



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

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

**Board of Directors**

Reg Meade, President  
Glen Flett, Northern Chairperson  
Harold Fleming, Western Chairperson  
Ken Spence, Western Vice-Chairperson  
Doug Popowich, Western Secretary/Treasurer  
Eric Olson, Eastern Chairperson  
Helgi Einarsson, Eastern Vice-Chairperson  
Wanda Mowatt, Eastern Secretary/Treasurer  
Sheryl Matheson, Northern Vice-Chairperson  
Freda Parenteau, Northern Secretary/Treasurer

**Regrets**

**Staff** Wendy So, Administrative Assistant

**1.0 Call to Order** – at 9:06 A.M

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by F. Parenteau, Seconded by W. Mowat with changes

**CARRIED**

**3.0 Approval of Board Minutes from Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Moved by G. Flett and seconded by H. Einarsson that the minutes from Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be accepted with changes.

**CARRIED**

**4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes of Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board Minutes**

**UPDATE:** N. Lavoie sent email introduction to communities and partners

**UPDATE:** N. Lavoie will sign and return corporate information to Canad Inns

**UPDATE:** N. Lavoie prepared and dispatched a reply to Cheryl Christian of GovFox to express dissatisfaction of the Board of Directors.

**Adjourn for Coffee Break 10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**

**5.0 Correspondence**

5.1 Letter from Kevin McPike

Board discussed about letter, agreed to implement first 4 recommendations but will discuss with ADM Kevin McPike on last recommendation. Board agreed that Glen Flett will be the chairperson for meeting on Mar 1, 2024 with ADM Kevin McPike.

5.2 Email from Community Futures North Central Development

Letter of Support has been requested.

ACTION: W. So to prepare letter of support

**6.0 Staff Reports:**

6.1 **NHFI Program Coordinator** **Nadine Tonn**  
Attached

UPDATE:

- Board reviewed agreement between NACC and the contractor for greenhouse building and delivery (Veurinks).
- Board reminded N. Tonn to ensure workers compensation is included and ensure delivery deadlines are met.
- N. Tonn explained Veurinks has insurance on own site but no insurance for other people on their property. Board reminded N. Tonn to make sure contractor has been provided with detail address list to avoid issues later. Further, contractor is liable for any damages of the greenhouses until greenhouse is delivered. Payments are paid upon delivery slips are signed.
- N. Tonn may work with the Veurinks further and see how the payment schedule be agreed on, such as whether any advance funding is needed in order for the contractor to obtain materials needed for the base. Board reminded N. Tonn to make sure it is stated clearly on agreement whether GST is included.
- N. Tonn need to ensure the participants understand that the location where the greenhouses will be delivered needs to be somewhere the contractor can delivered without extra effort.

**Adjourn for Lunch Break 11:50 A.M. – 1:04 P.M.**

**7.0 Financial**

- 7.1 Financial Year-To-Date Budget Compare
- 7.2 Profit/Loss (Income Statement)
- 7.3 Approval of General Ledger  
*Moved by H. Einarsson, Seconded by K. Spence* **CARRIED**
- 7.4 Approval of Cheque Detail  
*Moved by E. Olson, Seconded by S. Matheson* **CARRIED**
- 7.5 Approval of Bank Reconciliation  
*Moved by H. Fleming, Seconded by F. Parenteau* **CARRIED**
- 7.6 Approval of Visa Reconciliation  
*Moved by W. Mowatt, Seconded by G. Flett* **CARRIED**

Motion: Move \$22,500 from 5479 NHFI admin budget to 5475 NHFI Program coordinator budget. Moved by S. Matheson, seconded by H. Fleming.

**8.0 Reports:**

8.1 **Western Chairperson** **Harold Fleming**

- Attended NMCCB training from Dec 4-6
- Attended Zoom meeting of NMCCB on Jan 8
- Attended meeting on Crown Land on Jan 5 where explains the changes in Crown Land, leases are not transferrable, people may sell the land, leases are for a good of 15 years and 5 years, family transfers are legal and are good for 15 years. Legacy leaseholders will be able to nominate the next leaseholder, subject to the Treaty Land Entitlement and consultation assessment.
- Talked to Colin, Mayor /council need resolution from council in order to look into the issue

