison

It was moved by H. Fleming, seconded by Eric Olson that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.0 Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2020

It was moved by L Huhtala seconded by J. Chu that, the minutes from April 15, 2020 be accepted.

CARRIED

Motion for the number of signatures required on cheques change from three signatures to two signatures.

- Moved by H. Fleming and seconded by G. Flett

CARRIED

Motion for the Board agreeing to apply for the loan.

- Moved by W. Mowatt and seconded by J. Chu

CARRIED

5.0 Financial

The Budget Comparison, Income Statement, Trial Balance, General Ledger, Cheque Ledger, Accounts Payable and Budget vs Actuals to date were circulated and discussed.

5.1 Approval of General Ledger

Motion to accept General Ledger from July 3 to August 13, 2020

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| | Moved by F. Parenteau and seconded by G. Flett | CARRIED |
| 5.2 | Approval of Cheque Detail | |
| | Motion to accept Cheque Detail | |
| | Moved by W. Mowatt and seconded by F. Parenteau | CARRIED |
| 5.3 | Approval of Bank Reconciliation for July 6 to August 13, 2020 | |
| | Motion to accept Bank Reconciliation | |
| | Moved by G. Flett and seconded by H. Fleming | CARRIED |

6.0 Issue Sheets

6.1 Board Expenses

- To produce receipts from hotel and private accommodations so that NACC can reimburse said member(s).
- Policy states what NACC will cover up to if members choose to change accommodations.
- It is the members responsibility to cancel the hotel room if they choose to stay either private lodging or another hotel.

6.2 Executive Meetings

- There used to be funds allocated for the executives to travel to communities to support and be present at meetings to help the communities make decisions.
- Would like to get back to attending communities to help with matters affecting the community.
- Staying status quo with executive meetings.

6.3 Benefits Package

- NACC would only cover 50% of the benefits cost. Single person amount would be \$43 a month, Multi-person coverage would be \$86 a month.
- It would help retain our staff versus leaving for the same job position but with benefits.

7.0 Board Reports

Eastern Chairperson

Helgi Einarsson

- Compensation package for commercial fishermen opens on August 24th and closes September 21st. Two applications: 1) Loss of Income and 2) Unforgivable Loan, both are for \$10,000 each.
- Community Development Corporation; \$40,000 loan of which you pay back \$30,000 and \$10,000 is forgiven
- Pequis to Lake Man First Nations have closed up due to COVID-19. Dauphin River closes on Monday, August 17, 2020 with blockades

Eastern Vice Chairperson

Eric Olson

- There is nothing to report at this time.

Eastern Secretary/Treasurer

Wanda Mowatt

- One bid on rink, hope to be finished for fall season.

Northern Chairperson

Glen Flett

- Reached one community (Easterville or Moose Lake)
- Phone calls about upcoming AGM as well as emails with concerns to say they don't want it to take place
- Travel budget allocation for Executive Board
- Mayor of Sherridon, has tried to acquire a back hoe for two years but have been stalled by Thompson's INR
- Trying to clean up burned hotel but INR wants them to put it up for tender
- Not much metal salvage happening due to distance
- Council frustrated and thinking of letting INR take over
- Reserves won't let them buy the back hoe
- Town foreman quit due to the water treatment plant operator quitting
- Water treatment operator quit Friday

- Boil water advisory for past 10 years due to water treatment plant being ordered to shut down
- COVID-19 Committee meeting once per week
- Easterville still has a blockade

Northern Secretary/Treasurer June Chu

- Health Centre new hire and it is going well
- Housing issue discuss in camera but will have information for next meeting
- Every second Friday they get food hampers from Bayline which include Wabowden, Thicket Portage, Pikwitonei and Ilford

Northern Secretary/Treasurer Freda Parenteau

- Cormorant and Moose Lake getting town roads repaired
- Cormorant got \$25,000 from the government road repairs
- Poll sent out to community to find out if they can take \$25,000 out of the transmission line to match what the province gave them and it was a big success.
- Not sure how much money Moose lake got.

Western Vice Chairperson Lorne Huhtala

- Waterhen council had Lorne visit
- Having issues with kids swimming and jumping off the bridge, there is a sign there
- They are also blocking the bridge and impeding emergency vehicles from passing through
- Generator not running yet

Western Secretary/Treasurer Harold Fleming

- Lots of AGM discussion
- Communities do not want to participate due to COVID-19

President Reg Meade

- Meeting with Armand in Thompson about Moose Lake's lack of road maintenance
- Mayor has issues
- Sherridon- talking to Wendy
- The community is ready to walk away
- Two tenders for boating dock at lagoon
- Costs going up due to engineers

Motion to accept the reports

Moved by H. Fleming and seconded by W. Mowatt

Discussion about postponing the AGM and election to the following year due to COVID-19 took place. The ByLaws and Policies for the AGM will be thoroughly reviewed to see if this is a viable option.

8.0 INR/NACC Correspondence

8.1 INR Community Membership

"INR will be paying this year's membership fess directly from their office. Communities that received an invoice from NACC and submitted a payment will be reimbursed from the Association shortly. INR will advise communities in the new fiscal year of an arrangement that the NAB is working to establish on the behalf of NACC." – Paul Doolan, Executive Director.

8.2 INR Annual Funding

The 2020-2021 Provincial funding was approved and INR will continue to assist us with the Funding Agreement.

8.3 NHFI Inheritance Farm Funding

The department of INR has approved a one-time grant to NACC to support the Inheritance Farm in their food security efforts during COVID-19.

9.0 Staff Reports

9.1 Attached Executive Director Linda Payeur

- Attached

10.0 2020 AGM Conference

A few communities have contacted NACC saying that they will be voting by proxy as they do not want to attend the AGM in person do to COVID-19.

11.0 New Business

No new business was discussed.

Board in camera – 2:43pm

Moved by G. Flett

ACTION: Motion to agree to pay half of Linda's overtime in cash & three days off with pay.

ACTION: Tabled – Benefits Package to the next Board meeting and send the benefits package to each Board member.

Board out camera – 2:53pm

12.0 Next Meeting

Next Executive Board meeting is to be held on Friday September 11th, 2020

Next Board meeting is to be held on Wednesday November 18th, 2020

13.0 Adjournment

**Motion for meeting adjournment
Moved by G. Flett**