



## COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

September 9, 2024

#### **Attendees:**

Eugene Hope  
 Brenda Berreault  
 Donny Bertrand  
 Dennis Nelson  
 Morris McLeod  
 Vanessa Villeneuve – Timbre  
 Boyd Clark, Advisor to Council (Band Manager)

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Boyd Clark called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM MDT. All of Council was present.

#### 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CHAIRPERSON**

The council requested for Boyd Clark to Chair the meeting; he read the agenda and asked if there were any additions: (21a) Norman Sassie – Wood Harvesting Permit.

2024.09.09:01: Motion to Approve the Agenda with the addition to 21.

Brenda Berreault  
 Morris McLeod  
 Carried.

#### 3. **Moment of Silence for Julie Capot-Blanc**

The Council held a moment of silence for the loss of member Julie Capot-Blanc and former Councillor for both Acho Dene Koe First Nation and the Hamlet of Fort Liard. Celebration life to occur Saturday, September 14, 2024.

#### 4. **BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

##### 5. **BCR 2024-01-0909: Oath of Office [Attached]**

The Advisor to Council read Band Council Resolution 2024-01-0909: Oath of Office and requested of each Councillor-Elect and Chief-Elect to confirm the official office oath as a member of council for Acho Dene Koe First Nation. All members of Council confirmed their Oath.

2024.09.09:02: Motion to Approve the Witnessing of Signatures to the Oath of Office.

Eugene Hope  
 Brenda Berreault  
 Carried.

##### 6. **BCR 2024-02-0909: Oath of Confidentiality [Attached]**

The Advisor to Council read Band Council Resolution 2024-02-0909: Oath of Office and requested of each Councillor-Elect and Chief-Elect to confirm the official oath of confidentiality as a member of council for Acho Dene Koe First Nation. All members of Council confirmed their Oath.

2024.09.09:03: Motion to Approve the Witnessing of Signatures to the Oath of Confidentiality.

Eugene Hope  
 Brenda Berreault  
 Carried.

##### 7. **BCR 2024-03-0909: Affirmation of Services for Acho Dene Koe First Nation – Approval of Bonus for Term ending August 21, 2024**

2024.09.09:04: Motion to Approve the Bonus of \$2,000.00 for each member of Council for the period when there was an appeal for the election of Chief.

Eugene Hope  
 Vanessa Villeneuve - Timbre  
 Carried.

#### 8. **IN-CAMERA**

2024.09.09:05: Motion to Approve to enter in-Camera at 7:30 PM to discuss three agenda items listed below.

Morris McLeod  
 Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

9. Council Honoraria / Chief: Affirmation of Services for the term from August 22, 2024, - August 21, 2027
10. Fort Liard: Police Report: July 2024
11. Letter: Herrett: Blackstone / Lindberg: Media Inquiries

2024.09.09:06: Motion to Approve to come out of in-Camera at 8:15 PM with the approval of the following directive from in-Camera.

Chief Eugene Hope

Dennis Nelson

Carried.

- The Council agrees to review the recommendation of the Advisor to Council concerning the Affirmation of Services rate for the Chief and to consider it at the next meeting of Council scheduled for September 17, 2024.
- The Council provides the directive that all media inquires concerning Blackstone / Lindberg be directed to Dehcho First Nations for response as the location of the incidents are external to the traditional territory of Acho Dene.

## 12. OLD BUSINESS

13. **BCR 2024-04-0909:** Approval of Legal Counsel [Callison & Hanna] Recommendation for Negotiations Offer for – Ammunition and Twine Claim: Setting of Special Meeting of Council

2024.09.09:07: Motion to Table until the September 17, 2024, meeting of Council.

Morris McLeod

Donny Bertrand

Carried.

## 14. NEW BUSINESS [DISCUSSION ITEMS]

15. **Government of Northwest Territories: NWT Council of Leaders Meeting [September 4/5, 2024: Yellowknife]**

Advisor to Council reviewed with Council the items of discussion from the meeting. Materials of the meeting to which the Advisor was in attendance for Acho Dene included in the council package for the meeting.

16. **Government of Northwest Territories: Bi-Lateral Meeting with Acho Dene Koe First Nation [November 7, 2024]**

The Advisor reviewed with Council that the Bi-Lateral Government to Government meeting with the Government of Northwest Territories has been confirmed for November 7<sup>th</sup> in Yellowknife. He asked for all Council to commit to attending the meeting. The Advisor reviewed potential items of agenda for the meeting with Council and sought any additions for consideration. He asked for Council to provide notice of additions by the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting as the agenda needs to be finalized with the Government of Northwest Territories as soon as possible.

