**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