

KLUANE FIRST NATION ELDERS COUNCIL MINUTES June 15, 2016

PRESENT: Di-yet Van Lieshout (Chair) Sylvia Ostashek (Recording Secretary), Shannon Walker (STTC), Krista Prochazka (KCDC Tourism Strategic Planning Team), Pauly Wroot (KCDC Tourism Strategic Planning Team), Colin Asselstine (KCDC General Manager, Louise Bouvier, Kluane Martin, Kirk Johnson, Gloria Johnson (by phone), Mike Johnson, Inez Larsen(by phone), Agnes Johnson

Time	Agenda Item	Minutes	Action Item & Person Responsible
10:08 am	Call to Order		
	Prayer	Mary Easterson	
	Adoption of Agenda & Additions	<p>Motion to approve the agenda: Moved: Inez Larsen Seconded: Mary Easterson Passed by Consensus Additions to the Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health & Social Department - Elders Honoraria - Housing - KFN Store - Mobile homes at gas station - Cultus 	
	Minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting For adoption	<p>Motion to approve the Minutes with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add Inez Larsen as an attendee after lunch for the May 10, 2016 Elders Council, change Inez Johnson to Inez Larsen on the recommendation to Council from the Elders Council <p>Moved: Louise Bouvier Seconded: Agnes Johnson Passed by Consensus</p> <p>The following items were noted when the minutes were reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During AED training Do not Resuscitate Orders were discussed, and this item should be reviewed with someone from the Health & Wellness department so Elders understand what a DNR order is and can have one 	Sylvia to request the Health & Wellness Dept look at this item.

		<p>filled in if they should choose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Things to do in case of fire – this item deferred to the October Elders Council meeting 	
	<p>Presentation from Shannon Walker Southern Tutchone Tribal Council</p>	<p>It was noted Tralee and Isabelle were in charge of transportation for Elders Shannon Walker advised the new Board has come up with a new vision of pride at solidarity, she presented everyone with the new STTC logo which was adopted March 19th. She invited everyone to the STTC gathering at Helen’s Fish Camp on July 9th to celebrate the unveiling of the new logo with t-shirts, BBQ lunch, Bannock making contest, Ta’an will have their boat available to take people out. She advised she had spoken to the Health & Wellness Department and there would be someone available to bring Elders if they require transportation.</p> <p>Shannon advised the STTC would like to do a couple of events that will be strictly for KFN as they have been such huge supporters of the STTC over the years. They would like to do a four day camp at Cultus Bay with youth and Elders, possibly the last week of July prior to Shane Johnson’s Headstone Potlatch. The Elders advised Shannon a week or two later would probably be better as most people would be busy with preparations for the Potlatch.</p> <p>It was queried why the STTC did not donate to the 2015 Harvest camp, Shannon advised that the STTC has a very tight budget.</p> <p>She advised the STTC is working on a gathering at Daku for a fall get together (probably October), called Digging Your Roots where people will be able to work on family trees, by scanning documents and pictures, among other items.</p> <p>She advised STTC is also working on updating their constitution and one of the suggested amendments were regarding the structure of the STTC Board so Elders were involved on it again.</p> <p>It was noted in the past there was a “Health” get together held in Watson Lake with elders where everyone would go out on the land and get bear roots, were shown how to cut up moose and Elders from everywhere would get together.</p>	

		<p>This was done in the 1980's – 1990's with CYFN, something like this would be a great way to collaborate with the various First Nations, it could be open to more than just STTC members. Shannon advised she would look into this item.</p>	
	<p>Kluane Community Strategic Tourism Plan</p>	<p>Colin Asselstine introduced Krista Prochazka and Pauly Wroot as the Kluane Community Strategic Tourism Plan representatives. It was noted this presentation was to make sure KFN Elders and all citizens have input into what they feel the tourism industry in Kluane should be. Krista provided a brief introduction of what she would be doing throughout the summer. She noted a tourism industry would help keep community members in the local area and would create jobs. It would also bring new services and facilities into the community and make them sustainable. She noted KCDC had hired her company to look at opportunities for tourism in the KFN area for the next 10 years and what type of businesses individuals may be interested in starting in the area and provide support to the people to get their businesses started.</p> <p>It was queried if there was a plan in place and money set aside so citizens could take training courses for the tourism industry. Krista advised she would first be identifying the training required, then be sourcing money through grants to do this. It was queried when the training sessions would start. Krista advised the project is set to wrap up in September 2016 so training should be available in 2017. It was noted they are working with potential partners for funding for training – the College, Tourism Human Resource Training Council are some of the potential partners identified.</p> <p>A tourism industry would be a good fit for the Kluane area as it melds with the First Nation values, keeps jobs in the community and brings money to the community and encourages young people to learn about their culture and language.</p> <p>The team working on the Kluane Community Strategic Tourism Plan are all Yukoners – there are 6 team members, some are experts in marketing, and they would work with tourism operators one or one. Marilyn Jensen was one of the founders of the Dakwakada Dancers and does a lot of work in the communities around culture. It was noted Kluane First Nation has their own</p>	

