



Date:	January 14, 2025	Note taker:	Chrissy Tanner
Minutes of:	Chief and Council Meeting		
Attended:	Chief John L. Bernard Councillors: Jason Bernard, Stewart Peters, Brandon Poulette, Matilda Googoo, Brennan Peters, Dalen Googoo, Stuart Basque, Katerina Basque, Gordon Googoo, John Cremo. CEO – Gioia Usher Legal Counsel – Julie MacPhee Grant Thornton Rep. – John MacNeil		
Absent:	Emma Lewis (joined by phone)		

Item	Discussion	Action
1	Meeting called to order: 10:10am	
2	<u>Review and approval of minutes:</u> Motion 2024-01-14-01 That Council approved minutes from the meeting December 10, 2024. Moved by: Councillor Katerina Basque Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Basque Motion Carried – All in favor	
3	<u>Review and approval of minutes:</u> Motion 2024-01-14-02 That Council approved minutes from the meeting December 17, 2024. Moved by: Councillor Stewart Peters Seconded by: Councillor Dalen Googoo Motion Carried – All in favor	

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4	<p><u>Discussion & Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elvers fishery negotiations - Land claims applications for those who have passed after April 22, 2024- will open today. 	
5	<p><u>RCMP:</u></p> <p>Introduction to new Sergeant Lance Wood. Discussed process for reporting drug activity and setting up of an advisory committee.</p> <p>Council instructed CEO to create reward system to encourage reporting of illegal activity.</p>	
6	<p><u>Homelessness:</u></p> <p>Discussion around options to address homelessness.</p>	
7	<p><u>In Camera Discussion</u></p>	
8	<p><u>Band membership:</u></p> <p>Discussion around the goal of self-governing Band membership, not Indigenous Services.</p> <p>Council directed CEO to hire a Band Membership Assistant.</p>	
9	<p><u>HR appeal process:</u></p> <p>Legal Counsel provided advice to add an appeal process to HR Handbook which would allow the administration to make its own HR decisions based on the policy</p>	
10	<p><u>Background checks:</u></p> <p>Discussion around requiring background checks for onboarding staff.</p>	

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11	<u>Banishments:</u> Discussion around the difference between Protection of Property Act and Banishments.	
12	<u>In Camera Discussion</u>	
13	<u>Everbridge:</u> Community alert system to be continued to use for emergencies.	
14	<u>Aulds Cove Transfer:</u> (tabled) Paperwork for Addition to Reserve process to be signed over the next two weeks and then Legal will draft a BCR.	
15	John William Cremo left at 3:50pm.	
16	<u>Land Claims BCR:</u> (tabled) Needs to be finalized before they can be signed. Will be ready next meeting.	
17	<u>Swearing In Ceremony:</u> Decision to wait on a date until medallions are completed.	
18	<u>Night Patrol:</u> Discussion around having night patrol as part of security.	
19	<u>Company vehicles:</u> Instructed CEO to enforce the company vehicle policy so that staff are not taking vehicles home.	
20	<u>Social for Youth:</u> (tabled)	

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	Social Development Director will update at a later date. <u>Commercial lobster license:</u> General discussion around purchasing another commercial lobster license.	
22	<u>In Camera Discussion</u>	
	<u>Adjournment</u> Meeting was adjourned.	

Distributed to all present.

Please advise of any errors or omissions.

Date minutes were approved during the duly convened meeting on: _____

Signed by Councillor Stuart Basque: _____