**BIG GRASSY RIVER FIRST NATION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

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

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| **Date**  | **November 18, 2021**  |
| **Time**  | **1:00 p.m.**  |
| **Location**  | BGR Community Hall  |

**Meeting Chair** Robert Archie (Ana-kinoot-amagaa)

**Facilitator:** Daryl Archie

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

**Smudge:**  **Opening Prayer: Susan Archie**

**Call to Order: 1:57 pm**

**Approval of Minutes:**For November 9, 2021**Motion:** Virginia Archie **Seconded:** Susan Archie ***Approved***

**Roll Call:** Virginia Archie, Vicky Gibbins, Susan Archie, Bella Andy, Lorna Shields, Bill Morrison, David Copenace, Dianne Skead

**Other:**

**Regrets:**  Joe Andy, Brian Major Sr., Robert Archie, Barb Wilson

**Reading of Agenda for *November 18, 2021***

**(Additional items?)**

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| **Agenda Items:**  | **Time Allowed**  |
|  **1. Transportation for Elders** The MDC van can be used for transportation - Chris Morrison talked to James Comegan and James said the MDC van can be used. He didn’t say anything about getting minivan for Elders. - Elders want to write a letter to the MDC Board for a minivan because its too hard for some to get into the MDC van because it sits too high. - Daryl will draft a letter for the Elders to give to the MDC Board. |  15min |
|  **2.** **Restorative Justice Update** - Justin Boucha can be contacted for information 275-7329 (wrong number given) - Daryl will invite Justin Boucha to visit the Elders and speak about Restorative Justice and how it’s working in his community. ***Will find the right number from Barbara W.*** | 30 min |
| **3. First Nation Elders Website – Firstnationelders.com**- *Daryl called and spoke to Peter White, he said he can come here and do a presentation on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 to tell the BGR Elders about the Ki’eshgitabaaning Cultural and Healing Lodge.**- It would be good to hear exactly what those words mean, (e.g. Ki’eshgitabaaning),* “*Kaakewaaseya”,etc.*  | 15 min |
|  **3. Flood Claim Money**-Invite Glenn to talk about the Flood Claim Compensation money at the next Elders meeting on November 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm ***Glenn said to tell the Elders to go to the November 25, 2021 Flood Claim Community Meeting. He doesn’t want to create any confusion about the information.*** |  |
|  **4. Vandalism on Reserve** Need a street patrol like they do in Kenora, call it in to the police - How do we keep kids from doing it again? - Leadership should find ways to keep the community members safe- Ask the Chief and/or Councillors to inform Elders of why the Treaty 3# Police office is there? - Daryl will send an email to Chief and Council asking this question. ***Emergency Responders Training on end of January or early February 2022.*** |  |
|  **5. Native Language Space at School**- Dianne Skead visited Sam Archie, Native Language Teacher,  - Native Language seems to be put to the back seat, Dianne’s personal observation - Dianne would like something done, to have their own classroom for displays, etc., they are being put in the renovated boys’ shower room -There should be someone that is Anishinabe that requests something from an Elder to do something at the school, not a non-native person.- We have to teach the kids how to pray, offer tobacco and other cultural  things - Dianne would like to see the Elders push Native Language to the forefront. - Dianne will look for research for audio recordings from people that have it stored. To listen to them and will update her findings. - Ask what happened to the Pegamigaabo song that was played every morning. |  |
|  **6. Community Christmas Supper**- Daryl will ask Lori Comegan about this for the next meeting.  |  |

**Motion to Adjourn:** Lorna Shields **Seconded by:** Bella Andy

**Adjourned:** 3:29 pm

**Next Meeting:** November 30 at 1:00 pm at BGR Community Hall