

**Fishing Lake Metis Settlement
Special Council Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2020
10:00a.m.**

Council Present: Wayne Daniels, Chairman
Karen Telford, Vice Chairperson
Monica Cardinal, Secretary/Treasurer
Kristen Lindsay, Councillor

Council Absent: Travis Daniels, Councillor -Excused

Administration Present: Tanya Fayant, Administrator
Desiree Lacombe-Cardinal, Council Secretary
Nicole Durocher, Finance Director

Vice Chair Karen Telford led the Opening Prayer

Meeting Called to order @ 10:16a.m.

MOTION#FLMSSCM009/2020

Move to approve the review and adoption of the March 24, 2020 Special Council Meeting Agenda.

Kristen Lindsay/Monica Cardinal 3/0/0 CARRIED

MOTION#FLMSSCM010/2020

Move to approve the review and adoption of the March 9, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes with corrections as noted.

Kristen Lindsay/Monica Cardinal 3/0/0 CARRIED

3rd Reading of the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement 2020 Budget Bylaw #003/2020.

MOTION#FLMSSCM011/2020

Move to give 3rd Reading of the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement Budget Bylaw #003/2020.

Kristen Lindsay/Monica Cardinal 3/0/0 CARRIED

Administrator Tanya Fayant would like to give council an update on the current situation with COVID-19 and the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement Administration and staff.

We are currently looking at getting each household two weeks' worth of food. We are getting the food bank organized and doing inventory so we know what supplies we have and what is needed. There has been employees working there making boxes to deliver and separate food.

Administrator notifies council that the administration will most likely have to look into temporarily laying off some employee's during this pandemic to not only secure funds but to lighten the current load that is on the Finance Department. Finance is still running a very high workload at this time. We have also notified any companies that use cheques as payment to supply their direct deposit information to limit the amount of cheques needing signatures.

Councillor Kristen Lindsay would like to know if temporarily laying off employees for 60 days will affect the benefits portion. Administrator notified council that Nicole is looking into all of this information.

Discussion on what staff to temporarily lay off and which staff are mandatory to have in order to keep the administration running efficiently during this pandemic.

Chairman Wayne Daniels joined meeting via conference call @ 10:31am.

Administrator brought Chairman up to speed on what she had discussed with council prior to him joining conference call.

Finance has been labelling all expenses right now as Pandemic so we know exactly how much this is costing the settlement.

Administrator explains to council she is very busy and has been on conference call's almost every day this week AEMA, NE-AEMA and AHS are a few of the calls.

Administrator notified council that she has completed the Business Continuity Plan and has sent to council's emails for their review.

She also mentions that a mutual aid agreement with Frog Lake First Nations for water supply would be a good idea with everything going on FLFN is a neighbouring community and if need be or we could use each other's resources in a time of crisis. Lawrence Quinney used to be our backup at our water plant and now Frog Lake would like his time devoted to the FLFN. Administrator notifies council she has a public works employee training in the water plant as a backup.

Chairman notifies administrator that he will get in contact with Frog Lake First Nations about this matter.

Chairman also notes that he would like to ensure the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement is fully prepared and fully stocked.

Northland School Division Staff will be gone after this week and only the secretary and the principal will be in the school.

Administrator has also been notified that they are no longer testing everyone for the COVID-19, they are telling people to get PPE and prepare for the virus to hit.

Shannon Capjack and Kelly Gwin Durocher have been working together to ensure members are getting their prescriptions. Shannon volunteered to drop off prescriptions to those members who are unable to pick up.

There are currently no tests that have been done for the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement but the health nurse does have some on hand.

Vice Chair Karen Telford would like to send a letter to membership reassuring members that council is doing the very best to ensure the safety and well-being of the members. She would also like to thank the administration staff for all of their hard work but she would like to also caution members on how important it is to stay home and away from large groups of people at this time, they need to follow the precautions given on the news and social media on the importance of doing their part in ensuring COVID-19 doesn't spread throughout our community, which would put our elders and families at risk.

SYSCO and PRIMCO are two food companies that she has been looking into JF Dion School uses SYSCO as a provider but the only down fall with that is they do not carry personal hygiene products. Bringing in food in these quantities is hard work and requires a lot of work from staff members.

Two week food packages will be going out to hopefully limit the amount of traveling members are doing.

After this week administrator will have a better of idea of what the plan will look like moving forward.

Chairman would like to thank the Administrator for all of her hard work and for getting all of this done and also her staff and all of their hard work.

MOTION#FLMSSCM012/2020

Move to waive 48hr notice on any meetings called until April 30th, 2020.

Kristen Lindsay/Monica Cardinal

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CARRIED

MOTION#FLMSSCM013/2020

Move to adjourn @ 11:10a.m.

Wayne Daniels



Tanya Fayant, Administrator



Wayne Daniels, Chairman