



Northern Association of Community Councils Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park, 1405 St. Mathews Ave.

Board of Directors Meeting
AMBASSADOR ROOM E

Thursday, March 9th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Board of Directors

Reg Meade, President
Wanda Mowatt, Eastern Secretary/Treasurer
Harold Fleming, Western Chairperson
June Chu, Northern Vice-Chairperson
Freda Parenteau, Northern Secretary/Treasurer
Glenn Flett, Northern Chairperson
Eric Olson, Eastern Chairperson
Helgi Einarsson, Eastern Vice-Chairperson
Lorne Huhtala, Western Vice-Chairperson
Doug Popowich, Western Secretary/Treasurer

Staff

Linda Payeur, Executive Director
Nadine Tonn, NHFI Coordinator
Talon Knight, Administrative Assistant

1.0 Call to Order – at 9:06 A.M. by R. Meade

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Reviewed and discussed, motion to add an item to new business as 16.1, RE: Safe Drinking Water

Moved by H. Fleming, Seconded by W. Mowatt

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations

- 3.1 **Sharalyn Reitlo**, CFWR – Strategic Planning – March 10th – 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
- 3.2 **Hon. Eileen Clarke**, Minister of IRNR

4.0 Approval of Minutes from December 9th and 10th, 2022

- 4.1 Noted minor corrections to spelling be made to reports.

Moved by W. Mowatt, Seconded by E. Olson

CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes at this time.

6.0 Correspondence

- 6.1 **From IRNR, RE: Minister Order for Dallas/Red Rose Community Council**
- 6.2 **From S. Sabiston, RE: Northern Affairs Ministerial Order for the Dallas/Red Rose Council**

General discussion followed, including the difficulties of arranging a meeting with the Dallas/Red Rose Community Council noted by both IRNR staff and Board members.

H. Einarsson also noted that in the past NACC Board Members used to be invited by IRNR prior to the meetings with community councils.

It was decided that the Dallas/Red Rose Community Council must complete the Respectful Workplace Training prior to our further engagement.

6.3 From MTA, RE: Manitoba Trapper's Association Membership

General discussion followed, including the membership costs, and the new rules for Trapper's Licenses.

Motion for Executive Director to meet with the Trapper's Association to get details from the MTA and send information to the Full Board for our further course of action.

Moved by L. Huhtala, Seconded by D. Popowich

CARRIED

6.4 From CRA: RE: Appeal Confirmation

General discussion, no action is needed at this time.

Adjourn for Coffee Break 10:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Minister Eileen Clarke arrives during the Financial Reports at approx. 11 A.M.

- Introduction of the NACC Board of Directors and staff.
- Discussed the Preliminary 2023 Balanced Budget Announcement, as per the March 7 press release, noting an increase that would positively affect NACC Communities.
- G. Flett asked Minister E. Clarke about said proposed budget's allocation for firefighting operations, training, equipment, and community safety programs. Discussion followed.
- R. Meade mentioned to Minister E. Clarke that some health services are being shut down in the north. Minister E. Clarke noted that she would mention these concerns to the Minister of Health and also mention to the Minister of Health that the NACC should be a part of those discussions.
 - F. Parenteau brought up a 'medical taxi' program that ended.
 - D. Popowich also noted the ambulance issues and challenges his communities were facing to Minister E. Clarke
- L. Payeur mentioned some updates regarding the resolution addressing Lake Winnipeg to Minister E. Clarke.

Adjourn for Lunch Break 12:15 P.M. – 1:32 P.M.

7.0 Financial

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| 7.1 | Financial Year-to-Date Budget
Reviewed and discussed. No motion is required. | |
| 7.2 | General Ledger Detail
<i>Moved by E. Olson, Seconded by F. Parenteau</i> | CARRIED |
| 7.3 | Cheque Detail
<i>Moved by G. Flett, Seconded by H. Einarsson</i> | CARRIED |
| 7.4 | Bank Reconciliation
<i>Moved by F. Parenteau, Seconded by G. Flett</i> | CARRIED |
| 7.5 | Visa Reconciliation
<i>Moved by W. Mowatt, Seconded by G. Flett</i> | CARRIED |
| 7.6 | Petty Cash Reconciliation
<i>Moved by F. Parenteau, Seconded by J. Chu</i> | CARRIED |

8.0 Staff Reports:

- 8.1 **Executive Director** **Linda Payeur**
Attached
- 8.2 **NHFI Program Coordinator** **Nadine Tonn**
Attached

9.0 Reports:

- 9.1 **Western Chairperson** **Harold Fleming**
- Discussed that he attended the Manitoba Beef Producer's meeting with E. Olson in February.
 - Spoke about Attending the Westlake Watershed District meeting with neighboring communities.
 - Noted that Meadow Portage received a tender letter/offer for fixing the Water Plant and getting a new pump.
- 9.2 **Eastern Vice-Chairperson** **Helgi Einarsson**
- Noted he is still encountering problems with our Bell/MTS carrier phones, still having static issues in calls.
 - Noted he received a letter from Broadband Communications North, possibly raising the price of their monthly fees?
 - Brought forward that there was an increase in overdoses and ambulance issues, general discussion followed.
 - Mentioned that six people were asking for Tower Gardens.
 - Spoke about Ken Ellison, Seymourville Councillor, who was also a NACC Board member, who had passed away this month.
- 9.3 **Northern Chairperson** **Glen Flett**
- Mentioned he sent L. Payeur some mining information regarding Lynn Lake.
 - Spoke about making further inquiries about the government's proposed budget allocation for an increase in funds toward road maintenance and repairs.
 - Discussed that he attended a virtual meeting in late February with the Thompson Regional Airport Authority regarding their upcoming announcement of a new terminal building in Thompson, MB.
 - Mentioned he spoke with Tim Johnson recently at the Community Futures – North Central, and that Tim would be on leave for approximately one month.
 - Also spoke about Norway House Community Council having met with Manitoba Hydro and Government representatives and lawyers in the city at the start of the month regarding the finalizing of a deal involving land selection.
- 9.4 **Eastern Chairperson** **Eric Olson**
- Noted that he attended the Manitoba Beef Producer's Meeting in February with H. Fleming.
 - Discussed that he went to Meadow Portage for the Watershed District meeting. Noted he was informed that his community (Homebrook/Peonan Point) was put into the West-Interlake District and must pay a membership fee, but also noted that IRNR said they would investigate assisting with covering that cost.
 - Spoke about a conversation regarding the Trapper's Block in Crane River, still encountering some difficulties sorting the situation out.
 - Noted the recent Crown Land Action held by the Government, he observed that 3-4 parcels in his area were purchased.

- 9.5 **Northern Sec/Treasurer** **Freda Parenteau**
- Mentioned a past ‘medical taxi’ program that was very beneficial for the community in the past and asked about writing a letter advocating for this program with the Cormorant Community Council. Discussion followed.
- 9.6 **Western Vice-Chairperson** **Lorne Huhtala**
- Noted the Wi-Fi/Satellite Tower near Mallard seems to work, but not in his house, as it faces towards Skownan First Nation.
 - Commented that local fishing was good.
 - Brought forward that they have no Fire Department, they must share service with Waterhen, some discussion followed.
 - Noted that the grader operator was leaving wind rows after a recent snow-clearing job.
 - Also mentioned that he had spoken with a retired cattle buyer about rising prices in the industry.
- 9.7 **Eastern Sec/Treasurer** **Wanda Mowatt**
- Noted their Ferry was taken South for inspection in the Fall of 2022, as it had not been inspected for some years. Also noted that the icebreakers had broken down, the Ferry should return on March 15th.
 - Mentioned that roof and foundation repairs were completed on the community council building.
 - Noted that they have a new public works employee, and their postmaster/postmistress had passed away.
- 9.8 **Northern Vice-Chairperson** **June Chu**
- Reported a Housing Election had been completed.
 - Noted that Wabowden community council sold a haul of scrap metal to a contractor and added the funds into the community surplus.
 - Mentioned that the Frontier School Division’s AGM is planned for April 2023.
- 9.9 **Western Sec/Treasurer** **Doug Popowich**
- Mentioned the local Ambulance issues are still very serious. Suggested a joint letter from the whole region’s communities could be a viable option.
 - Noted the Westlake Watershed District meeting he attended had mainly cattle producers in attendance, but not many regional communities despite IRNR recently joining and extending help with membership costs. Some discussion followed.
- President** **Reg Meade**
- Declined report, save the following comments:
 - “I’m not in love with computers and technology”, “don’t want or feel the need to get with the times”.
 - “I don’t take guidance about what I’m supposed to say by anybody.”
 - Discussion regarding 1970s, past events, criticized other communities and Board members noting ‘changing with the times’ is the cause of all their issues:
 - All comments “should be accepted as a report. Take it or leave it.”

Motion to accept Board Reports.

