

MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: August 12, 2025

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Meeting called to order by: Captain Martin at 7:10pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Patrick Veenstra, Thomas Francis, Gordon Van Es, Kylin Culhane, Jody Swanson, Phyllis Kelly, Brad Martin absent: Kristi Gignac

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

First meeting of the new Council so no meeting minutes to approve.

Swearing in Ceremony of Councillors in attendance.
Each Councillor gave a brief introduction.

REPORTS

Captain's Update;

- Introduced Code of Conduct for meetings, adapted from the Citizen's Council
- Otipemisiwak Government is working with us to push things forward, especially financial and any legal support.
- As a change of direction, in response to a question, we no longer have Directors as part of the Council.
- Brief discussion of District Council Governance Training Day as put on by Otipemisiwak Government for all Council members.
- Response to a question from the floor about holding meetings in the different areas within the District. Zoom will be available but we are looking at meeting places in each area. We are also looking to get a master list of email/contact information from OMG.
- Response to a question from the floor about boundaries: There will be a committee formed to discuss the issue, but all Captains need to be elected first. There is no set date for final elections, but they are working through the District elections in quarters due to manpower restrictions.

Women's Group Update (by Sharlene Poitras)

- As many people were unavailable, a small group of four went to Natalie Pepin's home to work on the donated hide in the planned tanning camp. Next month will

be scraping for a weekend and one more weekend in October. The four women were able to spend some time with the spirit horses and had an impromptu pipe ceremony. The finished hide will be shared between the participants.

- A Citizen, Dawn Granley, is working on a grant application for continued funding for the Women's Group and for funding for a food preservation opportunity (harvesting, canning, etc.) No word yet on grant approval.

Windbreaker's Running Club Update

- No update. Neither Jarod Letendre or Vernon Hagen were in attendance.

Red Willow Metis Dancers Update (by Phyllis Kelly)

- New logo was presented as designed by pipikwan pehtakwan. Final decision will include input from the current dancers and families.
- Discussed logos for the District's various groups (Windbreakers, Youville, Sturgeon River Utilities) and that each entity needs its own branding. The overall District log may be designed in a district-wide art contest with Citizens.

BUDGET

- Jody Swanson presented former treasurer Colleen Hilsen with a gift and honorarium for her work. This was based on a motion made during a June St Albert Sturgeon County Local 1904 meeting.
- At this time, no outgoing cheques can be written, without a Treasurer being sworn in.
- All financial documents will be brought to the new Treasurer by the former Treasurer once a new Treasurer is sworn in. Currently all documents are held at the former Treasurer's home.

Questions from Citizens in attendance:

- Question about the Library Tea and Bannock events. All dates will be posted, but the 17th of each month will be the common date with the time adjusting to library hours.

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be September 9, 2025
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm