

Glen Vowell Band

A HEALTHY, SAFE, POSITIVE COMMUNITY THAT IS SELF
SUFFICIENT NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Council Meeting Minutes: May 3, 2023 4:35 PM

Attendance: Tony Sampare, Rob Sampson, Brandon Campbell, Jen Sampare, Michael Sampson

Staff: Mary-Jane Maitland, Velma Sutherland

Opening Prayer: Mary-Jane Maitland

1. Review of Agenda for May 3 2023

**Motion made to accept the agenda for MAY 3, 2023, with additions
MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED UNANIMMOUSLY**

2. Review of the minutes of April 5, 2023

**Motion made to accept the minutes for April 5, 2023, with corrections.
MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED UNANIMMOUSLY**

3. Review of Finances for May 3, 2023—Finance Manager

**Motion made to accept the financial reports for May 3, 2023, with corrections.
MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED UNANIMMOUSLY**

4. Band Manager and Staff Reports- Read by Band Manager

**Motion made to accept the band manager report for May 3, 2023.
MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED UNANIMMOUSLY**

Agenda items:

- 1. 5:00 GCFSS Prevention Funding Reporting-** GCFSS is being phased out of Prevention Funding. Settlement in Ottawa introduced a formula. Funds were used for GCFSS prevention issues. Currently Prevention supports. Used for trips for youth and families in need. Inequitable services. This past fiscal year we are making sure that delegated fiscal files are spent with targeted dollars. Went from NEEDS based to per capita. Will try to do a better job at being clear on how the prevention funding is spent. Will make more of an effort to communicate with the community. Write a letter saying how we would like the money distributed. We want the funds administer locally.
- 2. New Builds- 4 X 4** Quotes were summarized and presented to council. It was decided to go with Wade Lubbers, who is a contractor out of Smithers. Housing Manager will work on contract, and have it ready for



Council to review at the June meeting. Section 95- will apply for 2- 2 bedroom duplex. Will not find out about RHI3 application until June. Have received the Section 95 funds.

3. **Staffing-** BFI Staffing- will keep Brian Harris and Mavis Banneck looking after the program, Summer workers- will employee as many as possible, Community Energy Champion- no applicants, so will combine it with the housing position. Finance Manager- no suitable applicants, so will move current Finance assistant into the position, and provide supports.
4. **Prevention and Basic IA Inflation Funding** – Dry goods and cash for all homes. Will see about a Costco membership and buying a lot of the dry goods from them, as the prices are much more reasonable. Will try to do this online. Will use Basic IA Inflation Funding for homes with individuals on IA and Prevention Funding for all other homes that have Sik-E-Dakh Band Members living in them.
5. **Sign ITEC letter-** Letter form council to support the ITEC request for the ministry of education to reconfigure the trustee set up to better reflect the indigenous populations was signed and will be sent.
6. **Leak Detection and Fire Hydrant Inspections-** The process will be taking place in the next couple of weeks. It will hopefully be able to determine why there is 40% leakage. Proposal from Cutting Edge was reviewed and accepted to do the work.
7. **Farm Program Updates---**The students have one more month with KPU. Gardens are being planted. A new tractor will be purchased, as the current tractor is quite old. The greenhouses are being planted and the seeds have been started for the community garden. There will also be .5 acres of Hemp planted behind the Chicken Coop, along with a new 25X100 ft greenhouse. There is also work being started to come up with a Sik-E-Dakh Food Security Policy.



8. **BCR-** It is frustrating that the RCMP do not honour Council BCRs which really makes it difficult to enforce them.

9. **Laptops-** Question of why a laptop was ordered that said Micheal Sampson and then was not given to him. His name should not have been on the order. The laptop that was received is to replace the 3 year old laptop that the Band Manager has been using.

10. In Camera-

Letters/Requests from Community:

1. **GW-** Letter to request Council rescind the BCR banning JW, EW and AS from the community and that GW and LW will look after them. Council did not decide to rescind BCRs.
2. **Amanda Wesley-** Letter to explain all the structures being built outside their rental home. They are for pigs and chickens. Council has asked that they move them to the livestock area of the community.

Positive Moments: 3 years as BM tomorrow, happy with the housing, that the water is being dealt with, happy with Totem raising, Almost done the long house, leak detection, Elders Trip.....

Next Meeting Date: **June 7, 2023**