



Board of Directors Meeting, Tsiigehtchic
MOTIONS
10 August 2009

Motion #1:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that Jennifer Andre be appointed as Chairperson for this meeting.

Moved by: Mary Ann Ross
Seconded by: Philip Blake
CARRIED

Motion #2:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as amended.

Moved by: Mary Ann Ross
Seconded by: Phillip Blake
CARRIED

Motion #3:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that the minutes of April 16 and 17th, 2009, be approved as presented.

Moved by: Mary Ann Ross
Seconded by: Richard Nerysoo
CARRIED

Motion #4:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that the minutes of April 16 & 17, 2009, be amended to reflect the discussion held regarding the Elders' Letter of Concern on Thursday, April 16, 2009, was a confidential Human Resources discussion and all details of the discussion should be removed from the minutes.

Moved by: Mary Ann Ross
Seconded by: Phillip Blake
CARRIED.

Motion # 5:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that a bursary increase of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for single students and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for students with dependents be approved for payout by the Gwich'in Tribal Council Education Foundation for all students receiving bursaries in the 2009/2010 fiscal year.



Moved by: Herbert Blake
Seconded by: James Edwards
CARRIED

Motion #6:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that Phillip Blake, Diane Baxter, Mary Ann Ross, Richard Nerysoo, James Edwards, and a representative from Fort McPherson be appointed to the interim Human Resources Committee.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Phillip Blake
CARRIED

Motion #7:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that the Audit Committee be established with membership to be decided based on the following criteria:

- One member to be a person who is not Gwich'in, but who has a financial background;
- One member to be a Gwich'in participant who has a financial background independent from the region; and
- One member to be a Gwich'in participant who has a financial background from the within the region.

Moved by: Phillip Blake
Seconded by: Herbert Blake
CARRIED

Motion #8:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that Richard Nerysoo be named to replace Fred Carmichael as the Gwich'in Tribal Council representative on the Mackenzie Aboriginal Corporation; and

Further be it resolved that the Board of Directors recognizes and thanks Fred Carmichael for his representation of the Gwich'in Tribal Council on the Mackenzie Aboriginal Corporation.

Moved by: Phillip Blake
Seconded by: James Edwards
CARRIED

Motion #9:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors appoint Frederick Sonny Blake Jr. to the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors to replace Jennifer Andre as of Monday, August 24, 2009; and

Further be it resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors thank Jennifer Andre for her service during the term.



Moved by: Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Mary Ann Ross
CARRIED

Motion #10:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors assign an approved financial signing authority for 1) Evelyn Bullock, 2) Angela Horbatch; and

Further be it resolved that the Board of Directors remove the approved financial signing authority for 1) Charlene Ross and 2) Melody Nice-Paul.

Moved by: Phillip Blake
Seconded by: James Edwards
CARRIED

Motion #11:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Gwich'in Tribal Council gives approval to the amended position papers of the Self Government Negotiations Team on Education Programs and Income Support Programs as presented.

Moved by: Herbert Blake
Seconded by: Phillip Blake
CARRIED

Motion #12:08/09 BOD

Be it resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors receives and accepts the recommendations from the Mackenzie Gas Impact Fund Committee for the Mackenzie Gas Project Impact Fund; and

Further be it resolved that the Board of Directors continues to review the plans made and accept the recommendations for additions or changes as they arise; and

Further be it resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors send a letter to extend thanks to Jennifer Kerry, Denise Kurszewski and the Working Committee for their time spent working on this important project.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Phillip Blake
CARRIED.

Motion #13:08/09 BOD



Be it resolved that the Gwich'in Tribal Council Board of Directors accepts the workplan changes as recommended by the Self Government Team with the exception that #4 be amended to maintain the September Main Table discussion as scheduled; and

Further be it resolved that the Self Government Team should table a cost of government structures document in December.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Phillip Blake
CARRIED

Motion #14:08/09 BOD

Whereas:

The Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) has the inherent right of self government;

The GTC has finalized its treaty agreement for its traditional territory in the Northwest Territories and Yukon and that Final Agreement was given legal effect in 1992;

The Gwich'in Final Agreement (GFA) does not derogate from the inherent rights of Gwich'in self government;

Section 5.1.9 of the GFA ensures that the objectives of any Gwich'in self government agreement shall be to describe the nature, character and extent of Gwich'in self government, the relationship between government and Gwich'in institutions and the accommodation of the Gwich'in self government within the frameworks of public governments;

The Gwich'in Tribal Council is a member in good standing in the Council of Yukon First Nations and continues to support the objectives of the Council of Yukon First Nations;

The Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Yukon First Nations have traditional relationships that have existed from time immemorial and continue to exist in a harmonious manner to this very day;

The GTC has commenced self government negotiations in the Northwest Territories and now wishes to commence self government negotiations for its traditional territory in Yukon based upon Yukon First Nations models of self government;

The GTC wishes to commence with initial discussions with the Governments of Canada and Yukon and the Council of Yukon First Nations respecting the GTC strategy to initiate self government negotiations for its Traditional Territory in Yukon in order to obtain funding and general negotiation mandates for the Governments of Yukon and Canada and the Council of Yukon First Nations; and GTC now considers it expedient to proceed with the strategy but requires the mandate to proceed.

Therefore be it resolved that:



1. The GTC leadership acknowledge the desire to maintain consistent constitutional models of self government in Yukon as practiced by self governing Yukon First Nations and now wishes to adopt a general mandate to initiate self government negotiations in Yukon and within GTC traditional territory based upon existing constitutional models of self government in Yukon to ensure consistency and compatibility with affected Yukon First Nations.
2. GTC now issues and adopts a general negotiation mandate for Yukon self government negotiations based upon the following steps:
 - a. first of all seeking and obtaining negotiation funding from Canada and/or Yukon to initiate self government negotiations in Yukon;
 - b. commencement of negotiations for a draft Framework Agreement with Yukon and Canada and where necessary affected Yukon First Nations;
 - c. the GTC Executive if further instructed to arrange for all initial meetings with the Council of Yukon First Nations, Canada and Yukon including their respective officials to advance open lines of communication and to enable those governments to obtain their respective mandates;
 - d. GTC Executive, Self Government Staff and Consultants are to report back to the GTC Board of Directors on a regular basis and as further directed by the GTC Executive; and
 - e. this general mandate is only for the obtaining of parallel mandates by Yukon and/or Canada and will be reviewed at a GTC Executive Meeting in December 2009 and shall be further confirmed, revised, or repealed as the GTC Executive deems appropriate at that time.
3. GTC will share its Framework Agreement and any subsequent agreements with the Council of Yukon First Nations to ensure consistency and compatibility of constitutional approaches in Northern Yukon.
4. GTC will undertake to review and consider options to ensure successful resolution of any outstanding concerns of the citizens and communities of GTC respecting this mandate for the negotiation of GTC self government in Yukon.

Moved by: Richard Nerysoo
Seconded by: Phillip Blake
CARRIED

Motion #15:08/09 BOD

To adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Moved by: Mary Ann Ross
CARRIED