Moved by L. Huhtala and Seconded by G. Flett

CARRIED

10.0 Adjourned at 4:18 P.M.

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Friday, March 10th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

- 13.0 Call to Order** – at 9:01 A.M. by G. Flett, R. Meade was not present at meeting start.
- 14.0 Sharalyn Reitlo, CFWR** – Strategic Planning Session 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
- 15.0 Unfinished Business and General Orders**
- 15.1 **AGM 2023**
- 15.1.1 **AGM Board Survey**
- 15.1.2 **AGM Committee**
- 15.1.3 **AGM – Other Business**
- Discussed the number of rooms afforded at the AGM for delegates. It was decided to keep the current policy for rooms afforded.
- 15.2 **NACC 2022 AGM Resolutions Update**
- 16.0 New Business**
- 16.1 **Safe Water Class Action**
- 16.1.1 General discussion occurred about the Class Action, including how some power outages also lead to water drinking difficulties in communities.
- 16.2 **First-Aid and CPR Training**
- 16.2.1 General discussion occurred. Noted was the lack of training offered to community councils by IRNR for more than two years or the difficulty in arranging the training.
- 16.3 **Year-End Budget Allocation**
- Discussions regarding the allocation of funds for this financial year's end occurred. The following motions were made:
- MOTION**
- NACC invites IRNR to provide instruction to community CAOs for 1 day of the 2023 NACC. Noting that NACC will cover the cost of CAO attendance.
Moved by L. Huhtala, Seconded by J. Chu **CARRIED**
- MOTION**
- That NACC allocates \$50,000 per year to each of the next 3 AGMs in addition to \$26,000 towards CAO training at the 2023 AGM.
Moved by F. Parenteau, Seconded by J. Chu **CARRIED**
- 17.0 Next Meeting**
- The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for **June 26th & 27th, 2023**.
The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for **April 21st, 2023**.
- 18.0 Adjournment** – called by **G. Flett** at 3:44 P.M.

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Executive Director Report

Members

- Composed resolution communication to relevant government and corporate parties (emailed and mailed with resolution and any relevant information), and followed up on Resolutions presented by our member communities and shared the same with each relevant community by fax and Canada Post.
- Received a copy of communication between Sherridon Community Council regarding discrepancies with the contacting of and deliverables received from Oswald.

Finance

- Received renewal notice for the Employee Health Program. No premium increase.
- IRNR NHFI Quarterly payment has been approved and should be forwarded shortly
- Continue to work the Canada Revenue Agency to resolve appeal of additional funds collected.

Partnerships

- Community Futures prepared “Asset Mapping Reports – Food Ecosystems Project” for each of their regions. Capacity and resources are noted consistently through the regions. Of note is the NACC NHFI has contributed to the resources though not names directly within the report e.g. vertical gardening and greenhouses are noted in the Cedar Lake Regions report
- While attending the reception prior and following budget speech at the Legislative Building, spoke (networked) with:
 - o Minister Eileen Clarke, IRNR
 - o Minister Eichler (retiring) – will be pursuing a consulting role focused on industry development in Manitoba (not ‘farming’ out opportunities)
 - o Les Isleifson, PC, Member of Legislature, Brandon East (hometown connections)
 - o Minister Johnson, Minister of Agriculture, Interlake Gimli
 - o Martin Scanlon, Dean, University of Manitoba, Agriculture and Food Services – familiar with the NHFI Program and working with Food Matters on some projects as well as a greenhouse project. We will continue working to partner in the future.
 - o Tracey Boychuk and Tanya Powell, both on Swan River Council
 - o Dodie Jordaan, Chairperson and Tammy Christensen, ED, Ma Mawi Chi Itata Centre

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NHFI

- Finalized the NHFI Program Assessment Project. This project took much more of my time than anticipated due to NACC staff changes (Ibby, Trinette and Lisa). Administrative costs were built into the budget. The final report is due for delivery to IRNR my March 31, 2023.
- NHFI Semi Annual reporting due for fourth quarter payment was submitted however, the IRNR portal went down prior to their receipt of the same holding up out payment. This is a 67-page report. Fortunately, we have created a NHFI program spreadsheet notating each programs participant information and updates and accompanied it with a ledger of NHFI expenses to date which was accepted as an alternative report. This has been submitted in lieu of the reporting portals access.
- Received notice from IRNR that they are awarding NACC \$64000 program enhancement funds before end of month. We await word on our Special Project application.

Staff

- Talon has completed their probationary period. They are now a permanent employee and has elected to be added to the NACC Health Benefits Plan
- I will be on holidays March 27 to 31 and again July 24 to 28. The July dates are within the

month of the NACC AGM however, it is for a family memorial (mother-in-law passed away during COVID) taking place in Halifax, Nova Scotia on July 25th.