

LMG COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Band Council Chambers
February 10, 2015
9:30 am

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of minutes:
February 5, 2015
4. Invenenergy – Fritz de Kiewit
5. Adjournment

Meeting is called to order by Chief Martin at 9:35am

1. Roll Call

LMG COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

C. Annette Barnaby
C. Chris Wysote
C. Derek Barnaby
C. Gordon Isaac Jr.
C. Kevin Methot
C. Patty Martin
C. Wanda Metallic
C. Wendell Metallic

Absent:

C. Brian Caplin Jr. – no babysitter
C. Donna Metallic – Montreal
C. Sheila Swasson – National Aboriginal Circle against Family Violence, Vancouver
C. Serge Gray – Hospital

Guests

Dr. Fred Metallic – Director of Natural Resources

Mario St. George - Biologist

Fritz de Kiewit – Director of Business Development Invenenergy Canada

Francois Allard – Forest Engineer - Pesca Environment

2. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was presented to accept the agenda

Moved: Kevin Methot

Second: Annette Barnaby

Passed: passed

3. Review of minutes: February 5, 2015

Minutes tabled till the next meeting

4. Invenergy – Fritz de Kiewit

Council met with Tanya Barnaby before meeting with Fritz de Kiewit. Tanya discussed the Invenergy Impact Benefit Agreement. Invenergy is developing a 75 megawatt wind project in the Ronceveaux Township, located on the same project area as their other projects:

- Plateau,
- Plateau II
- Des Moulins II

Currently, there have been very little economic benefits to our community for any of the projects.

Fritz de Kiewit - he works with CER general contractors across Quebec; also has communicated with Bever Paul at MMS.

Tanya – Beaver Paul hasn't been working for MMS for the past two years; Terri-Lynn Morrison should have been your contact person.

He then mentioned his company had hired community members from Listuguj to work on these wind projects in 2012.

CSM – how many people from Listuguj worked there during construction 300 – 350

Tanya Barnaby – states that we have 29 CCQ certified workers in our community, and to her knowledge there were only two Mi'gmaq workers employed by the sub-contractors and two Mi'gmaq contractors hired for their equipment.

Fritz apologized he didn't have the stats with him

C. Patty – well that is unprofessional of you

Fritz – contractors require employees to have their qualifications; (i.e.) Quebec carpenters card (CCQ).

I have communicated with Dean Vicaire about having a seat on the liaison committee, he did mention that the meetings are all in French. Dean said that the French language is not a barrier. I mentioned he was willing to set up a separate meeting with Dean Vicaire and council.

Tanya – tells Fritz that this did not happen

Dr. Fred – Quebec’s objective is solely to develop our resources and leave us on the side. We are always at the bottom of the pole. We live day to day with these issues. This is Mi’gmaq territory and the days of handing out a few jobs are done. We as First Nations need to be more involved.

CSM – we definitely need more communications; Dr. Fred Metallic, Director of Natural Resources was then appointed to be the liaison with Invenergy.

C. Kevin – what about revenue sharing

Fritz - he follows the laws of the Quebec, the Quebec government informed him he does not have to consult or compensate First Nations.

Tanya - the mayors in the MRC d’avignon municipalities are receiving royalties from the above mentioned projects which are situated in our territory.

CSM – The Supreme Court of Canada stipulated it’s the crown’s legal duty to consult and accommodate First Nations.

Council decided that a letter will be sent to Minister Geoffrey Kelly, regarding Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) or Revenue Sharing Agreement (RSA).

5. Adjournment

A motion was presented to adjourn the meeting at 11:31am

Motion: Kevin Methot

Second: Wendell Metallic

Passed: passed