- Harold asked communities to report
- 8.2 **Western Vice-Chairperson Ken Spence**
- Talked about amalgamation of cottages
  - Talked about the Capital Review Board and talked about how to manage funds when capital review board is longer exist. Talked about how community should manage funds by prioritizing several areas, such as waste water system, public and health and safety issues in relation to advising how communities manage funds.
  - Community has new CAO
- 8.3 **Western Sec/Treasurer Doug Popowich**
- Police amalgamation issue get worse in several communities as police officer are shared among communities that are a few hours apart.  
An example is police started chasing an individual in Dauphin River, RCMP changes philosophy, lock down and block roads without consulting nearby / affected communities and was not familiar with the area where road blocks are nowhere near where people were hiding
  - Used to have Safety Officers, taken responsibility from Safety Officers where the Safety Officers in reserves do have equipment provided, where this is one of the issue that we should advocate for Northern communities.
- 8.4 **Northern Chairperson Glen Flett**
- Attended NMCCB zoom meeting on Jan 8
  - Attended several Thompson Airport Authority Board meetings in Thompson on Jan 9-10
  - Attend Communities Future Zoom meeting on Jan 30
  - Reg and Glen had a verbal discussion with NHFI Coordinator Nadine on job responsibilities.
  - Board will issue a letter further to Nadine in relation to job responsibilities
  - Attended SFMC meeting on Feb 15 – where work plan involving forest areas to be cut and replant and how to protect moose and caribou was presented. Board consist of members from different communities. The group is to under and making sure proper consultation is conducted before cutting trees. Will share further upon receipt of more information.
- 8.5 **Northern Vice-Chairperson Sheryl Matheson**
- Initiative for roundtable meeting for CampLake in The Pas where the meeting will be held on Mar 6. The Camp Lake issue need to be looked at before the spring flood. Hope to get actions started after meeting.
  - Freda will bring up concerns from Cormorant is in the area, we are going to make a plan with them.
  - Trying to bridge into communities more
- 8.6 **Northern Sec/Treasurer Freda Parenteau**
- In last board meeting, mentioned about situation on Cormorant on health system, it is still the same or worse, they have no medical center, no taxi services, need to pay \$120 if need to hire someone to take them to appointment, planned to go to the council and get a resolution to send to NACC so that NACC can advocate for them in relation to
  - They have a resolution passed in last AGM in relation to water issue, would like to follow up on status of resolutions passed in last AGM
  - Recreation Director resigned but rehired, doing a lot and organizing a lot of activities for community members
  - Moose Lake, it is sad to see houses lost in Jan due to arson
- 8.7 **Eastern Chairperson Eric Olson**

- Harold and Eric attended Beef Producers Association meeting on Feb 8-9 in Brandon but the meeting was not well attended due to snow storm the night before
- Lake Manitoba fishing - shut the lake down on Feb 24
- Communities working on watershed district and have to be done soon
- Encountered communication issues with Dauphin Office, got a call from CAO of North Western Water Sewage, unable to reach staff in Dauphin office to follow up on what needs to be signed and entry fees. Called Stuart and left message but did not get replies. May need to contact other staff of MNR in order to reach staff of Dauphin Office to get issue resolved.
- Talked to Paul Doolan previously that someone need to reply to communities to acknowledge receipt of enquiries.
- Received a phone call from Danny Black of Seymourville, called in regard to Manitoba Housing property in Seymourville and advised actions should be taken
- Lack of maintenance of highway 328, 6 inch of snow since Monday but still no plow until Thursday. Discussed that the Highway programs may need to be looked into as contractor and highway worker arrangement as contractor could be driving a long distance to communities which needs snow to be plowed. Contractor drove from Waterhen to Gypsumville daily for snow plowing, where at one point snow plowing need to be driven from Ashern to Grand Rapids due to lack of appropriate equipment in Grand Rapids.

**8.8 Eastern Vice Chairperson Helgi Einarsson**

- Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Commercial Fishermen Association, through a grant from the federal government to hire Chief Matthew be negotiator with fishermen of Cree Nation. 3 different organizations have put in proposal for Manitoba Fisher River Cree Nation
- Boardband communication network (internet)– try to get 6 people to work out to tower. 54 towers installed at people's home but no body is connected to the network. BCN is cheaper than starlink so community members try to connect through BCN as it is more affordable (\$160 VS \$77). Some other board member mentioned use Treaty card and send in may enable community members to get starlink with a lower rate.
- New channel of EOC, will be hiring inspector to look after the digging work, requires 4 fulltime and 8 parttime inspectors. Each inspector will need to go to Winnipeg for training for 2 week course of \$9000 training fee. Other board member responded that the digging may not be able to start as it is difficult to get the required number of inspectors and needed license.
- Dauphin River Reserve took over grading snow mobile

**8.9 Eastern Sec/Treasurer Wanda Mowatt**

- Called Pine Dock – no issue to highlight
- Called Berens River – currently overbudget. They have no CAO, but no one apply, backup CAO passed away. Currently, a community member is helping with CAO tasks.
- Fishing has been good all winter long.
- Seymourville – building a sand plant in Selkirk where sand are transported from Seymourville.

**Adjourn for Coffee Break 2:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**8.10 President Reg Meade**

- Shared report from meeting with Arctic Gateway, for example, federal reserves released 66 million to upgrade the port, 110 million to upgrade to rail-lines. But some of the discussed items are confidential and cannot be shared.
- Recommend to send letter to Minister with some of the concerns, such as policing, health, roads

- Attended meeting of Manitoba Roundtable on Dec 12, where one north community is trying to put university back together
- Met with MKO at urban industrial communities in The Pas. Main concern is health. Used to have 6 police between Interlake and Wabowden, now no policing in Wabowden, where police could be replaced by Safety Officers will be paid and equipped
- Talked to Boardband communication, asking about why tower is still not in placed.
- Came into Winnipeg for Sherridon's Camp Lake meeting on Dec 12  
ACTION: W. So to arrange meeting with Minister right away.  
ACTION: W. So to send formal invitation to Premier for AGM

**Motion to accept Board Reports.**

*Moved by H. Einarsson and Seconded by G. Flett*

**CARRIED**

**9.0 New Business**

**9.1 Executive Meetings and Minutes**

Board requested to receive agenda and minutes of executive meetings in order for all board members to understand what will be discussed in executive meetings and can add discussion items to the executive meetings so that executives can deal with issues without waiting until the next full board meeting.

