



COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

December 16, 2024

Attendees:

Chief Eugene Hope
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand
 Brenda Berreault
 Morris McLeod
 Dennis Nelson
 Boyd Clark, Advisor to Council (Band Manager)

With Regrets:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Hope Called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM MDT. All of Council was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CHAIRPERSON

The Council requested for Advisor (Acting Band Manager) to Chair the meeting; he read the agenda and asked if there were any additions: None.

2024.12.16:01: Motion to Approve the Agenda without any Additions.

Chief Eugene Hope
 Brenda Berreault
 Carried.

3. IN-CAMERA

2024. 12.16:02: Motion to Move into Camera @ 6:11 pm

Morris McLeod
 Dennis Nelson
 Carried.

1. **RCMP REPORTS**

- a) **August Report**
- b) **September Report**
- c) **October Report**
- d) **November Report**

2024.12.16:03: Motion to Table as the RCMP Officers were unable to attend the meeting.

Brenda Berreault
 Sub Chief Donny Bertrand
 Carried.

2. **ADK Holdings Ltd: Nomination: McKee**

Boyd Clark, representing as the Executive Chairperson/Acting President and CEO for ADK Holdings Ltd - provided an overview of the status of the election of community directors for ADK Holdings Ltd. He reported that five (5) persons had put forward their nominations, of those three (3) are community members (Bonnetrouge, Capot Blanc, Duntra) and two (2) are non-community members (Fantasque, Hardisty). The election will be on January 15, 2025. He reported that a sixth nomination had been received from Bruce McKee. Accordance with the Shareholders Agreement, Mr. McKee's nomination was rejected by the Election Officer as one needs to be a member of Acho Dene Koe First Nation and Mr. McKee is not a member. The Election Officer informed Mr. McKee that his nomination would be forwarded to the Shareholder for consideration for one of the two positions that are non-member positions on the Board of Directors.

The Executive Chairperson/Acting President and CEO recommended to the Shareholder that they accept the nomination from Mr. McKee as information and inform him that it would be considered in January following the conclusion of the member director positions for the Board of Directors.

2024.12.16:04: Motion to accept the interest of Bruce McKee, of 104 Windrose Court, Jersey Village, Texas 77064, as a board director for ADK Holdings Ltd as Information and to inform Mr. McKee that it would be considered, after review of the Corporation Act for Northwest Territories and following the January 15, 2025, election of the member positions on the Board of Directors for ADK Holdings Ltd.

Brenda Berreault
Sub Chief Donny Bertrand
Carried.

3. **Information Release: Notice of Financial Support to Members for Christmas**

Boyd Clark confirmed with Council that support for members will be as follows:

Christmas Hampers:

- Christmas Hampers (physical) for each family household of Fort Liard resident members
- Originally, we were going to provide Purchase orders for the IGA but that became challenging with new rules for POs at the IGA, so In-lieu of Christmas Hampers POs, for each family household, Fort Nelson resident members will receive a payment of \$150
- For each family household, who are not residents of Fort Liard or Fort Nelson, the member will receive a payment of \$150 for Christmas Hampers

Christmas Support Payments:

- Fort Liard single members (18 years of age or older) will receive a payment of \$175 for Christmas
- Fort Liard member couples (18 years of age or older) will receive a payment of \$350 for Christmas
- Fort Liard Households, adult members (18 years of age or older) of three or more, will receive a payment of \$500 for Christmas
- Fort Nelson members, who received financial support for the wildfires, will not receive a Christmas support payment.
- Non-Fort Liard and Fort Nelson members will receive the same payments as the Fort Liard members for Christmas support.

Boyd Clark recommended to Council to consider additional supports following Christmas in January once the budget costs are confirmed for Christmas Support Payments and Christmas Hampers

Consensus of Council: Agreed.

4. **Education Support: McLeod**

2024.12.16:05: Motion to approve Natasha McLeod for education support of \$2,000 to continue her studies for January – March 2025 semester with AccData Computer Systems & Training in Grande Prairie Alberta

Chief Eugene Hope
Sub Chief Donny Bertrand
Carried (*Morris McLeod declares conflict*).

2024.12.16:06: Motion to Move out of Camera @ 6:41 pm

Morris McLeod
Dennis Nelson
Carried.

4. **BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

1. **BCR 2024-01-1216:** Approval of Bank of Montreal Guarantee of ADK Holdings Ltd \$7 Million Demand Loan Non-Revolver

2024.12.16:07: Motion to approve BCR 2024-01-1216 and the approval of the Bank of Montreal Guarantee for ADK Holdings Ltd.'s \$7 Million Demand Loan Non-Revolver

Morris McLeod
Sub Chief Donny Bertrand
Carried.