17. **Government of Canada: Meeting with Ministers: Invite from Premier Simpson [October 7-9, 2024: Ottawa]**

The Advisor reviewed with Council that at the NWT Council of Leaders Meeting the Premier announced and called for all Indigenous governments to commit to being in Ottawa with him and his Ministers to meet with Federal Government Ministers October 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>. Chief Hope and Advisor will be representing Acho Dene and the previously scheduled negotiations meetings with Canada and Northwest Territories will be moved from Yellowknife to Ottawa that week. Advisor reviewed the topics of agenda, and the Ministers of Canada will be meeting with.

18. **Acho Dene Koe Newsletter: Summer / Fall 2024**

The Advisor reminded Council of the recent newsletter that was released with all updates concerning Acho Dene - <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/763114638/>. Newsletter hardcopy included in the council package available on Facebook and for pick up at the Band Office.

19. **Office of the Commission of the Northwest Territories: King Charles III Portrait**

The council provided a directive that they were not interested in having a portrait of King Charles III for the Band office.

20. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

21. Council  
 a. Norman Sassie: Wood Harvesting Permit

2024.09.09:08: Motion to Approve the Wood Harvesting Permit for Norman Sassie following an in-person meeting held between Council and the applicant.

Morris McLeod  
 Donny Bertrand  
 Carried.

22. Other

None

23. **DATES OF IMPORTANCE**

24. Government of Northwest Territories  
 a. Intergovernmental Council Meeting [November 19, 2024: Yellowknife]
25. Negotiations:  
 a. Northwest Territories [October 7-9, 2024: Ottawa]  
 b. British Columbia [TBD]  
 c. Yukon [TBD]
26. Other  
 a. Native Women's Association of NWT: Community Voices Summit [24-10-03/04: Yellowknife]  
 b. CINUP Conference [24-10-22-24: Winnipeg]  
 c. Annual NWT Water Stewardship Strategy Implementation Workshop [24-11-5/6: Dettah]  
 d. NWT Tourism Conference & AGM: [24-11-05-07: Yellowknife]

27. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Including for Information (Schedule A)

28. **ADJOURNMENT**

2024.09.09:09: Motion to Adjourn the September 9th, 2024, meeting of Council.

Donny Bertrand  
 Dennis Nelson  
 Carried.

29. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the undersigned being of most of the Council of Acho Dene Koe First Nation, do hereby confirm that Council hereby approves by this Band Council Resolution the approval of the Minutes of Council "As Information" and this was done at a duly convened meeting of the Council on **October 17, 2024**.

**Councillor – Brenda BERREault**

**Councillor - Dennis NELSON**

**Sub Chief - Donny BERtrand**

**Councillor - Morris MCLEOD**

**Councillor - Vanessa VILLENEUVE-TIMBRE**

**Chief – Eugene HOPE**

## SCHEDULE A.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Assembly of First Nations
2. Government the Northwest Territories:
  - Education, Culture and Employment
    - a. Early Learning and Child Regulations Amendment Review: Invitation to Participate in G2G Engagement
  - Finance
    - b. Fall 2024 Budget Dialogues
  - Industry, Tourism & Investment
    - c. Tourism Training Fund
  - MLA Office
    - d. Seniors Independent Living 9 Plex in Fort Liard
    - e. Pullout Facilities: Wallace Creek and the Liard River Crossing
    - f. Request for Continued Highway 7 Contract Awards
    - g. Student Financial Assistance Update
  - Municipal and Community Affairs
    - h. Emergency Management – Fire Break for the Hamlet of Fort Liard
  - Premier
    - i. Congratulations on Recent Election
    - j. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
    - k. NWT Indigenous Leaders Economic Forum Report
  - Species at Risk Committee
    - l. Preparation of NWT Status Reports: Barren-ground Caribou, Wood Bison and Common Muskrat
3. Province of British Columbia
  - Citizens Services
    - a. Invitation to Develop Anti-Racism Research Priorities
  - Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation
    - b. Mineral Claims Consultation Framework
  - Environment and Climate Change
    - c. Lands Office Response: Management Plan for Backcountry Protected Areas with the Muskwa-Kechika
  - Energy Regulator
    - d. Lands Office Response: Paramount Resources Ltd
  - Forests
    - e. Fort Nelson First Nation / Northern Rockies Regional Municipality Community Forest
4. Government of Canada
  - Canada Mortgage and Housing
    - a. Housing Accelerator Program
    - b. National Benefits-Sharing Framework and Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program
  - Natural Resources Canada
    - c. Clean Energy for Rural and Remote Communities: Acho Dene Koe Geothermal Energy Development
  - Operations and Community Services
    - d. 2024-24 Professional & Institutional Development Program
5. Yukon
  - Energy, Mines, Resources
    - a. Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board: Decommissioning Project for Gas Well Kotaneelee L-38
6. Other
  - a. Cassidy: Bison Tag Request
  - b. Liidii Kue First Nation: Mackenzie Valley Highway and the Necessity of the Liard River and Mackenzie River Bridges
  - c. Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board: Mackenzie Valley Highway: Community Sessions