

TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION JOINT BIEA-COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 20, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

via Teleconference/ZOOM

Present: TFN Council – Chief Arnold Paul, Second Chief John Turner, Councillor Wayne Potts, Councillor Alice Moore, Councillor Jamie Saville, Councillor Doug McKenzie, Councillor Mike Paul
BIEA – Robin Potts, Shelly Moore-Frappier, Boshk Agounia, Lynn Mongrain, Tyler Paul

Staff: Virginia Paul – Executive Director, Peter McKenzie – Office Administrator

Regrets: Councillor Jamie Friday

Recorder: Peter McKenzie

OPENING MEETING

Motion #2020-0420-01

Motion to open the meeting
Moved by Councillor Jamie Saville
Seconded by Councillor Mike Paul
CARRIED

OPENING PRAYER

Opening Prayer provided by Councillor Jamie Saville

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion #2020-0420-02

Motion to adopt agenda as amended
Moved by Councillor Mike Paul
Seconded by Councillor Wayne Potts
CARRIED

MOU & TERMS OF REFERENCE

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding wording edits for the MOU to reflect the changes in the responsibilities and function of the BIEA, such as additional responsibility with respect to varying levels of education, including Post Secondary, Secondary, and Continuing. Shelly Moore-Frappier would track and edit the MOU document as it was being amended throughout the course of this meeting. A same process will be followed to amend and edit the BIEA Terms of Reference (TOR) as the TOR needs to complement the changes in the MOU. Both documents (MOU & TOR) will be provided to the BIEA and TFN Council once the documents have been edited.

FINANCE/FUNDING

Impact of the Covid 19 virus has created a great deal of uncertainty and the TFN should assist their students to alleviate some of the stress created by this uncertainty. TFN will need to take measures to inform their sponsor students of financial assistance that is available to them during this difficult time, such as the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). However, some TFN students may not qualify for CERB or other government assistance, so they will need funding that will assist with living expenses. Students need to be made aware that they could qualify for CERB if they filed an income tax report this past fiscal year with an income of at least \$5000. It is also noted that students should not be penalized or dealt with punitively if they have not filed their income taxes for

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this past year. TFN will need to determine what students are in need, especially they did not qualify for government funding.

Motion #2020-0420-03

Motion to approve up to \$32,400.00 for TFN sponsored Post-Secondary students living allowance for emergency funding (Covid 19 Pandemic) to come out of deferred revenue to cover the Month of May 2020 as per the recommendation received from the BIEA.

Moved by Councillor Jamie Saville

Seconded by Councillor Wayne Potts

CARRIED

Education Manager, Lynn Mongrain should inform TFN sponsored students that there is government funding available for them and urge students that they should apply for this assistance. If required to access further assistance from the TFN past the month of May, students will need to verify that they have applied and been denied in order to qualify for TFN assistance. Additionally, the BIEA will need to follow up with students by May 19th so that the TFN can provide additional support moving forward.

TFN will continue to provide the living allowance for Secondary School students boarding homes. The current funding will distribute these funds until the end of June and can be reassessed if the school year is going to be extended.

A discussion regarding deferred education funding is tabled until the next meeting between the BIEA and TFN Council.

LMLC RENOVATION/REPLACEMENT UPDATE – JAMIE KOISTINEN

Jamie K. indicated to Council that she and Chief Arnold Paul had met with Federal funding agents on February 22nd. Jamie K. also stated that there was also a meeting with MPP John Vanthof regarding the TFN submitting a \$9,000,000 application to the Province. One of the significant issues with the LMLC is that the supporting beams in the school's gymnasium are beginning to delaminate. Currently this is not an urgent matter, but it needs to be resolved soon so that it does not become a bigger problem – Jamie K. mentioned that she is working with an engineer regarding this matter.

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) has provided Jamie K. with an application that could be used to access funding for a major grant to repair the school's envelope, but if the TFN was provided this grant, then that would limit the TFN to only renovate the school. There would be a fair amount of planning required if the TFN decides to build a new school as the TFN will need to secure funding for costs of demolition of the current building and how to relocate the students and staff during construction. One of the considerations for temporarily providing space for school is relocating the portable classroom to an area adjacent to the temporary Band Office. TFN has two possible options on what to do with the LMLC. One option is to build a new school, which would have an estimated cost of \$12,000,000, while the second option would be to renovate the current school, along with building an addition, at an estimated cost of \$8,000,000.

Jamie indicated that she would submit an application to repair the school's building envelope as the application will be helpful in identifying Building Code deficiencies and would not impact on potential funding for a new school through ISC.

ADJOURN MEETING

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Motion to adjourn the meeting
Moved by Councillor Doug McKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Wayne Potts
CARRIED

CLOSING PRAYER

No Closing Prayer was provided

Acknowledgment:

I, Arnold Paul, Chief of Temagami First Nation do hereby certify this to be a true original of Temagami First Nation Council Meeting Minutes which have been accepted as presented/amended and duly adopted at the Council Meetings of __ Monday, April 20th _____, 2020.



Chief Arnold Paul

Dated this 08th day of May _____ 2020.