



*Chief and Council Meeting*

*Wednesday, January 24, 1996*

*6:00pm*

*Present:* Chief Larry Boyer  
Bill Boyer Sr.  
Wanda Chiblow  
Annie Jackpine-Ralph  
Joyce Morningstar

Larry Niganobe  
Evelyn Niganobe  
Rosie Morningstar  
Jim Cada Sr.

*Guests:* Jim Cada Jr. (Band Administrator)  
James Morningstar (Trust Chairman)  
Connie Morningstar (Trustee)  
David Armstrong (Trustee)  
Ray Cosier (Trust Administrator)

*Agenda:*

1. *Serpent River Aquaculture Project - 6:00p.m.*
2. *Investments - Mike Ciavarella - 7:00p.m.*
3. *Wholesale Business - Allan Miley - 8:00p.m.*
4. *Minutes of January 10th, 1996*  
*Minutes of January 17th, 1996*
5. *Variety Bingo Club - Clifford Niganobe*
6. *Archeological Study - Morris Bryzinski*  
*Do you want to sponsor him or not?*
7. *Recommendation for Health & Social Services Director*
8. *Other Business*
  - a) *Junior Crisis Intervention Co-ordinator Position*
  - b) *Request from Little N.H.L.*

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1. Serpent River Aquaculture Project:

<i>Keith Lewis</i>	<i>Serpent River Project Representative</i>
<i>Laurie Duggan</i>	<i>Project Co-ordinator</i>
<i>Gintas Kamaitis</i>	<i>Biological Engineer and Aquatic Biology Professional</i>
<i>Paul Comeau</i>	<i>Plant Manager - Marketing &amp; Fish Processing Professional</i>

*Keith Lewis began the presentation by giving some background information on the members of the project team that were present, and on the project itself. Overall, Serpent River First Nation is proposing that we become a 25% equity share holder in a Aquaculture Project in Serpent River, that we'll be able to sell back to them after 10 years of operation. Keith stated that the original outlay of the project was going to be about \$60 million, and that they're now projecting it at being \$14 million due to the fact that they are being much more conservative than they were originally. Keith talked about some of the concerns that the members of the Serpent River First Nation had which were the environmental issues, and the fact that the road to the site was going through their sugarbush. He stated that this project would not affect the environment and that the members of his community were re-assured. Keith then gave the floor to Laurie Duggan.*

*Laurie Duggan continued the presentation by informing Chief & Council that he is the Project Co-ordinator. He then went on and showed the actual layout of this project and informed everyone that Ministry of Natural Resources and that the Ministry of Environment have both stated that this project is safe. A environmental report has been done and can be forwarded if Chief & Council would like to see it. Laurie also went into detail about the engineering and consultants that are involved in this project. He also mentioned that Keith and Paul are the main links to this project and that project will be a successful one.*

*Gintas Kamaitis is the person who will be in charge of raising the fish. The main difficulty with raising fish in a lake is that you begin raising in the spring and the fish are already to be sold in the fall, however when spring comes again there's no fish. The way they could provide fish all year round would be to raise them in a tank. He went into detail about the tank that they will be using, including the size and how the water will be constantly flowing through the tank to flush out the waste. He stated that by using a tank it will be much easier to control the temperature which usually stresses the fish when the water is too cold. Another benefit of using the tank is that it will also help to take care of the fish if they happen to become ill. He went on saying that the site they've chose is an excellent place because it is on lowland near the lake. The cost of doing this project at a higher level would cost much more if they had to pump water to a higher level. He stated that this is not a hatchery program and that they are looking to raise fish until it becomes about 2lbs. Gintas also stated that they will be constantly stalking the tanks monthly.*

*Paul Comeau is the marketing and processing professional in this project. He stated that he has been in this field for about 12 years and that there are buyers out there. He talked about Idaho's rainbow trout which comes from Snake Valley River's fish farm and the problems they are facing with the government's opposing new businesses and/or expanding businesses. The problem is that they are stuck with pan size fish and they don't have the equipment and/or*

supplies to raise other fish. He also stated that a group in Chicago did a study in Canada and the United States which indicates that there are consumers out wanting this product. Paul went on saying that this project would do both fresh and frozen fish because with fresh fish there is a higher value and with frozen fish you're able to sign a contract six months earlier and deliver quality service.

