

KLUANE FIRST NATION ELDERS COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 12, 2017

PRESENT: Robert Van Lieshout (Chair) Sylvia Ostashek (Recording Secretary), Agnes Johnson, Keith Johnson, Sharon Kabanak, Margaret Johnson, Lena Johnson, Louise Bouvier - By Phone: Inez Larsen, Mary Easterson, Lorraine Mitchell, Gloria Johnson, Michael Johnson

Time	Agenda Item	Minutes	Action Item & Person Responsible
10:02	Call to Order		
	Welcome & Prayer	Lena Johnson	
	Adoption of Agenda & Additions	<p>Motion to approve the Agenda: Moved: Agnes Johnson Seconded: Louise Bouvier Passed by Consensus Additions to the Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAFN Elders Unit - Sick Elders Returning to Community - Health & Wellness Staffing for long weekends - Review of Strategic Plan for Elders Input - Information from University of Washington Professor Dan Shugar on Kluane Lake - Sylvia leaving 	
	Minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting For adoption	<p>Motion to approve the Minutes with the following Change: KLUANE FIRST NATION ELDERS COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2017 should read KLUANE FIRST NATION ELDERS COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 8, 2017 Moved: Inez Larsen Seconded: Mary Easterson Passed by Consensus</p>	
	Cultus Bay Update	Keith advised a gate is being installed at Cultus that will be locked and anyone wishing to use the Cultus Bay facilities would require a key from the administration office. There will also be an application form and a deposit required to stay at Cultus. Keith advised the deposit would be \$100 (possibly	

		more)	
	PWMS to find out if the wells in Destruction Bay have been tested for arsenic in the water	<p>Keith advised the well water at Destruction Bay, Copper Joe and Burwash Heights is tested often, and there will be test results back soon. The geothermal well is 1700 ft deep, whereas these wells are only 70-100ft deep. It was noted there is arsenic found in minute amounts in all water in the Yukon.</p> <p>Margaret advised she had some issues with her water and was requested to speak with Keith about them.</p> <p>It was noted Mary's water tank needs to be emptied and cleaned because she has just returned after a long absence and the water sitting in her tank would be stagnant.</p> <p>Lena advised her water tanks needed to be emptied and cleaned as well, when she put water in her bath tub it was yellow. She also noted her house required renovations, her wheelchair ramp is too steep</p> <p>It was noted there are water filters available that can be attached to water systems easily, one filter is a SAFE filter.</p>	<p>PWMS be invited to come to the Elders Council meeting and provide an update on house renovations and which houses were priorities for renovations and water tank cleaning and the process behind ensuring our water was clean and safe to drink.</p> <p>Wellness & Education Department would find out information on person water filters for all KFN citizens and he would also meet with PWMS to discuss water tanks cleaning and filters.</p>
	DKRRC Open house	Sylvia advised the DKRRC was having an open house and BBQ today in KLAA in Destruction Bay, the open house would start at 3:00 pm and the BBQ at 5:30 pm. She noted Janice would be available to bring any Elders that wanted to attend to Destruction Bay	
	ELDERS CONCERNS: Potlatch Policy	It was noted expenses have gone up over the years for Potlatches and it is felt the policy that is currently in place does not provide sufficient assistance to families when they have a funeral Potlatch. Purchasing a coffin is very costly and for some families it can cause hardship on top of their bereavement. It was suggested the policy be reviewed. It was also suggested KFN contact CAFN and ask if they could see their Potlatch Policy as they give families \$2000 to help purchase the coffin and a family could also apply for additional funds if there is a hardship. It was noted if a person is employed the Federal Government does provide \$2300 toward funeral expenses if you are a Canadian citizen.	Elders Council recommends the Executive Manager to review and possibility revise the Potlatch Policy dependant on budget constraints.

	<p>Medical Emergency Travel Policy</p> <p>KFN Management Team</p>	<p>It was noted the Medical Emergency Travel Policy needs to be reviewed because the scope of the document needs to be expanded.</p> <p>Mary advised the KFN Management team needs to be reviewed as one of the difficulties faced with this team is there are no First Nation people sitting on this team, we have Managers and Directors, a Management Team is not required.</p> <p>Robert advised a new Executive Director had been hired and things may change at that time. He also noted the Management Team is comprised of the Directors of each department and meet once a week.</p> <p>It was noted the KFN Elders Council does not feel the Management Team should be making some of the decisions they are as their decisions do not always coincide with what is best for our citizens and it is felt they have too much power. Elders Council recommends that Council get rid of the Management Team. It was noted Council wants to stay out of administrative decisions, so the Management Team makes those decisions. The Management Team is comprised of the directors of each department and meet for one to two hours each Monday or Tuesday morning for approximately 2 hours. It was noted some First Nations brought a mediator in for Directors meetings and this person would bring an Elders from the Wolf and Crow clan to the meeting as well, if there were issue during the meeting where prejudice came out, the meeting could be halted and a discussion take place with the mediator and Elders, then the meeting resume once the meeting was back on track.</p> <p>It was noted young children learn what they see, if all they see if judgement, arguments and fighting that is what they learn, we have to straighten our families out first, talk to our children teach them good values at home, then they will bring them out into the world as they get older.</p>	<p>Elders Council recommends the Wellness & Education Department review the Medical Emergency Travel Policy.</p> <p>Elders Council recommends to Council they have more public meetings for the community and meetings with Elders Council so everyone knows what is happening with Council in the community</p> <p>Elders Council recommends that youth be provided with more opportunities to be involved in the community meetings and voice their opinions as well.</p>
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	Sylvia leaving	<p>It was also noted in years past, Jean Jacquot had a beautiful garden by the lodge and this should be kept in mind for future development for greenhouses.</p> <p>Sylvia advised that Friday would be her last day working for the First Nation. She advised she was leaving due to health reasons</p>	Lands & Resources were requested to contact CBC to get a copy of this interview to be provided to the Elders for the May meeting.
	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 pm	
	Next meeting schedule	The next elders meeting would be Wednesday May 17th, 2017.	

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