2. **BCR 2024-02-1216:** Approval of Notice to the First Nations Financial Management Board that Acho Dene Koe First Nation Wishes to Enact a Financial Administration Law

2024.12.16:08: Motion to approve BCR 2024-02-1216 and the approval of Notice to the First Nations Financial Management Board that Acho Dene Koe First Nation Wishes to Enact a Financial Administration Law

Chief Eugene Hope
Sub Chief Donny Bertrand
Carried.

3. **BCR 2024-03-1216:** Approval of Notice to the First Nations Financial Management Board that Acho Dene Koe First Nation Wishes to Be Added to the Schedule to the First Nations Fiscal Management Act

2024.12.16:09: Motion to approve BCR 2024-03-1216 and the approval of Notice to the First Nations Financial Management Board that Acho Dene Koe First Nation Wishes to Be Added to the Schedule to the First Nations Fiscal Management Act

Morris McLeod

Sub Chief Donny Bertrand

Carried.

4. **BCR 2024-04-1216:** Accounts Payables
 - a. **BCR 2024-01-1215:** Accounts Payables [2024.12.01]
 - b. **BCR 2024-02-1017:** Accounts Payables [2024.12.15]

Consensus of Council: Tabled.

5. **BCR 2024-05-1216:** Approval of Minutes: November 28, 2024

2024.12.16:10: Motion to approve BCR 2024-04-1216 and the approval of Minutes: November 28, 2024

Morris McLeod

Brenda Berreault

Carried.

6. **BCR 2024-06-1216:** Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2024

2024.12.16:11: Motion to approve BCR 2024-05-1216 and the approval of Minutes: December 3, 2024

Sub Chief Donny Bertrand

Dennis Nelson

Carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS [DISCUSSION ITEMS]**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS [DISCUSSION ITEMS]**

1. **Chief & Council**

- a. Additions:
 - i. Housing: Walter Bertrand: Fuel tank replacement
 - ii. Housing: Melvin Lomen: No running water issues

Boyd Clark provided a review of the scheduled repairs for 2024-2025 under the funds received from Housing NWT. He committed to reviewing whether there are funds to address the two issues raised by Councillor Berreault.

2. **Negotiations**

Chief Hope and Boyd Clark provided updates on the most recent meetings for negotiations and the scheduling of upcoming meetings. Noting occurred with the NWT Negotiations and the implications of the action of Government of Northwest Territories to recover owed property taxes.

- a. Canada / Northwest Territories {Next Mtg}: [Virtual] Dec 9 & 13/24
- b. Specific Claims [Edmonton] Dec 20/25

Next Meetings:

- c. Canada / Northwest Territories {Next Mtg}: [Victoria] February 4-6/25 – Chief/Steve/Boyd/Larry/Sherry
- d. Canada / British Columbia [Victoria/Virtual] Jan 14/25 – Chief/Steven/Boyd/Gary/Nancy/Sherry
- e. Yukon - TBD
- f. Specific Claims [Edmonton] TBD – Feb/25 – Chief/Boyd/Caroline/Parvej/Sherry

Consensus of Council: Accept as Information.

3. **Management**

Boyd Clark provided updates on the agenda items listed for discussion.

- a. Hamlet of Fort Liard: SAO
- b. Early Childcare Centre
- c. First Nations Major Project Coalition: Northern Caucus Mtg – Yellowknife (Jan 15/16, 2025)

Consensus of Council: Accept as Information.

4. **ADK Corporate**

Boyd Clark provided updates on the agenda items listed for discussion.

- a. ADK Holdings Ltd – Directors Election
- b. Hamlet of Fort Liard - Northwest Territories Wildfire Resilience Project - Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund - CWPP Fuel Treatment Amendment Request - Fort Liard Fuel Treatment Plan (Forsite Management Specialists)
- c. Paramount: Engagement Plan Fort Liard West
- d. Enbridge: Contract Award: Pointed Mountain – Camp Services

Consensus of Council: Accept as Information.

7. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Boyd Clark provided updates on the agenda items listed for discussion.

1. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Waiver Respecting Project Completion Dates for the CMHC- 1 Five plex RHI Bilateral Agreement – 26942334
2. Hamlet of Fort Liard: Emergency Management
3. Canada: Non-Insured Health Benefits Program
4. GNWT: Appointment of a Public Administrator for the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council

Consensus of Council: Accept as Information.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS (FOR DISCUSSION)**

Consensus of Council: Accept as Information.

