

In Attendance:

Bob Dickson - Chief
Bertha Doris - Councillor
Tim Cant - Executive Director

Elizabeth Johnson – Deputy Chief/Councillor
Joyce Johnson-Albert – Councillor
Becky Miller-Executive Managing Director

Opening Prayer: 9:00 AM

Motion: 2024-01-01: Council moves to approve January 11, 2024 with addition to community concerns.

Moved: Bertha Doris

Seconded: Joyce Johnson-Albert

Passed by Consensus

Motion: 2024-1-02: Council moves to approve November 21st, 2023 minutes as presented.

Moved: Colesen Ford

Seconded: Joyce Johnson-Albert

Passed by Consensus

Action Item 1:

Elders Council Update: Liz

- Meeting on January 10th was full, there were a lot of elders in attendance
- Open discussions at meeting, presentation on 10 calls to action
- Discuss Justice Conference and border access
 - Governance Director to look into
- There will be a gathering in June in Juneau
- Wellness activities, quilt making, is there elders training available
- Elders want strategic planning for budget and elders TOR-what is the role
 - A day is scheduled for budgets and strategic planning
- Elders brought up low moose counts and concerns on sheep
 - Chief is having these discussions with premier
- Concern brought forward on elder not receiving Christmas basket
 - Baskets are for those who are present, and basket was given away to another elder
 - Discuss with WE department or FSW covers elders
- Elders trip for Fairbanks is February 23-25, 2024 and will be 750.00 for elders who go

Action Item 1: Governance Director to look into Justice conference and information on Border Access.

Action Item 2: ED to discuss with Wellness department on Elders support in Whitehorse.

Youth Council Update: Colesen

- Meeting on January 10th and only 5 in attendance, there is lower engagement with youth and not sure why
- Work on strategy to communicate with youth and get an updated contact list
- Discussion on youth center and executive team will have another retreat on the design, budget and planning for center
- Are there any plans for the land on the left of the youth center?
 - Area will be used for storage shed and firepit

- Requesting to have a in person executive meeting in Kelowna and work on policy for youth center
 - Council requesting to review this request in writing for consideration and approval
- Youth Center did run out of fuel, however there was minimal damage and is now up and running
- Question on use of YC and if space can be provided for use of playing instruments
- Keys for Youth Center needs to be located

Chiefs Update: Bob

- Attended Energy summit in Whitehorse. Discuss BC grid to Yukon and option for YFN to buy in only 5 or less FN's on board and 3 of them don't have agreements in place. ATCO will come back with offer
- Meetings with ministers in Ottawa and discussed KFN priorities, attended Yukon days
- Parks Canada meeting
- Meeting with Premier, discussed admin building, boat launch, chapter 22, nursing station, policing, housing and community safety plan hiring of our own enforcement and submitting invoices to YG
- Council schedule for 2024 will be as follows:
 - February 14 for Elders Council, February 15 Council meeting
 - March 13 for Elders Council, March 14-15 for Council budget meeting
 - Budget approval on March 28
 - April 24 for Elders Council, April 25 for Council
 - May 15 for Elders Council, May 16 for Council
 - June 12 for Elders Council, June 13 for Council
 - Annual General Assembly on June 14-16
 - July 25 for Council
 - Tentative date for Election will be on August 23, 2024
 - Council transition meeting will be on August 26-30th, 2024
 - New Council can set remaining schedule for 2024

Action Item 3: EMD to send out Council schedule to everyone.

First Nation School Board: Melissa, Roxy

- Kluane voted yes to First Nation School Board
- FNSB providing support to KLS since August
- Discuss community committee agreement with Council
- Establish formal agreement with KFN/FNSB review steps and fit to what KFN needs are
- CAFN and CTFN have established committees with appointments to citizens and non, it will be up to KFN on how this committee will be set up
- Discuss appointment, recruitment, application and are open to amendments, FNSB suggest a template as agreement in the packages
- Previous school council was there an agreement in place? Why do we need an agreement?
 - There was no legislative authority, and this agreement would finalize this
 - Agreement is not assuming KFN will take responsibility of the school
- The committee will be supported with administrative provided by FNSB with no less than 4 and more than 6 people
- How does the relationship work with superintendent?
 - Melissa is superintendent and reports to trustees rather than ADM-DM-Minister

- Discuss land & Language programming connector
 - Traplines, Regalia, sewing, wilderness first aid and safety programming for on the land teachings
- Muskrat camp is one of these programs, can Harvest Camp be incorporated into this program as well
 - Yes, Harvest camp can be incorporated into land and language connector programs
 - FNSB has the ability to build school calendars to fit needs
- Discuss preferential hiring and accreditation, First Nations have same experiences as certificates and diplomas
- Increasing language teachers and are equally paid to accredited teachers
- Currently in negotiations on language and options will be provided
- Next steps will be reviewing agreements. Community consultation happened this past summer and another can be done on recruitment, selections, and appointments
- KFN will review and discuss next steps

Action Item 4: KFN to review FNSB agreement and discuss next steps.