**9.2 Boards all board members are sitting on**

Suggested to have a list of board all board members are sitting on so that board members can report after attending meetings and all other board members/communities know who to go to for specific issues. This provide information to communities on what Board members has done and what board they are sitting on and can advocate for communities..  
ACTION: W. So to collect list of board all board members are sitting on

**10.0 Adjournment – at 3:16 P.M.**

**Northern Association of Community Councils Inc.**  
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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**AMBASSADOR ROOM K**

Friday, March 1st, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

**13.0 Call to Order** – at 9:01 A.M.

**11.0 Unfinished Business and General Orders**

11.1 Website Domain

NACC launched a project 14 years ago to create websites for communities where the project should be one off but NACC is still paying 12 communities website domain and maintenance fees. Funding budgeted at that time is over and Board agreed that NACC will pay for this year's fees but communities will start paying for own domain starting from next fiscal year

ACTION: W. So to contact affected community about Board's decision and assist with transition from NACC being contact point with website and domain service provider to handling by communities.

11.2 Community Reports

- report from Bissett

In relation to CAMP initiative and collection of tax arrears issues, suggested G. Flett to take issue to NMCCB.

Collection of tax arrears issue is a long lasting issue, suggested to include as one of the agenda items for meeting with the Minister

ACTION: W. So to draft reply to Bissett to address Bissett's concerns.

- report from Moose Lake

- As Moose Lake community is currently in trust and funds cannot be used where various issues raised are caused by mismanagement of council, suggested to arrange meeting in the Pas upon new Executive Director is on Board for representative of NACC to travel to Moose Lake with representatives of MNR to meet with community members in Moose Lake.

ACTION: W. So to draft reply to Moose Lake to acknowledge receipt of email and share next step NACC suggest

ACTION: W. So to draw MNR's attention to issues raised by Moose Lake

11.3 Letter from property manager Denny Black

Community member raise concern that dogs are not allowed in Manitoba Housing as stipulated in by-laws where lots of dogs are kept and caused damage to property. Board discussed and Eric will reply to Denny in relation to handling

11.4 Board Governance training

Shared proposal provided by GovFox with Board, suggested to arrange meeting with other needed training.

ACTION: W. So to contact various service providers, obtain quotations for the Board to further consider.

11.5 Resolutions from AGM 2023

Resolutions were passed in Aug 2023 during NACC AGM where no one has yet taken action in relation to the resolutions. Board agreed that they need to be followed up on immediately. W. So has a meeting with Jessica Drakul of MNR prior to this meeting where Jessica suggested to prioritize the list of passed resolutions in order to follow up accordingly where Board do not think resolutions should be prioritized as it would be unfair to communities with resolutions with lower priority. Board suggested to have all the resolutions send out to respective Ministers.

ACTION: W. So to prepare draft letters to relevant government department to include resolutions passed in AGM 2023

#### 11.6 Audit 2023

Due to the absent of Executive Director, W. So started working with auditor in developing the plans for audit. Updated the Board on plan and will seek confirmation from the Board / executives before dispatching reply to auditor.

ACTION: W. So to prepare respond to auditor's initial questionnaire.

### **Assistant Deputy Minister Kevin McPike and Jessica Drakul arrive at approx. 1:00pm**

- Introduction of the NACC Board of Directors and staff.
- D. Popowich explained Board has dispatched a letter to GovFox in expressing the dissatisfaction of report where previous Executive Director N. Lavoie did not follow up accordingly.
- D. Popowich confirmed acceptance of first 4 recommendations and F. Parenteau raised concerns in relation to 5<sup>th</sup> recommendation where ADM Kevin confirmed that an objective assessment to evaluate and confirm relevant policies are in place is expected.
- In relation to changes of report, ADM Kevin McPike suggested NACC to contact GovFox directly as report is prepared by GovFox but not MNR.
- ADM Kevin McPike emphasized the modernizing or strengthening of by-laws will be meaningful for NACC to work on and look forward to have follow up discussion with executive members on these issues.
- ADM Kevin McPike further updated NACC Board that new funding agreement is under review and MNR staff will reach out to NACC upon completion of review.

### **12.0 New Business**

#### 12.1 **AGM**

Board suggested W. So to start inviting MC, speakers as it would be late if wait until new Executive Director is on board. Some board members suggested to invite Urban Systems and RCMP Division D to present.

ACTION: W. So to invite last AGM's MC Sharalyn Reilto to be MC again

#### 12.2 **NACC Website**

Board members mentioned NACC website is currently not mobile device friendly and suggested to look into this.

### **13.0 Next Meeting**

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for **May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **14.0 Adjournment – at 3:16 P.M.**