1. **Northwest Territories**

- a. None

2. **Yukon**

- a. None

3. **British Columbia**

- a. None

4. **Canada**

- a. None

5. **Assembly of First Nations/Dene Nation**

- a. Dene Leadership Caucus
- b. Important Update on Child and Family Services for First Nations Communities

6. **Dehcho First Nations**

- a. None

7. **Conferences**

- a. First Nations Major Project Coalition Northern Caucus Mtg [Yellowknife]: Jan 14-16/25 – Chief/Boyd
- b. NWT Environmental Monitoring and Research Results Workshop [Yellowknife] Jan 14-15/25 – Lands Office
- c. Band Managers Working Group Professional Devt Workshop [Yellowknife] Jan 21-22/25 - Margie
- d. NWT Housing Forum [Yellowknife] Jan 22-23/25 – Peter
- e. 2024-2025 Mineral Resources Conferences: AME Roundup 2025 [Vancouver] Jan 20-23/25 – Chief/Steven/Brad/Boyd
- f. 2025 BC Cabinet and First Nations Leaders Gathering [Vancouver] Jan 21-22/25 - Chief/Steven/Brad/Boyd/Gary/Nancy

- g. GNWT - Landscape Carbon Gathering [Yellowknife] Feb 7-8/25 – Lands/Brad
- h. BC - Indigenous Climate Resilience Forum [Virtual] - Lands
- i. 2024-2025 Mineral Resources Conferences: PDAC 2025 [Toronto] Mar 2-5/25 – Boyd/Brad
- j. Renewables in Remote Communities Conference [Whitehorse] March 25-28/25
- k. 8th Annual First Nations Major Project Coalitions Conference [Toronto] Apr 27-29/25 - Boyd
- l. 2025: National Aboriginal Opportunities Conference [Vancouver] May 20-22/25 – Boyd/Brad
- m. Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment [Yellowknife] Jul 3-4/25 - Lands

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

2024.12.16:12: Motion to Adjourn the December 16th, 2024, meeting of Council.

Brenda Berreault

Dennis Nelson

Carried.

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Thursday, January 16, 2025

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 **BCR 2024-05-1216** the approval of the Minutes of Council "As Information" and this was done at a duly convened meeting of the Council on **December 16, 2024**.

Councillor – Brenda BERREault

Councillor – Dennis NELSON

Sub Chief – Donny BERtrand

Councillor – Morris MCLEOD

Chief – Eugene HOPE

Quorum 4

SCHEDULE A.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Assembly of First Nations
 - Agenda: October 16-18, 2024 [Calgary]; Attended by Chief Eugene Hope
 - Revised Final Settlement on Compensation for First Nations Children and Families
 - First Nations Child and Family Services, Jordan's Principle, and Trout Class Settlement Agreement
 - Final Agreement on Long-term Reform
 - National Assembly of Remote Communities Mission Statement
 - First Nations Child and Family Caring Society et al. v. Attorney General of Canada Tribunal File: T1340/7008
 - Suggested talking points: Court approval of FNCFS Child Compensation Class Action FSA
 - Key Messages for Supreme Court Decision on An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families
 - Estimated Regional Funding Allocations 2025-2029
 - Evaluation of the Key Elements of the Final Settlement Agreement on First Nations Child and Family Services
 - Continuation of Funding at Actuals for Capital for Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle

2. Dene Nation
 - Arctic and Northern Framework Policy
 - National Assembly of Remote Communities
 - Letter to Premier: Concerns Regarding the Child Welfare Compensation and Long-term Reform Agreement
 - 52nd Dene National Assembly: Resolutions Dettah, Denendeh, July 24-26, 2024

3. Government the Northwest Territories:
 - Environment:
 - (Lands Office Response): Participate in the Amendment Process for the NWT Lands Regulations
 - Health
 - Proposed Dental Hygienist Profession Regulations under the Health and Social Services Professions Act – Key Elements for Public Engagement
 - Extended Health Benefits
 - Addictions Prevention and Recovery Services Work Plan
 - Infrastructure
 - Next Steps – Rail Line from Enterprise to Hay River
 - MLA Office
 - Negotiated Contracts
 - Youth Ambassadors Program Call for Applications
 - Update: Fort Liard / Nahanni Butte - Accessing Fort Nelson Hospital

4. Province of British Columbia
 - Water, Lands, and Resource Stewardship
 - Medzih Interim Habitat Protection – Boreal Caribou (Lands Office Response)
 - Energy Regulator
 - Chevron Canada Ltd (Lands Office Response): Short-term Water Use

5. Government of Canada
 - Environment Canada:
 - Changes affecting administration of the Environmental Effects Monitoring Program
 - Consultation and Engagement: Salmon Aquaculture Transition plan for BC
 - Updated Status of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Canada
 - Indigenous Services Canada:
 - Indigenous Health Equity Fund

6. Yukon
 - Environment
 - Parks Strategy Progress Report

7. Dehcho First Nations
 - 2023-2024 Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee Annual Report

8. Other
 - A. Paramount Resources: Potential Liard Basin Water License