**BIG GRASSY RIVER FIRST NATION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**Big Grassy River Elders Advisory Council (regular meeting)**

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| **Date** | **August 31, 2021** |
| **Time** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| **Location** | **Community Hall** |

**Meeting Chair or Facilitator:**

**Facilitator:** Daryl Archie**Chair:**Robert Archie (Ana-kinoot-amagaa)

**Invited/Expected Attendees:**Elders Advisory Council Members

Shannon King, Seven Generations Education Institute

**Smudge:       Opening Prayer:**Robert Archie

**Call to Order: 10:29**

**Approval of Minutes:**For August 10, 2021**Motion:** Robert Archie **Second:** Marlene Indian ***Approved***

**Roll Call:** Robert Archie, Marlene Indian, David Copenace, Virginia Archie, Vicky Gibbins, Bella Andy

**Other:** Shannon King

**Regrets:** Bill Morrison, Joe Andy, Susan Archie

**Reading of Agenda for *August 31, 2021***

**(Additional items?)**

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| **Agenda Items:** | **Time Allowed** |
| **1. Shannon King, SGEI**  - Inform Elders about a program – Anishinabemotaa  - Work with Child care centres  - Incentives to learn the language  - everything they do is to promote Anishinabemowin  - 2 Elders from each community are on a Committee  - Pay high school students to learn the language  - Anishinabemowin Facilitator Program  - Contact info: Cell: 276-6302 Email: [shannonk@7generations.org](mailto:shannonk@7generations.org)  - | **30 min** |
| **2.** **Elders focus group self-assessment on how well we are meeting the purpose of our Advisory Council. (Group discussion)**  **Elders Advisory Council Terms of Reference as a measuring stick.**  **Clarification on how were going to operate.**    - The Elders Advisory terms of reference should be looked at  - Its not our place to get into politics, we talk about how things will work well, don’t meddle in policy, Chief and Council handle policy, when we started Elders didn’t know what it was about, we the elders meet together, Elders are asked for their advice and they talk about it, I wish when were asked that we help here on this land, to do something to help Chief and Council. To help with advice on certain things, for example what happened at the school, if were not asked how can we help, important to find the truth to everything, we never judge people, find the truth first then help, find out what’s happening, don’t turn anyone away, respect what other people think, respect other people’s thoughts, sometimes other people are right, everybody has a different way of looking at things, other people should speak up, people want to hear what you have to say  - There are younger people that are knowledge keepers that can sit in the E.A.C.  - Elders said Brian Major, Joseph Andy and Barbara Wilson are the proxies.  - The 7 teachings should be talked about to other Elders that might not understand, Jealousy for example is an issue,  - Jealousy would go under Humility  - Robert would like to add – when a decision is made about something –  (e.g. he/she said this should not be said), everybody has a say in a decision.  - It would be different if someone made a motion then that person would be  named  - Invite Laura Horton to talk about the 7 Teachings with the Elders for the next  meeting – September 14, 2021  - Re: Terms of Reference:  Traditional Healing (sweat lodges, medicines, tobacco/gifts, feasts, ceremonies)  -  Individuals, groups to seek out the Elder(s) of their choice with the special gifts  outlined in the “gifts and interests” inventory sheet posted in the Band office  and under the Elders Web Link. Daryl will look into the “Inventory Sheet”    *Will continue with Terms of Reference at next meeting* | **1 hour** |
| **3. Elders Healing Circle Announcement – Barbara Hawk Wilson**  **-**August 17 10:00 at Community Hall - depending on the presenter  Deferred to next meeting | **10 min** |
| **4. Smudging bowl and Sage**   - Virginia will bring a bowl to the next meeting.  - Robert will bring his shell to the next meeting and can leave it here for future  use. |  |

**Motion to Adjourn:** Robert Archie **Seconded by:** Virginia Archie

**Adjourned: 1:40 pm**

**Next Meeting:** September 7, 2021 10:00 am