**BIG GRASSY RIVER FIRST NATION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

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

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| **Date** | **November 15, 2022** |
| **Time** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| **Location** | **Esiniiweb Health Centre** |

**Meeting Chair:** Daryl Archie

**Facilitator:** Daryl Archie

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

**Smudge:** Susan Archie **Opening Prayer:** Barb Wilson

**Call to Order: 11:10 am**

**Approval of Minutes:** November 1, 2022 **Motion:** Lorna Shields **Seconded:** Dianne Skead

**Roll Call:** Louise G. Morrison, Lorna Shields, Dianne Skead, Susan Archie, Lena Archie, Barb Wilson

**Other:**

**Regrets:**Joe Andy, Robert Archie, Brian Major Sr., Bella Andy, Bill Morrison, Vicky Gibbins, Virginia Archie

**Reading of Agenda for *November 15, 2022***

**(Additional items?)**

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| **Agenda Items:** | **Time Allowed** |
| **1. Shooniyaa Wa-biitong - Youth and Elder’s Summit**  **Whitefish Bay FN - August 17, 2022**  Youth and Elder’s summit for the youth of the Ogimaa Binesiiyog Stewardship Youth Ranger Program and the Elders Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong works with., at the Multiuse facility in Whitefish Bay.  **Brian Major Sr. and Joseph Andy attended.**  ***Will wait for a report from Brian M. and Joseph A. at next meeting.***  **Defer to next meeting December 6, 2022** | **15** min |
| **2. “Dibaajimowin” Sharing our History Elders Gathering – August 27-28, 2022**  **Winnipeg, MB**  - *Brian and Diane Major attended this event.*  ***Will wait for a report from Brian M. at next meeting.***  **Defer to next meeting December 6, 2022** | 15 Min |
| **3. Galaxy Medical Alert Systems/Necklaces**  **Ah-shoo-gun Trust** **Applications Approved for:**  Robert Archie, David Copenace, Judy Major, Louise G. Morrison, Bill Morrison  **Kiitakiinaan Trust** **Applications waiting for Approval:**  Bella Andy, Susan Archie, Virginia Archie, Brian Major Sr., Diane Major  Lorna Shields wants to apply for Galaxy Medical Alert System. Daryl will assist  with the application.  \*Daryl gave the completed Ah-shoo-gun Trust Application to Jennilee Major,  Secretary, for the next Chief and Council Meeting.  \*As of November 15/22 - Still waiting for approval from the Kiitakiinaan Trustees | 15 min |
| **4. RE: ROUNDHOUSE INFORMATION**  **Presentation by Melanie Bragg**  - AKRC-Cullen Robb, Technical Services will evaluate to see if the Roundhouse  can be repaired, and build kitchen and washrooms  - He will do a proposal for a new Roundhouse if it’s unfixable  - Elders to decide on Ceremony.  - Might not be until spring of 2023  - Will get back to Melanie on Elder’s decision.  - Once Elders decide bring Chief and Council into the discussion.  - Deferred to next meeting for more input from other Elders.  **\**Left a message for Cullen Robb for an update to see if he did an inspection***  ***yet.***  *-* Is it going to be in the same place?  - Build washrooms separate from Roundhouse and kitchen  - Romeo D. previously gave Elders blueprints for a Roundhouse. Virginia A. will  bring the blueprints to the next meeting.  - Roundhouse should be built by the powwow grounds, more room over there.  - Something has to be done to build a new one, put tobacco and cedar all over  - Build a door on the East side.  - Terry Skead (Waushushk Onigum) used red pine for their Roundhouse  - Do ceremony, ask somebody that knows (Chi-chiiskiit haaweyaa) to learn what  to use to build the Roundhouse.  **November 15, 2022**  Just received new contact information from Melanie Bragg – Kim Sigurdson.  Melanie said Chief & Council had a meeting with Kim S., Daryl will ask what  happened at that meeting and Email Kim Sigurdson for an update. | 30 min |
| **5. First Nations Drinking Water Settlement**  - Monday, November 14 at 3:00 pm to find out more information.  \*Poster given to Elders  You can do an individual claim if your health was affected by the water. | 15 min |
| **6. Powwow Grounds Use from Elders**  - Tell Powwow organizers not to hold bingo events and Farmers Market  organizers not hold their event there and any other people not to hold  events at the Powwow grounds, it’s a sacred site, there are spirits there.  **\*Daryl will write a letter to all the offices to tell them about what the Elders**  **said at their November 1st Meeting about the Powwow Grounds.**  \* Daryl emailed a letter to Managers/Supervisors and some staff members on November  - Lena A. talked to Lynn Indian about not having a bingo at the Powwow  grounds but she said she’s not the organizer.  - The Chief should know that the Powwow grounds are sacred and she has the  responsibility to say what happens at the Powwow grounds, and not pass it on  to somebody else.  - Other events that are allowed are Traditional Ceremonies such as Spring and  Fall Ceremonies, Feasts, Traditional Giveaways after someone passes,  Blueberry and Wildrice Ceremonies, or any other harvesting event. | 10 min |
| **7. Letter from Josephine Copenace dated November 11, 2022**  Re:Calling for Transparency & True Consultation  To: BGRFN Chief & Council & Trust Committee & Elders Council  - The Elders supported the $20K Per Capita Payment amount, they do not have  the authority to approve the PCD.  - Daryl will post the Elders Meeting Minutes from April 2021 on the Big Grassy  website.  - Everyone that is eligible to be an Elder is welcome to attend Elders Meetings.  - Anyone is welcome to attend Elders meetings.  - The Elder Advisory Council is not a political organization:  **From the Terms of Reference:**  **Out of Scope:**   * Any political partisanship or lobbying. Part of our approach is to rise above the political centers and give meaning to the subject of good governance.   - Elders Advisory Council are a group that discusses and advises on issues for the  betterment of the community. |  |
| **8. Fund Raising for Chiropractors and other Health needs for Elders**  - Make applications to Big Grassy Trusts, have fundraising Bingo’s or Raffles.  - Make a list of people’s needs with disabilities.  - For extra costs that are not covered by NIHB.  - Ask for donations from Committee members | 15 min |
| **9. Events Happening in the Community – Posters handed out to Elders**  **- Diabetes Fair – November 29**  - The next meeting will be rescheduled to December 6, 2022 so Elders can  attend this event.  - **Flood Claim Settlement Agreement Consultation Meeting**  **November 15, 2022 3:00 pm**  - **Lunch + Learn – The ABCDE’s of Diabetes BGR Community Hall**  **November 17, 2022**  - **Fur Hat Workshop – Big Grassy Resource Centre**  **November 29, 30, 2022** |  |

**Motion to Adjourn:** Lena Archie **Seconded by:** Lorna Shields

**Adjourned:** 2:07 pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 10:00 am – Esiniiweb Health Centre Boardroom