

LMG COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Band Council Chambers
June 1, 2015
1:30 pm

Meeting is called to order by Chief Martin at 1:25pm

1. Roll Call

LMG COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

C. Brian Caplin Jr.
C. Chris Wysote
C. Derek Barnaby
C. Gordon Isaac Jr.
C. Kevin Methot
C. Patty Martin
C. Serge Gray
C. Sheila Swasson
C. Wanda Metallic
C. Wendell Metallic

Absent

C. Annette Barnaby – Bingo Hall (set up)
C. Donna Metallic – Meeting – Native Para judicial

3. Settlement Agreement – Jeff Basque

Jeff discussed with council that AANDC has not given the final number of community members registered thus far.

The categories:

65 applicants active

63 already registered

John Alexander discussed the financial situation with community members housing arrears. He has obtained legal advice to go ahead with the Financial Administration By-law. No. 2013-01.

Accounts Receivable for LTO and Section 95 is \$3,000,000 owing to the LMG.

John asked C&C if he should go ahead and recover these monies across the board the LMG will be able to collect \$ 70,500 of the \$3,000,000.

C. Wendell – individuals that owe should come in to make arrangements with Nora Ritchie

John Alexander – it costs the LMG \$30,000 to make these payments

C. Sheila – there is a percentage are just refusing to pay or make no attempt to make payments.

CSM – some people didn't even pay \$1.00

C. Patty – Band payroll deduct 30 % mandatory deduction

CSM – the thing is we cannot recover from member that are receiving Employment Insurance

John Alexander – the community members on Social Assistance their PCD will not be touched due to the rent is taken off their cheque automatically.

C. Derek – should have a copy of the by-law online

CSM – it is already online it was passed by C&C January 15, 2013

C. Sheila – community members that haven't paid their loans from Economic Development own Timber Jacks, Craft Stores, Computer store they still owe \$ 200,000.

John Alexander – across the board no favoritism collecting a portion of the money owed.

CSM – they owe LMG three million how are we going to build more houses

C. Patty – the band is always in a deficit keep making excuses enable people not to pay for houses where are we going to keep getting the money from. We have to stop changing direction it's a tough decision. This is your time to change turn this community around interest is so high.

CSM – it has to come from here

John Alexander gives a scenario if we were to deduct \$5000 we would make up \$ 750,000.

CSM – some big players owe \$40,000

C. Gordon – I was called in to pay back \$ 300.00 I was deducted \$100.00/week

John Alexander - this is the breakdown:

- 200 – LTO
- 100 Section 95
- Economic Development \$ 115,000.00

C. Patty – follow the by-law 50% of what you owe

C. Chris – put a hold on their PCD

C. Patty – the by-law has been passed shouldn't be at the table just do it

C. Derek – we didn't talk about it and open dialogue I would like to have another meeting.

CSM – Why make another meeting playing politics you give someone a house and they don't pay for the house till they get a job. Drive around with a brand new truck and cannot pay for your house.

Jeff Basque – I can offer a solution get people in we flag them LMG is going to get the money back & transparent best practice. Withhold their PCD and send them a letter they will be paying something.

C. Patty – some members have two salaries coming in and don't pay for their house

CSM – members working in the USA and renting their house but don't pay the LMG

C. Patty – you are sending a message why bother making arrangements

C. Wendell – single mothers average \$15,000 with children

C. Sheila – they receive family allowance

C. Wanda – child support

C. Patty – need to deduct from PCD our only hope is to get out of this hole or we will have no more housing it will be the next generation that will be hurting.

C. Wendell- throwing blame we were all there

C. Wanda – follow the by-law it has been already passed

4. Community Garden – Community Action Co coordinator Gregory Wysote

Gregory discussed with council an update as to what he has been doing for the last month. He is putting together quote from Bremner farms to plow and till the community garden at \$ 16,000. He would also like to have workers to help with the planting.

C. Sheila – you would need garden seeds till the garden it's still early

Gregory – the seeds need to be planted in a few weeks; when can C&C put workers in the field

C. Chris – how many workers do you need?

Gregory – four; also there were a few complaints from last year:

- need porta potty
- rest area picnic table
- protection from rain

CSM - \$16,000 to till the land

Gregory – he quoted \$ 12,000 to compost – seeds and his labour from June to October

C. Wanda – hire Vance Brisk to till garden would be cheaper

Meeting will reconvene Wednesday, June 3, 2015 @ 10:00am

5. Adjournment

A motion was presented to end the meeting 3:30pm

Moved: Kevin Methot

Second: Patty Martin

Passed: Passed