**BIG GRASSY RIVER FIRST NATION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

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

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| **Date** | **November 9, 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:**Robert Archie

**Call to Order:** 2:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**For October 19, 2021**Motion:** Robert Archie **Seconded:** Virginia Archie ***Approved***

**Roll Call:** Virginia Archie, Vicky Gibbins, Susan Archie, Robert Archie, Barbara Wilson, Bella Andy, Brian Major Sr., Marlene Indian, Lorna Shields

**Other:**

**Regrets:** Joe Andy, Bill Morrison, David Copenace

**Reading of Agenda for *November 9, 2021***

**(Additional items?)**

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| **Agenda Items:** | **Time Allowed** |
| **1. Transportation for Elders**  *Daryl sent an email requesting a van to James Comegan and the MDC Board*  *members, so far two Board Members approve of the request.*  *- Daryl will get back to the Elders on James Comegan’s answer at the next meeting.*  *- James Comegan hasn’t replied by email yet so Daryl left a message on his cell phone.*  *Deb Ludeman hasn’t replied to the email yet.*  *- Allen Morrison and Chris Morrison said they will look for a van in Winnipeg*  *- Daryl will to phone Allen or Chris to look for a large mini-van.*  *- The Elders would like a regular larger mini-van.*  - Transportation for Elders to shop for groceries, etc.  - Make sure there is a secure driver that won’t take advantage of the van.  - Ask if they could apply for a handicap sticker.  - | 15min |
| **2.** **Restorative Justice Update**  - Daryl called Arthur Huminuk, Justice Director Treaty 3 Office, for information on Training for Elders.  ***The training will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 11:00 am – 4:30 pm***  *Mandy Fisk and Sherry Cameron, Community Justice Team Lead from Fort Frances Office will come with Arthur Huminuk to do the training.*  ***Questions: How many First Nations are operating under this program.***  ***How successful is it working? Will ask Arthur when he does the training.***  - Ask Arthur H. where they got the spelling and meaning for “***Kaakewaaseya”***  ***Thomas White provided the name,*** *Arthur Huminuk will give more information when they come here and to do the training. Will explain what the logo means.*  - The Elders from Naotkamegwanning know more of the old Ojibway  language/words    - Justin Boucha can be contacted for information 275-7329  - Daryl will invite Justin Boucha to visit the Elders and speak about Restorative  Justice and how it’s working in his community.  ***Daryl tried calling but this is a wrong number – will find the right number from Barbara W.***  - | 30 min |
| **3. First Nation Elders Website – Firstnationelders.com**  - To plan a visit there with the Elders, will look for funding from one of the Trusts and make arrangements.  - *Daryl called and spoke to Peter White, he said he can come here and do a presentation to tell the BGR Elders about the Ki’eshgitabaaning Cultural and Healing Lodge.*  *- Peter White to come and do a presentation on Tuesday, December 14, 2021*  *- It would be good to hear exactly what those words mean, (e.g. Ki’eshgitabaaning), etc.* | 15 min |
| **3. Flood Claim Money**  - what to do with the money?  - save for the youth in future  - not good to do a 100% payout  - make money with the Flood Claim money  - use for Housing  - Also programs for kids and young adults  - Education programs on-reserve for young adults  -Invite Glenn to talk about the Flood Claim Compensation money at the next  Elders meeting on November 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm |  |
| **4. Vandalism on Reserve**  - Been a lot of stuff going on, busted windows, vandalism at fishhouse, Brian’s  trailer windows busted, we have to do something before more happens, we  need a street patrol like they do in Kenora, call it in to the police  - How do we keep kids from doing it again?  - Approach Leaders to start a Street Patrol.  - Step in as Elders  - A curfew would have too many things involved  - 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?  - |  |

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

**Adjourned:** 3:33 pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:00 pm at BGR Community Hall