Laurie then stated that this project's external partners will total \$3.5 million. Keith will be waiting for a letter of interest, if any. If Chief & Council would like to pursue this project please contact Keith Lewis and he will set up another meeting for further discussion.

## 2. Mike Ciavarella's Presentation:

Mike Ciavarella is a financial advisor. He started his presentation by asking everyone what it takes to make a marriage work. The main thing is communication and you have to have any type of relationship. He stated that Chief and Council are one group and that the Trust is another group but these two groups have the same goal which is to take care of the Mississauga First Nation and all of its community members. He asked them to talk about ways they could reach the same goal, however Chief Boyer directed Mike to talk about some financial investments. Mike stated that he is an independent broker who works for you. If you ask him to get you 20% on the amount of money you've given him then he does not come through for you then he doesn't get paid, and if it does go through then he gets 1% or whatever you agree upon. He talked about Fixed Income and Speculative security investments. Speculative means freedom to work with your money. He talked about the reasons why banks would prefer a \$10,000 G.I.C. (Guaranteed Interest/Investment Certificate) versus a \$1,000,000 G.I.C., and overall they would prefer giving loans because that's where they make their money than taking your money. The risk of having a G.I.C. is that when you put your money in a G.I.C. it was 11% and five years later when you decided to pull out it's only 4%. He talked about why Trust Companies have a better rate than banks and it's because of their credit. He talked about the tax issue, and that he or any of his friends in the business don't see Revenue Canada hitting First Nations. Mike then passed out information regarding investments; his credentials; and a government structure example of how the government uses a cycle.

## 3. Wholesale Business:

Allan Miley and Brian Miley are very interested in starting a tobacco wholesale business on the reserve. They have met with the Trust and they have been asked if Chief & Council will provide them with a piece of land for this business to operate on. Allan went on to say that the building for this business will be about 5,000 square feet and will be expanding further down the road. The land this business will be on will have to be somewhere where large trucks can load and unload off a loading dock. Brian stated that they require an equity amount in order to borrow from the bank. If the Trust forms a Corporation and the Trust gives the money to the Band Corporation and the Corporation gives it to this project, after a period of time they give 49% of the revenue and divide it amongst the members of the Mississauga First Nation. The business has included everything in its financial forecast including soil samples. Brian went on to say that the Ministry of Revenue requires a \$1 million dollar bond for a licence to start this type of business. Some of the places that were

suggested by Council were behind Cameco and/or across from Ontario Hydro. Chief & Council were in support of providing some land for this business, however the Trust stated that there were some other details that had be clarified before starting.

4. Minutes of January 10th, 1996:

*The minutes were accepted and then they were signed.*

*Motion to accept the minutes of January 10th, 1996.*

*Motioned By: Annie Jackpine-Ralph*

*2nd By: Joyce Morningstar*

*Motion Carried.*

Discussion regarding minutes:

- \* *Business regarding the Land Management Officer was awaiting a response from the Trust.*
- \* *Follow-up to the Trustee's Code of Ethics complaint, the individual decided not to pursue it.*
- \* *The issue of the Church was discussed and Jim Cada Jr. stated that the insurance can start in March 1996 in the amount of \$225. The list of contents and/or the value of the Church is approximately \$20,000.*
- \* *The deer hunting issue with Mr. McLeod was discussed and Chief Boyer stated that Mr. McLeod did not agree with his letter. Chief Boyer informed Mr. McLeod that Council supported the decision made and that he can attend the next Council meeting to discuss this further, Mr. McLeod declined.*
- \* *Blind River Sno Riders accepted the 5 year agreement.*
- \* *The update for the Eagle Project is that Diane Morningstar has successfully completed the training held in Sault Ste. Marie.*

Minutes of January 17th, 1996:

*The minutes were accepted and then they were signed.*

*Motion to accept the minutes of January 10th, 1996.*

*Motioned By: Annie Jackpine-Ralph*

*2nd By: Joyce Morningstar*

*Motion Carried.*

Discussion regarding minutes:

- \* *Awaiting a response from Graeme Lowry.*
- \* *The Survey Crew and the issue regarding Mr. Howard Bordeleau was blown way out of proportion and nothing came of it.*
- \* *Business regarding the Health Transfer Signing Ceremony was briefly discussed and it was decided not to have the ceremony open to the community.*

5. Variety Bingo Club:

*There was no one present at the meeting from the Variety Bingo Club so Melanie Daybutch spoke on their behalf. She passed out a copy of the financial report along with a summary of the background and the objectives and activities of the Variety Bingo Club. The question of "why is the Youth Group not apart of the Variety Bingo Club?", Melanie stated that Christine's program was not a part of the V.B.C. because her program just recently started, not to say that they can not be a part of the V.B.C.. Another question regarding the Alternative Co-ordinator's program and the Native Youth Co-ordinator's program arose and Council wanted to know their reasons for fundraising. Council also recommended that maybe the Youth Group could go with either the Native Youth Co-ordinators or the Alternative Co-ordinator's program. Melanie stated that she would inform the Variety Bingo Club and have them inform Chief & Council of the outcome.*

6. Archeological Study - Morris Bryzinski:

*Chief & Council decided not to sponsor Mr. Bryzinski's archeological study at this time. They may consider sponsoring him another time.*

7. Recommendation for the Health & Social Services Director:

*A brief summary of the interviews was given and the interview panel recommends Fern Assinewe for this position. It was stated that this position will train an individual from the community to take over. One of the Councillors asked if travelling from Sagamok was a problem, and if they were re-assured that no it would not be a problem. Jim Cada Jr. will sit down with Lindy to see what has to be in the contract. Chief & Council approved the salary at \$45,000 and for Jim to further look at salary adjustments for himself. They would also like to see the other staff that this position will need.*

*Motion to accept Fern Assinewe as the Health & Social Services Director with a salary beginning at \$45,000.*

*Motioned By: Bill Boyer Sr.  
2nd By: Joyce Morningstar*

*Motion carried.*

8. Other Business:

- a) Jim Cada Jr. stated that Mr. Paul Tailleffer would like to do a study on the new subdivision that can assist us with accessing more dollars to improve our housing situation. He also informed Chief & Council that a majority of the dollars available through D.I.A. are being allocated to the communities further up north because presently they have a greater need.
- b) The insurance for the Trustees was also discussed and the cost will be \$2,000.
- c) A letter of request from the Eagles Club for the Little N.H.L. was discussed and Chief & Council decided to wait for a response from two other sources who may be willing to donate which is Mike Tulloch and Cameco. Chief Boyer was going to be meeting with Cameco and stated that he would bring forward the request. After receiving some type of confirmation from these two sources they would then make a donation.
- d) Jim Cada Jr. then gave Council an update from the meeting he had with Pam Ombramonti. After the meeting they would do a test (D.I.A. & the Ministry of Environment) that would suffice for the parameters. Jim also stated they should meet their deadline. The second meeting they had that day was to discuss Joint Venture (D.I.A.). Jim stated that he was not impressed it seemed to him that it was a major money making project. A written report will be done submitted into Chief & Council.
- e) Part-time Junior Crisis Intervention Co-ordinator position recommendation. Councillor Evelyn Niganobe left at this point due to the fact that she was one of the people interviewed for this position. Evelyn Niganobe was the one the interview panel recommended for this position. However, there was some major discussion regarding hours of work due to the fact that Evelyn is already working as the C.S.S.W. II. Chief & Council directed Jim Cada Jr. to speak with Connie Caskanette, Lindy Chiblow, NogDaWinDaMin and the Manager's Team to further clarify details before offering this position to Evelyn Niganobe.

No other business was discussed. Meeting adjourned at 10:10p.m.

  
Chief Larry Boyer

  
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