		<p>traditions and culture and many people who are able to share that information instead of having someone from another First Nation providing our culture and traditions. It was noted that the Kluane Community Strategic Tourism Plan team would like to speak with as many Kluane First Nation citizens as they can over the summer months including Elders to get any information on traditions and culture that they would like to share. It was queried why Katie Johnson who is in tourism wasn't involved in this project, Krista advised she had spoke with Katie but she was just too busy to help out, however Pauly Wroot was a Kluane First Nation citizen and was involved in this project. It was noted an RFP was sent out and proposals were received for this project at Krista's proposal was the best as decided by the KCDC Board.</p> <p>Krista advised it was essential to speak with KFN citizens for this to work and to receive information on cultures and traditions the citizens would like to share. The Elders Council noted people are always asking Elders for information on our culture and traditions, however there is no monetary compensation given to the Elders for the information, there should be an honoraria budget when someone is asking for Traditional Knowledge. When you take this information from Elders and give it to strangers, the elders should be paid.</p> <p>Krista advised she is trying to find ways for Elders and KFN citizens to be paid for providing people with their Traditional knowledge.</p> <p>The Elders Council advised KCDC Elders should be paid honoraria for these types of projects, Elders would not be around much longer and should be given something for sharing their memories.</p> <p>Pauly requested everyone to please contribute to this plan as Kluane First Nation will only be getting out of this project what the citizens put into it.</p> <p>It was noted at the last Elders meeting age demographics were discussed, we already have 42 elders, the Elder population is going up, we don't have the capacity here for youth, it is great to ask the Elders for advice, however, they won't be the business owners, it is a challenge as we only have a small amount of young people in the community, however for those Elders that still want to work there should be employment opportunities for them.</p>	
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	2016 GA Resolutions	<p>George Johnson entered the meeting on behalf of the Resolutions Committee. It was noted other members of the committee were Vonice Larsen and Tosh Southwick, Sylvia and Chaofeng would also be available to assist in writing resolutions. It was noted the deadline for resolutions for the 2016 General Assembly would be Friday, June 17th.</p> <p>Resolution Moved by Kluane Martin, Seconded by Louise Bouvier (information for resolution only, not actual resolution), The Deputy Chief was on Council and a Department Director and it was felt this was a conflict of interest for a staff member to be Deputy Chief and a Department Director, however it was felt doing this could give one person too much power and it should not happen again.</p> <p>It was noted Chief & Council have their own Governing policy and the roles of Chief & Council are detailed in this document.</p> <p>Gloria advised she was in support of a previous resolution to dissolve the Youth & Elders Council positions and just have everyone as Councillors with portfolios for the Councillors for the Youth & Elders positions instead and felt this resolution should be brought forward at the 2016 General Assembly.</p> <p>George advised if anyone had more resolutions they could also contact him at 634-5158. He exited the meeting</p>	Sylvia will forward these requests to the Resolution Committee and find the number of the request Gloria had.
	Elders Concerns a) Health & Social Department	<p>It was noted the Health & Wellness Department seem to have some confusion over transportation and conflicts with getting items done at the Elders houses, so was suggested the Health & Wellness Department should have at least a weekly meeting and possibly a bi weekly meeting between staff members so</p>	

