



# Chief & Council Meeting Minutes

Feb 16, 2021

Present:	Chief:	George Cote
	Councilor:	Alvin Cote      Robert Severight
		Joe Cote      Delvina Whitehawk
		Reynold Cote.
		Pamela Whitehawk Trevor Severight,
		Brian Shingoose    Daryl Langan
		Vincent Cadotte.
	Director of Operations:	Darcy Tourangeau
	Guests:	Don Moroshcan, Gisele Bourgeois, Trent Knapp
	Elder:	Reggie Severight, Thoreen Cote
	Recorder:	Steven Bryant
Regret:	Councilor:	Jaret Stevenson, Tyrone Keshane
	Guests:	
	Elder:	

**CALL TO ORDER:**

With a quorum being present, Chief Cote called the regular meeting to order at 10:15am.  
-CARRIED-

**Motion 1:**                      No salary advances for staff till further notice.

<b>Trevor Severight</b>	<b>Joe Cote</b>
Mover	Seconder

CARRIED

**Discussion**

**MNP Audit Update:**

- Trent: There still are docs that are required. If we don't get it there will be a denial of opinion. It can impact our rating.
- Don had success in contacting vendors for the necessary info to attach to checks that are
- Timeline to get done is two weeks from today. Consensus from council to move forward.
- Trent will provide a list of what all needs to be provided for the audit.
- How does this denial of opinion really affect us?
- ISC has got a lot more lenient in past years. Giselle says it will only affect our score.
- A lot in the social assistance. In also set funding programs.
- Trent synopsis where things are at:
  - Need all BCRS and minutes for fiscal year and up to date.
  - Any event March 31, 2018 that can have impact on the audit. Such as major litigation, capital plans, employment dispute, Maurice law, water treatment plant, contracts, etc.
  - Four claims with Maurice, one with Brabant law, Funding from COVID from INAC, Money in our accounts for fence posts and transfer station. There has been some capital acquisition that were done over the year. Finances with Don have been caught up. Dissolving Cote Resources as well.
  - There was a payment arrangement with Shlopiak for audit. That was after 2018.
  - Liability would have showed on balance sheet on March 31, 2018. It will be within the expenditures of 2018 year end. Deloitte Forensic Audit: This will impact financially.
  - BCRS that are related for funding can be requested from INAC.



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- Trent: have discussions around any contaminated sites around the First Nation. Have to report any liability around those assets. You have to remediate those assets.
- Fence post remediation project, Landfill decommission and transfer station. 2-3 Landfill decommissioned also.
- Trent: Many of those oil/gas properties aren't producing. Those assets are fair market value. As it sits right now there is a significant loss. 4 Million dollars.
- Vincent: Cote Resources had their own auditing firm. That was out on draft.
- Trent: This is what Ed Loven did help with.
- Chief: When Cote resources is dissolved. What is the process?
- Trent: effective in 2018 the oil and gas resources will be written as NIL because they are not producing revenue. The Lodge and other capital assets will be written off also. It will be reflective in your 2018 statement.

### Health Update

- Positive Covid Band Member post on Facebook. Two on reserve. 1 that is pending possibly. She is isolating. Her dad is isolating at home. Kamsack, PNJ Plumbing also have gotten contact, Gym, Coop, KCI also shut down.
- The ones that came forward are isolating. The individuals are self-monitoring.
- How much is left for food security: additional lock of funding that has not come yet. \$115,000 security over 200k in food security.
- Don will clarify that these dollars can be carried over past April. There is lots of funding for parameter security and food security. They are flexible in changing the allocation also.
- COVID Booster shots will be given Feb 22, 2021. Priority will be the people who got their shot 1<sup>st</sup> time. And there should be a continuous supply after when Johnson & Johnson approve.
- Jamie & Mike are dealing with a lot of suicide attempts. Emergency Mental Health Services?
- COVID Isolation center is coming along. In order to go to that isolation center, you need an order from the health nurse.

### Robert Severight

- Two BCRs to ban two non-band members that are selling cocaine lace jib to our members.

### Portfolio Updates

#### Security

- We all know who's selling drugs. We have to stand up to these drug dealers. The security team reports who is selling to the cops.

#### Capital

- Cote Landscaping: last report deficit.
- 210: is there other depts involved.

