

# Draft Meeting minutes March 21, 2023 Local 1904

Start 7:10 pm

Location – Little White School House, St. Albert

## Attendees :

Lynn Martin	Brad Kennedy	Emilea Saadeh
April Dalcourt-Jones	Reverdi Darda	James Cunningham
Alfred L’Hirondelle	Becky Williams	Danielle Martin (Rusten)
Garry Gairdner	Alanna Tyler	Christina Fox (via Zoom)
Lloyd Gwin	Rhonda Wood- Viscarra	
Dwayne Poitras	Alex Despins	
Archie Arcand	Jimmy Flett	
Aura Leddy	Jarod Letendre	
Krista Leddy	Vernon Hagen	
Colleen Hilsen	Dana Giddings	

Welcome and opening prayer by Elder Archie.

## **Agenda:**

First Item – motion to adopt Feb 17 minutes and motion for additions to today's March 21 agenda. 1) Motion to Add Item for general Questions – from Aura. 2) Motion to add Item Crosswalk – Rhonda and Dana for a general discussion

Motion to adopt agenda - Rhonda, Seconded by April, carried

Presidents report and business update since Feb 17 meeting – Alfred reports that Alice and Joy (on the MNA transition committee) confirmed they will visit each local to discuss, differences within locals, land claims, funding, health, and youths and elders. Also, Alfred reports that Lawyers and Accountants are reviewing region four past financials and business practices. MNA is currently reviewing the not-for-profit structure as it relates to a new constitution. MNA confirming districts will remain as outlined in constitution documents. It appears that there will be an elected *Captain* and *community member* put in place for each district. No discussion on roles for these two positions.

Item Treasurers Report - April confirms she sent out email copies of financials to members. Suggestion from the floor to have an independent audit performed of financials. Motion from member Reverdi – move to have independent review of financials, at reasonable cost, performed. Request to obtain 3 competitive quotes to perform audit before proceeding at the next meeting. Second by Krista and carried. April confirmed local was approved for \$5000 grant. April confirmed CIP grant was declined. (MLA controlled). Recouped \$304 from GST. Motion from April to have Colleen to be the day-to-day bookkeeper (volunteer) for the local 1904. Seconded by Reverdi and carried.

Agenda item – Red Willow Committee (RWC) report – The Committees March 18 strategic planning day was very successful, with a very dynamic group of local members attending with many items tabled for discussion. Four items were agreed to by the committee to move forward as part of the committees overall strategy. Items are Events, Senior services, Youth services 0 to 30 yrs and Education including culture, language and tutoring. The RWC will organize two proposals for cultural money from the MNA by May 21, 2023. The RWC will provide an update at the next local meeting.

Agenda item – Residential school report was tabled but no discussion occurred as Kerri was not in attendance.

Agenda item – Aura item added - general questions – Aura asked about the last meeting date of the local 1904 executive. Reply was summer of 2022. There was discussion from the floor. The result of the question and floor discussion was a motion put forward by Aura to have all executive of local 1904 hold a meeting to include an outside elder to act as mediator for the meeting. Funds to be allocated for the elder. The motion was seconded by Reverdi and approved. Executives at the meeting also agreed with the motion.

Item – Crosswalk (Every child matters) - committee report – Rhonda, Dana, Alfred, Bill, Ray.

- City of St. Alberta have agreed to one TBD crosswalk location.

- Crosswalk rules – any special crossing must be between parallel white lines. Design must be approved by the City. The City allows one of three different road applications for special crosswalks, they are paint - which costs between \$1000 and \$1500 per application. Paint also has to be redone a minimum of 2 times a year with the same costs. Second option is plastic coating which costs between \$1500 and \$6000 and lasts 2 to 3 years roughly. Third is inlaid plastic which costs \$5000 to \$10,000 and lasts roughly 5 to 7 years.
- Crosswalk location must be approved by the City. Possible locations suggested so far include in front of City Hall, in front of Youville residential school, in front of the Grain Elevator Park. Suggestions for other locations should be brought to the next local meeting April 18.
- Also FYI Dana is no longer the indigenous liaison for the City. The position is currently open.

Meeting ended at approx. 9:30 and Elder Gary closed with a prayer.

*Minutes by Lynn Martin*