	<p>b) Elders Honoraria</p> <p>c) Housing</p> <p>d)KFN Store</p>	<p>there is no confusion in this area as it is very frustrating for the Elders.</p> <p>It was felt the Elders should receive pro-rated Honoraria and receive a full day Honoraria when an Elders Council meeting re adjourns following a lunch break. It was also noted sometimes the Elders are being promised money for different trips or given reduced pay and was felt that any time the Elders are requested at a meeting the request should be in writing with the amount the Elders would be paid for the meeting included in the request and both the Elder and the person making the request to sign the form.</p> <p>Motion Moved by Mary Easterson, Seconded by Louise Bouvier that the Elders Council recommends to Council that the section for Elders Honoraria in the Elders Policy be reviewed and Council take into consideration if the Elders are requested to come back for meetings later in the day, i.e. an Elders Council meeting goes from 10:00 – 12:00, then adjourns for lunch, re-adjourns 1:00 – 2:00 a full day Honoraria should be paid, or if there are other meetings later in the day the Elders are requested to attend. Also, if the elders are requested to provide their expertise/Traditional Knowledge a request should be made in advance that details what the Elder is being requested to do, the number of hours they are expected to be there and what they will be paid for their time and both the person making the request of the Elders and the Elders are to sign the form prior to the event.</p> <p>It was queried what happened with the motion from 2 years prior providing \$1 million for renovations that would include new washer and dryers, new fuel tanks, and roofs replaced on Elders homes. It was noted they would like to know if this has been carried out and also a verbal break down of which houses were repaired.</p> <p>It was queried if the KFN store was heated all winter and what the cost of heating it was. Di-yet advised as a member of the KCDC Board she believed the cost was \$1500 to heat the store all winter (the cost of 2 diesel fill ups), she noted this would be in the Financial Statements provided at the Special meeting for Elders on June 23rd. Di-yet advised KCDC has the store up for lease</p>	
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	e) Mobile homes at gas station	<p>at this time. Di-yet advised KCDC now has someone hired full time in Whitehorse who does their financials on a daily basis and there are now monthly financial statements available.</p> <p>The Elders Council recommended that KCDC pay Elders Honoraria for KCDC meetings. It was noted the Special Elders meeting on June 23rd from 1:00-3:00 pm would have Honoraria paid by KCDC.</p> <p>It was queried if there was an update on the Burwash Landing Resort. Di-yet advised KCDC is working with Yukon College so they can become CORE certified, which would allow KCDC to bid on contracts they were unable to before, and they would also work with KFN citizens who are contractors to raise their level as well, so they are able to bid on different projects that they are able to currently. It was noted part of the training program would include dismantling the entire lodge. It was queried why the oldest portion of the lodge couldn't be kept and utilized by the museum with the wagons moved down to that area. It was noted the building is not safe and the cost of upgrading it is too high. It was noted any items that could be salvaged would, such as the old logs in the floor.</p> <p>It was queried if KCDC could bid on jobs. It was noted they could, however, KFN citizens who were contractors had requested the contractors be able to bid on the jobs without competing against KCDC as they felt this was taking jobs away from them. Di-yet advised KCDC has a mandate to not compete against their citizens, and they are starting to update their contracting and tendering policy with input from the contractors so KCDC would be able to help the contractors out, but still bid on contracts themselves.</p> <p>It was noted all contracts put out for bid should have a by line that says all contractors must hire KFN citizens.</p> <p>It was queried what all the mobile homes were on the gas station site. Di-yet advised as a member of the KCDC Board she was able to address this item. The mobile trailers belonged to the Norscoe, a construction crew working on this section of the Shakwak rebuild on the highway. She noted the portion above them was being rebuilt by Sidhu contracting. She advised that Norscoe, had approached KCDC about using the property instead of setting up at Congdon</p>	
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	<p>f) Cultus Bay</p> <p>g) Copper Joe Sub</p>	<p>Creek. She noted they would not be paying rent for the property, but would fix up the well, septic field and do the ground work where the store used to be so it would be ready for building on again. It was noted that KCDC met with them and they had a discussion on how hiring would work for KFN citizens. She noted anyone looking for work could bring their resumes to the KCDC office and leave them with Colin and KCDC and Norscoe would review the applicants prior to hiring to ensure KFN citizens are being given priority.</p> <p>It was queried if Norscoe would provide training for KFN citizens to learn how to run packers and other equipment. Di-yet advised there is no agreement in place with Norscoe other than for guaranteed hiring. The Elders Council advised in the future there should also be a training aspect included in agreements like this. It was noted there is a special clause in the UFA that addresses the Shakwak project and the intention was that any company working in KFN settlement areas would give KFN citizens hiring priority, however, that section of the Final Agreement is not completely clear for the Shakwak corridor.</p> <p>It was also queried if KCDC pays rent to KFN. Di-yet was unsure of this item, but would get an answer for the next Elders Council meeting.</p> <p>It was queried if KCDC or KFN owned Cultus Bay and if there was a Policy in place for utilizing it. It was noted it was owned by KFN and if there was a policy or rules for utilizing it the answer would be given at the next Elders Council meeting</p> <p>It was queried what was happening in Copper Joe subdivision. It was noted a playground is being built in the subdivision.</p> <p>It was queried why a KFN citizen was only given \$200 following the Ft. MacMurray fire when the recommendation made by the Elders was for \$500.</p>	<p>Sylvia to find out for next meeting if there is a policy in place for KFN citizens to use Cultus Bay for personal use.</p> <p>Sylvia to find out the answer to this request and contact them with the answer.</p>
	Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm	
	Next meeting schedule	The next elders meeting would be in October date to be determined.	

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