Goal is to have budget completed by April 1, 2021.

Portfolio chairperson to initial off items that pertain to their portfolio.

### Social Assistance

- Trying to put something in place so we don't have documents missing. Going to make a committee to make decisions for the Special Needs.



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- D.O to make sure that the Portfolio Heads need to sign off on it. If we get checks make sure we have backups for each check. Make motion for no more advances on checks.
- Financial controls will be used once we use electronic funds transfer. Takes away chances of misappropriation of funds. You should be seeing what is going out every two weeks.
- In camera called. Lunch Break from 12:00pm-1:00pm.

### Education

- Starting March 1 bringing in mental health and wellness course. It will be 4 weeks for one hour a day.
- Working with Parkland College, proposing to bring in continuing care assistant program. Recognized 1<sup>st</sup> year in to LPN or Nursing. \$215,000 to bring it in. Doesn't include living allowance. 3 out of 5 days they would go to Canora. Start date in October 2021.
- Can Cote commit \$75,000 towards program? Will bring budget to next meeting.
- Automotive Service Tech, if we could use the shop in town to run program. 12 students. That would start in the fall also.
- Cost \$90,000 about Writing Indigenous Apprenticeship Proposal.
- Need to commit use of shop and possible day pay or living allowance. They would install a hoist, air compressor. tire machine etc that would be ownership of band.
- Due to Covid, can secure 70 laptops for students in town. Need names for students in town.
- GED Prep Program: SIIT is bringing in and set to start April 1 till June. Whoever gets their grade 12 is welcome to come into the upcoming programs.
- Giving day pay for the ones who attend mental health course.
- Will look into appliance repair course for the future.
- Sectorial initiative Program. Due date: March 4, 2021.
- Delvina need's an assistant. An Education Manager assistant. If we hired an education manager to look after that department. Check with Arlene for proposal writing for this position.
- COVID dollars are flexible. You can use them if you need to add additional staff.
- Don will research the CRA Website for Charitable donation process.

### Economic Development

- Stream 1: Indigenous Community business Fund. Remaining \$163,231dollars. The money needs to be spent by March 31. Final report will come in May.
- There was a transfer made from general account to in excess of \$200,000.
- Pam: Transfer \$228,000. It was brought to CNC of a budget, Board of directors' startup cost. 90,000 for GM. Financial Controller: Cindy Sunshine. Expenditures: prof development, legal fees, office, etc.
- Gave \$108,000 from YTC. 38,000 Check still coming in. \$90,000 was coming from band dollars.
- CDL Board Meeting on February 17, 2021.
- Market Audit: March 5, 2021. They are still working with the financial controller.
- Next CNC meeting will bring in financial statement. Council will be made completely aware.
- Get a letter stating that this is needed. Next Council meeting will be brought up.
- Financial Manager. What is her role? Clearly identifying the difference between Manager and Financial Controller. Is there a procedure for Cindy to get?
- BCR Signing Authority.
- Solar Panels: FN Power Authority. Looking at all band buildings, 5 new housing units. Light fixtures. Band will need to be \$22,000 upfront. They will be meeting with housing.



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### Housing

- Haven't got any word back regarding the RAPID housing application. Grand total \$3,389,639. A few nations have already received their letters of denial.
- Bathroom renovation breakdown report.
- Vendor will cover the cost of travel, hotel and meals for looking at RTM homes. ROCA homes out of Stoney plain. Joe, Vincent, Brian, Robert, Sal. For dates February 18 & 19, 2021. Asking for a top up of \$600.00 to travel.
- Setting a meeting for February 22-24. Entails three of the portfolios. Housing, capital and lands and public works regarding Matrimonial Law. Nelma Cathy and MRP Proposal. ISC Jason hue on universal Rental Regime. Building a 5-7 yr housing plan. Establishing a set rate. Tues meeting with Derrick Cameron and Jessica Daniels. Rental Regime. Derrick Cameron for public works. Sewer housing and capital. They are going to be sharing their job description and Salary. Structure of how they work and combine it as one. (24) go over the budgets for the three portfolios. Cleaning up with staff issues. Mon-Wednesday for CNC.
- Elders Duct cleaning to be done by Cleanest Way.
- Capital Works department name will be changed to Public works.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:06pm.