

TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION JOINT BIEA-COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

via Teleconference/ZOOM

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

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

Regrets: Councillor Jamie Friday, Councillor Jamie Saville

Recorder: Peter McKenzie

OPENING MEETING

Motion #2020-0520-01

Motion to open the meeting

Moved by Councillor Mike Paul

Seconded by Councillor Alice Moore

CARRIED

OPENING PRAYER

No Opening Prayer

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion #2020-0520-02

Motion to adopt agenda as amended

Moved by Councillor Mike Paul

Seconded by Councillor Alice Moore

CARRIED

POST SECONDARY EMERGENCY FUNDS

Lynn M. informed Council that a letter, with questionnaire, was sent out to the students to try to determine needs of our students. Lynn stated that she received seven (7) responses from the students, but two (2) of the responses provided came from students whose education program is supposed to continue through the summer. Lynn read out a lengthy email from one of the students which spoke to the difficulties in dealing with the bureaucracy in applying for CCSB and/or CERB. Lynn pointed out that there are still twenty (20) students that have not replied to Lynn's email requesting information.

After a lengthy discussion, Virginia P. recommended that the TFN provide emergency funding to the students for the month of June to assist our students. Virginia also recommended that it would be priority to get in the students who have not responded to Lynn's email in order to check in on them to see how they are doing. Lynn mentioned that in order to qualify for the government emergency funding, the students have to file their income taxes and there may be some issues we are not aware of why they have not or will not file their income tax returns.

Shelly F. stated that she does not understand by the TFN would not be helpful in trying to assist students in getting through this difficult time.

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Councillor Doug McKenzie stated that an application process was agreed to at the April 20th meeting and the TFN still needs to have an application process in order to assist the students. Further to Councillor McKenzie's comments, Chief Arnold Paul said he was agreeable to \$1200 for the month of June as long as an application process was utilized.

Motion #2020-0520-03

Motion to approve the continuation of Emergency Living Allowance due to Covid-19 for TFN sponsored Post Secondary Students.

Moved by Councillor Mike Paul

Seconded by Second Chief John Turner

CARRIED

Finance Manager, Vicky Blake's Staff Report is deferred until the next TFN Council meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion #2020-0520-04

Motion to adjourn meeting

Moved by Councillor Doug McKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Wayne Potts

CARRIED

CLOSING PRAYER

No Closing Prayer was provided

(Time – 3:58 p.m.)

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 _____ May, 20th _____, 2020.



Chief Arnold Paul

Dated this 15 day of July 2020.