

<b>Date:</b>	April 22, 2025	<b>Note taker:</b>	Chrissy Tanner
<b>Minutes of:</b>	Chief and Council meeting		
<b>Attended:</b>	Chief John L. Bernard Councillors: Jason Bernard, Brandon Poulette, Matilda Googoo, Brennan Peters, Dalen Googoo, Stuart Basque, Katerina Basque, Emma Lewis, Gordon Googoo CEO – Gioia Usher		
<b>Absent:</b>	John Cremo, Stewart Peters		

Item	Discussion	Action
1	Opening Prayer and meeting called to order: 10:00am	
2	Approval of agenda	
3	<p><b><u>Review and approval of minutes</u></b></p> <p><b>Motion 2025-04-22-01</b></p> <p>That Council approved minutes from the meeting of April 11, 2025 with the errors to be corrected and changes to be made.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Katerina Basque            Seconded by Councillor Stuart Basque  <b>All in Favour - MOTION PASSED</b></p>	
4	<p><b>Seasonal Programs:</b></p> <p>Band Operations Officer gave an update.            Elders/Older workers &amp; Supplementary.            Chief and Council agreed to accept administration's recommendations on hiring and to give a budget and all administration to interview &amp; select.            Landscapers – CEO will work with Jordan on a plan.</p>	
5	<p><b>Insurance Home Re-build:</b></p> <p>Insurance was given the green light, housing department is beginning the process to rebuild the house. CFO to find out from the insurance company if her monthly rent will fall under the plan.</p>	
6	<b>Cultural awareness:</b>	

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	<p>A request from a community member who would like funds to teach others how to take care of sacred fires during the wakes.</p> <p>Discussed the need to form a committee for powwow, wakes, cultural events.</p>	
7	<p><b>Mortgage Assistance Request:</b> Housing downpayment support. CEO will compile a list of those who are waiting for down payment support. Look at CMHC. Consider increasing what is currently being provided for the down payment allowance. In support to help secure the loan. CEO will email council the list of those waiting for downpayment support.</p> <p>Land Claims Trust Committee will be invited to the next meeting.</p>	
8	Gordon left at 12:15pm returned at 12:45pm	
9	<b>In Camera Discussion</b>	
12	<p><b>Events</b> Mother's Day &amp; Father's Day to be celebrated. Wekoqmaq day on May 15 became a recognized first nation community.</p>	
13	<p><b>Campground:</b> Campground Manager has been hired.</p> <p><b>Motion 2025-04-22-02</b></p> <p>That Council approved to keep the Campground operational for one year.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Katerina Basque Seconded by Councillor Gordon Googoo <b>All in Favour - MOTION PASSED</b></p>	
14	<p><b>Other:</b> Qualifier for waltres in June for the Community events coordinator.</p>	

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	<p>When hired.</p> <p>One Stop underage staff selling cigarettes.</p> <p>MK board has inquired to use Camp Rod. Needs running water and other major upgrades to be operational. CEO to work with public works on a plan.</p> <p>TEA will increase social clients if they are disabled, mentally physically. Invoice TEA. Read the email.</p>	
15	<p><b>Hiring process:</b></p> <p>CEO instructed to post jobs internally first for one week to give room for growth within.</p> <p><b>Motion 2025-04-22-03</b></p> <p>That Council would like to promote growth within the organization before advertising positions publicly.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Dalen Googoo Seconded by Councillor Stuart Basque <b>All in Favour - MOTION PASSED</b></p>	
	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b></p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm</p>	

Distributed to all present.

Please advise of any errors or omissions.



Date minutes were approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Councillor Stuart Basque: \_\_\_\_\_

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