

MEETING MINUTES

Land Code Development Committee
July 03, 2019
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting #8

Attendees:

Darla Blodgett, LCDC Member
Tom Cowie, LCDC Member
Jeff Loucks, LCDC Member
Kim Musgrave, LCDC Member

Kelly Dickinson, Lands Assistant
Wanda McGonigle, Lands Officer
Cassandra Cadeau, LAB Support

Absent with Regrets:

Chad Cowie, Trisha Cowie

The minutes of all meetings held are not verbatim. Minutes taken by Kelly Dickinson.

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from June 11, 2019 as presented and adjusted.

Current Action Items

- Section 1.2 – Jeff to draft clause for Land Code that addresses and protects interests of minors under legal and/or Traditional guardianship, tying to “Alternate Decision Maker” definition
- Sections 3.1 and 3.2 – Cassandra to assist with formatting issues
- Kelly to contact Lynda Booth regarding Comprehensive Community Plan coordination and ensure that there are no conflicts with timing of community engagement events
- Kelly to add HFN logo to Community Ratification Process (CRP)
- Kelly to change CRP terminology from “member” to “citizen”
- Wanda and Kelly to review CRP and present comments at next meeting

Addressing Previous Action Items

- Jeff continues to draft a clause for the Land Code that addresses and protects interests of minors under legal and/or traditional guardianship, tying to “Alternate Decision Maker” definition. New clause to be submitted by the next meeting.
- Tom submitted customized clauses 3.1 & 3.2 to Committee for comments and feedback. Kelly has included revisions in newest draft of Land Code. Cassandra to assist with formatting issues.
- Cassandra provided examples of Roster Panel sizes from various communities of similar size to Hiawatha First Nation. These Panels varied in number from as low as three (3) to as many as each citizen in the entire community. This means that there is really no limit to what Hiawatha can choose regarding its Roster Panel size.
- Cassandra presented new draft clause 44.7 “For greater certainty, Council does not have authority to modify, confirm, reverse or substitute its own decision in any dispute that the Panel

has made a decision on, under clauses 44.1 or 44.3." The Committee approved the new clause, but agreed that the term "veto" should be added before "modify" for greater clarity.

- Cassandra sent Kelly updated CRP model. The CRP model has been distributed to Committee for review.
- Kelly will contact Lynda booth after this meeting, as more work needed finalizing the Land Code prior to distribution to the community citizens.

Part 5 Section 18.1

Cassandra has shared the fact that other First Nation communities who currently have an Economic Development Corporations do not have a special clause in their Land Codes to address conflict of interest specifically related to business interests. These other communities have found that the existing clauses in the Land Code that address conflict of interest are sufficient, and no additional clauses were needed. The Committee discussed this, and decided not to add any additional clauses related to this topic.

Part 5 Section 19.6

After some discussion, the Committee decided to remove the aspect of this clause related to Extended Family, as it would be nearly impossible to achieve this without the inclusion of Extended Family, given the small citizenship of Hiawatha. The clause also now specifies that Council is the only elected body in the community, and no other bodies will require an electoral vote. This means that like all other boards and committees in Hiawatha at this time, the Land's Committee will not require an electoral vote.

Part 8 Section 41.1

After hearing Cassandra present her research on Roster Panel sizes across various other First Nation communities of similar size to Hiawatha, it was determined that three (3) would be an appropriate minimum and fifteen (15) would be an appropriate maximum for panel membership. Several Committee members stressed that the Roster Panel size should always sit at an odd number to avoid vote ties.

Ratification Options

Kelly and Cassandra presented the three Ratification Options to the Committee. The Committee unanimously decided on the reduced verifier role, the removal of the voting threshold, and the declaration of voters.

Community Ratification Process Document


Cassandra reviewed the draft CRP with the Committee. Revisions were requested to change the term "member" to "citizen" and to add Hiawatha's logo to the cover page of the document. Cassandra clarified to the Committee that the CRP currently has provisions for all three ratification options that were selected.

Cassandra answered an inquiry regarding submission of the the CRP to the Verifier – it can only be submitted to the Verifier for review along with the Land Code, not separately.

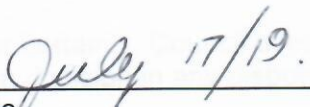
LAB does not not require Hiawatha to tender the electronic voting service; however, the Committee agreed that Hiawatha's policies could be followed to seek out the most affordable rates.

Next Meeting July 17th 2019 5:30pm - 7:30pm @ Council Chambers

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Chairperson



Date