

## ***Special Meeting***

**Date:** March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
**Time:** Beginning at 12:00 noon  
**Location:** Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife

### **Members Present:**

Behchokò : Joe Mackenzie  
Whati: Alfonz Nitsiza (chairperson)

Whati : Ted Nitsiza  
Gamèti: David Wedawin

**Staff Present:** Jim Martin (CEO)

Alfonz Nitsiza called the special meeting to order. This special meeting of the Tłıchų Community Services Agency was called on short notice as four of five members of the Agency were in YK attending a Tłıchų Government function. The business will be kept to two items: planning for Board meetings through the spring, and the approval of the proposed school year calendar for 2006-2007 because it is due to the Department of Education, Culture & Employment by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

Members approved the agenda as written.

### **2. Action Items**

**2.1 Decisions regarding future Tłıchų Community Services Agency meeting dates and locations:** Members were asked to discuss meeting locations and dates from April through June. Business that is required to be dealt with by legislation in the next 1-2 months includes 06-07 budget approvals, business plans, policy approvals and the CEO evaluation.

*Motion 06/03:01 to hold the next Board meeting to approve 2006-2007 budgets for the afternoon of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 20 and 21 in Yellowknife at the Explorer Hotel and to extend an invitation to the chairpersons /vice-chairpersons of the local authorities to attend; Moved by Ted Nitsiza; Seconded by David Wedawin; Carried.*

David Wedawin requested that a letter be sent to his manager (Cam/Todd fax 880-4012) at BHP requesting that he be allowed to travel to YK to attend the proposed meeting instead of being sent back to Gamèti which is the usual practice.

**2.2 Approval of 2006-2007 School Year Calendar:** Members reviewed the proposed school calendar for the 2006-2007 school year. Members were told that 4 of 5 school principals were in favour of the calendar. One had expressed reservations regarding the lateness of the closing of the school year next June because of poor attendance of many students at that time of year. Members agreed that in 2007 it would

be useful for the Board members to discuss these issues in early January/February. There is a need for a decision that fits both the high school requirement to have grade 12 students write Departmentals at the end of the month of June, but also addresses the realities of poor June attendance by many students in the Tłı̨chǫ region.

*Motion 06/03:02 to approve 2006-2007 school calendar as submitted; Moved by Joe Mackenzie; Seconded by David Wedawin; Carried.*

### **3. Information Items**

#### **3.1 TCSA Staff Housing Issues in Wekweetì & summer rents**

This issue was noted by the Agency Board Members. Recent discussions with Doug Rankin of the Tłı̨chǫ Investment Corporation suggested that no firm decision had been made yet about using the teacher housing in Wekweetì for other purposes. He stated that it is a business issue where summer rents are not paid when the house changes hands from teacher to teacher and so it would clearly be better to have a guaranteed rent in place with the organization as opposed to the individual. Jim Martin and Alfonz Nitsiza will monitor the situation in Wekweetì and other Tłı̨chǫ communities.

#### **3.2 Maintenance Issues & the Jimmy Erasmus Seniors Home**

Maintenance issues remain problematic for the Jimmy Erasmus Senior's Home in Behchokò with no satisfactory results offered by local and regional management of the NWT Housing Corporation. Alfonz Nitsiza said that he would follow up with the MLA Jackson Lafferty and set up a political meeting with officials from the NWT Housing Corporation.

#### **3.3 Status of Tłı̨chǫ Web Site with TCSA and Tłı̨chǫ Government**

The Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency website is currently under construction by Outcrop and available on their server. The site will be available publicly in May/June. This item was noted by Agency Board Members.

#### **3.4 Status of Tłı̨chǫ Cosmology Meeting at Trappers 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in YK**

This item was noted by Agency Board members. Alfonz and Joe Mackenzie will try to attend some or all of the meeting depending on their schedules.

#### **3.5 Status of “ Strong Like Two People” : Orientation DVD**

The Orientation DVD will be available for public circulation in mid to late April. This item was noted by Agency Board Members.

#### **3.6 Status of Nomination for National IPAC Award**

The Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency has been nominated for a national IPAC award. The nomination documentation was sent in on March 30<sup>th</sup> by the GNWT Departments of H&SS and ECE. This item was noted by Agency Board Members.

#### **3.7 Status of Toronto trip for Healthcare Governance Workshop Apr 27-28**

This item was noted by Agency Board Members. Members requiring any special travel arrangements should speak to Tracy individually.

**4. Adjournment.**

*Motion 06/03:03 to adjourn the meeting; Moved by Ted Nitsiza; Seconded by David Wedawin; Carried.*

The minutes are approved as written by motion of the Board.

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Chairperson

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Date

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Chief Executive Officer

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Date

**To Do Items arising from this meeting/ March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

- Item 1           ( 2.1) Organize Budget meeting for April 19-21 (CEO, Director of Finance, Board Coordinator)
- Item 2           (2.1) Extend invitation to Board Chairs/Vice Chairs to attend Budget Meeting in YK (CEO)
- Item 3           (2.1) Request Travel permission from BHP for DW to attend YK meeting (CEO)
- Item 4           ( 2.2) Forward school calendar to GNWT/ECE and staff (Asst Director/Education Programs )