



The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake
Truth & Reconciliation Committee Meeting
MINUTES

December 12, 2023 at 12:00 pm – Municipal Office

Members Present:

Absent:

Janet Hager	Deputy Mayor/Member	Peter Campbell	Member
Alana Keesic	Member	Kaaren Dannenmenn	Member
Leslie King	Member	Lorna Kobelka	Member
Fred Mota	Member		
Nancy Phillips	Member		
Trilbee Stirling-Kattler	Interim CAO		
Brenda Gignac	Recording Secretary		
Christine Goulet	Clerk		
Erika Burfoot	Human Resources Manager		

1. Welcoming

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement Statement

We, the Municipality of Red Lake acknowledge that our foundation and the spaces in which we live and maintain are on the lands of the Anishinaapek of Red Lake; the traditional lands of Lac Seul and Wabauskang First Nations, and Treaty 3 Territory. As we are all Treaty people, we will continue to cherish the reciprocity of all our relationships on these sacred Lands and Waters.

2. Review/Approval of November 2, 2023 meeting minutes

It was:

Moved by Leslie King
Seconded by Nancy Phillips
(TR-20-23)

RESOLVED that the Truth and Reconciliation Committee hereby approves the Minutes of a Meeting held November 2, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

Members agreed to move to Item 4.1 for the benefit of the Clerk and Human Resources Manager.

4. New Business

4.1 Anti-Racism and Inclusion Policy

The Clerk reported that this draft policy will affect all employees and municipal boards and committees and is being presented to this Committee for their review and recommendation to Council. She noted that an implementation workplan will be developed and will have concrete action items moving forward. The Mayor noted that since this policy will ensure education of staff and committee members, it would also fall under the education piece in the Calls to Action.

3. Old Business

3.1 Signage

3.1.1 Land Acknowledgement Plaque for Airport

Staff was directed to have the plaque installed on the wall in the waiting area above the luggage carousel.

3.1.2 Welcome Highway Signage Design Options

It was suggested that the new sign be installed upon the stone base and perhaps the map could be moved to the left. Staff was directed to get measurements of the stone base and continue to work with the MTO with regards to permit requirements.

3.2 Goals for Calls to Action

It was noted that as noted above the Municipality's Anti-Racism and Inclusion Policy along with education for all employees is another tool to addressing the education piece in the Calls to Action. Discussion was held regarding upcoming Truth and Reconciliation events noting that in light of the history at Forestry Point, this location would be a great location to host events. It was noted that the Heritage Centre completed a video which contained history in this area.

Members agreed that the public should be made aware of this Committee and all the developments this Committee has made. Staff was directed to include updates in upcoming Municipal Newsletters.

3.3 Norseman Park Plaque

The Mayor advised that there is a dollar amount included in the proposed 2024 Municipal Budget to begin the first phase of rehabilitation of Norseman Park.

Members agreed to address the plaques again when the park undergoes rehabilitation.

3.4 Teepee Request

Discussion was held regarding the requested location of Phillip Thomas Vinet Centennial Park noting the concern with this location is that the park may become too congested. It was noted that the rehabilitation of Norseman Park will include a teepee. Members agreed that further discussions need to occur in this regard.

3.5 Committee Membership Composition

The Interim CAO confirmed that Mark Vermette confirmed he would consider applying to be a member on this Committee should a vacancy come up.

3.6 Trapper's Festival 2025

Nothing at this time.

3.7 Anicinaabe Park Occupation of 1974

The Mayor noted that this historical event occurred in Kenora. He confirmed he would contact Mayor Poirer to determine if the City of Kenora is involved in the planning of any possible events.

3.8 Cradleboard Exhibit

Staff was directed to contact the Heritage Centre for more information in this regard.

4. New Business

4.1 Anti-Racism and Inclusion Policy

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

5. Agenda items for next meeting

- Welcome Sign
- Goals for Calls to Action
- Teepee Request
- Trapper’s Festival
- Anicinaabe Park Occupation of 1974
- Cradleboard Exhibit

6. Next meeting – January 30, 2024

7. Adjournment

It was:

Moved by Alana Keesic

Seconded by Trilbee Stirling-Kattler
(TR-21-23)

RESOLVED that the Truth and Reconciliation Committee hereby adjourns the meeting of December 12, 2023 at 1:17 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Fred Mota

Recording Secretary