Executive Update: Tim

- Premier meeting on January 8 and discussed Wellgreen reclamation, an MOU under FNPP> KFN sent for legal review and sent back to YG for consideration with KFN requests
- Policing services, new admin building
- Attended meetings in Ottawa
- Directors met to discuss GA resolutions
 - Important to have draft resolutions by deadline in order to internally discuss and if resolution can be achieved, and allow staff/council to speak on these

Governance Update: Nathan, Helena, Terry

- Discuss Community Tripartite Police Service Agreement (CTA)
- Terry is on contract to assist with CTA
- Exploring options with First Nations policing program,
- There were issues with FN's policing and launched Aboriginal Constable Program and then First Nation policing program and included framework agreements which were negotiated with FN's, federal and territorial governments
 - This was not intended to replace policing or detachments but provide core policing services
- An agreement assigns officers to the community 100% of the time
- Yukon does not have any of these agreements other than Liard
- The agreement consists of 2 components
 - Funding
 - Letter of expectations
- Expectations will be to provide KFN with monthly reports and commitment to meet with Council monthly to discuss issues and what they are doing to meet our expectations
- What is the timeline for agreement, KFN is eager to have this in place and how would this work with House of Wolf?
 - CSO program has had positive results, they would integrate and work together
 - There are capacity issues and will be challenges for sure

- Governance is seeking direction on how to proceed with CTA
 - Council would like to proceed with exploring CTA
- There is successful stand-alone policing, Pemberton, Lilloet and Westbank. Land Guardian can be incorporated into this as well

FTA:

- All Yukon First Nation's expire in March 2024
- Most FN's are extending their FTA's and will lock in gains for extension period while still negotiating
- KFN can extend for 5 years or 10 year or anywhere in between
- Council is in support of extending FTA for five-year period

Motion: 2024-1-03: Council moves to extending KFN's Financial Transfer Agreement for a five-year period.

Moved: Colesen Ford

Seconded: Bertha Doris

Passed by Consensus

Motion: 2024-1-04: Council moves to in camera discussions at 2:19 PM.

Moved: Bertha Doris

Seconded: Colesen Ford

Passed by Consensus

Motion: 2024-1-05: Council moves out of in camera discussions at 2:30 PM.

Moved: Colesen Ford

Seconded: Liz Johnson

Passed by Consensus

Housing Update: Tim

- Met with directors to develop a strategy on housing to address policy and empty homes
- Cassiar Consulting will send a proposal for KFN's consideration
- Housing allocations comes with responsibility
- We have been struggling with housing for some time and this should be discussed at General Assembly in order to provide clear direction
- Housing would need to have a Special GA on its own to discuss, there will be not enough time to add this to AGA
- Council is in support of having a special GA to discuss
 - Housing Policy, review and approve
 - Empty Homes
 - Tentative date will be April 27-28

Action Item 5: ED to discuss Special General Assembly to held on April 27-28 with directors.

Land Purchase: Frank

- After last Council meeting LRH was to set up community meeting to discuss possible purchase of land which has not been set up yet
- Date for community luncheon meeting to discuss land purchase will be on February 1st

Action Item 6: LRH will work on Community meeting to discuss land purchase on February 1st, 2024

Community Concerns:

- Letter received from Citizen in regard to removal from the community
- Several issues with individual and letter will be drafted and sent to individual

Action Item 7: ED to draft letter for Council review and response to citizen.

Concerns continue:

- Concern on Christmas hampers and non-First Nations receiving benefits that were purchased with Jordans Principle funds
 - Discuss with WE director
- KFN offices should not have been closed until December 21st. Ensure that all staff used leave during this week
- Question on council hours and if time are separated if you are a staff member
 - Yes, time is separated from regular hours
- Concern received on moving Citizen to heights as directed by directors
 - This has now changed and will not be moving people around
 - Discuss Citizens accountability

Other business:

- We have changed Executive manager to Managing director and would like council support to have this position named Executive Managing Director
 - Council is in support of this change

Meeting Adjourned at 4:28PM

Appendix: KFN Council Meeting Action Items

Action Items at Chief & Council meeting January 11, 2024				
Num	Item	Person in charge	Deadline	Notes
1.	<i>Governance Director to look into Justice conference and information on Border Access</i>	Nathan	Feb	
2.	<i>ED to discuss with Wellness department on Elders support in Whitehorse.</i>	Tim/RVL	Feb	
3.	<i>EMD to send out Council schedule to everyone.</i>	Becky	Complete	
4.	<i>KFN to review FNSB agreement and discuss next steps.</i>	RVL		
5.	<i>ED to discuss Special General Assembly to held on April 27-28 with directors.</i>	Tim		
6.	<i>LRH will work on Community meeting to discuss land purchase on February 1st, 2024</i>	Frank		