

Aboriginal Peoples Family Accord
Interior Region Political Committee
October 20, 2004 ~ 10:00am
Okanagan Nation Alliance, Westbank, BC

In Attendance:	Chief Cassidy Sill, Chief Robert Shintah, Chief Dewey Shackelly, Chief Barbara Allison, Debbie Abbott, Chief Robert Pasco.
Staff:	Eliza Terbasket, Dan Odenbach, Jim MacArthur
Recording Secretary:	Kim DuBrett

1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:45

2. Welcome and Opening Prayer

- Update: Debbie and Bob are running late and they asked us to start the meeting without them.
- Chief Dewey Shackelly volunteered to chair the meeting.
- Chief Robert Shintah provided the opening prayer
- Roundtable Introductions

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Additions to the agenda:

- Strategic Planning – Political Committee Work Plan
- Map – APFA Update
- Métis – APFA Update

Motion 1: To adopt the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Robert Shintah; Seconded by: Cassidy Sill; Question Called; Any Opposed; Motion Carried.

4. Adoption of the June 4, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Corrections to the Meetings Minutes:

- Correction to Kowaintco's last name in the attendance list to read "Kowaintco Michel".
- Correction on page 4 - fourth bullet - spelling correction.
- Correction on page 8 - fully write the out the acronym of ADM.

***Motion 2:** To adopt the June 4, 2004 Political Committee Meeting Minutes as presented with corrections noted.*

Moved by:** Barb Allison; **Seconded by:** Robert Shintah; **Question Called;** Any Opposed; **Motion Carried.

5. Political Committee Work Plan

a) Political Committee Protocol (August 2003)

Eliza Terbasket presented the draft Political Committee Protocol for ratification. We need terms of reference to help define how we work together, what is our goal and how we do communicate? We have had difficulty getting the Political Committee to together and it is a long process and I'm sure Kim could speak to this? We look to this table for guidance and this table is our government-to-government relationship with the ministry. What do we do when an emergency comes up?

Recommendation: through discussion the Political Committee *AGREED* to have set meeting dates and would meet quarterly.

b) Métis Issue

Note: Debbie Abbott and Bob Pasco arrived at 11:05am

Handouts:

Letter from Moreno Goring, Interior Métis Child & Family Services (email copy) dated October 14, 2004.

Letter Kelly Kubik, Okanagan Métis Children and Family Service dated October 13, 2004

Chief Bob Pasco provided an update that there are some people who are associated with the board and they feel they haven't been included or have not participated and this needs to be cleared up. Bob confirmed he and Dave talked on the phone last night. Dave is unable to attend today's meeting because he had a prior commitment but stated he would be able to join in by phone? Has Dave phoned into the office today? Eliza confirmed the office has left messages with Dave and he has not returned our calls. (*Note: Dave Hodgson did not join by phone*)

Discussion:

- Update: Harley Desjarlais is no longer the Métis Provincial Council President and MPCBC now has an Interim Acting President.
- Eliza Terbasket – We have tried to set up a meeting with the Métis for the last six months or even a year now and it hasn't happened. The APFA has wanted to meet with the Interior Region Métis Presidents to provide them with an update of what the APFA is doing and learn how their political structure operates. The Métis are striving for their own Child and Family Model like the Métis have in Manitoba.
- Cassidy Sill - They are mixing political with technical and maybe a letter should be written Dave to let him know.
- Bob Pasco -If Métis are in the area then should be developing protocols with that nation because we have to do with other nations when we are working together.
- Eliza Terbasket – The Ktunaxa Nation and the Métis from the Kootenay Region have developed a protocol between themselves, the Okanagan process from three years ago the Métis left the table because the nation wanted to develop a protocol.

Recommendation: Chief Bob Pasco will contact Dave Hodgson to discuss setting up a meeting with the Métis Provincial Council President and the Political Committee. The purpose of the meeting will be to open up communication, learn about how their structure works and see if they are on the same page as the APFA.

Action: Chief Bob Pasco will contact Dave Hodgson to arrange a meeting with the Métis Provincial Council and the Political Committee.

Lunch Break

6. Political Committee Protocol

The political committee reviewed the Draft protocol (which was last revised in August 2003) and the following revisions are as follows:

Amendments:

- Title Change to Political Committee Protocol instead of APFA Political Committee support protocol.
- A purpose statement was added to the beginning of the protocol to describe the intent of the document.
- Correction to the spelling of Tsawwassen on page 2.
- Representation - Section 1.1 – The sentence that describes the Métis and Urban selection process was taken out.
- Principles – Section 3.1 – The first principle was changed to state, “The best interest of children must always come first and decisions will be made with future generations in mind.
- Section 6.1 will be revised to omit the definitions and will add a paragraph that describes the APFA and our constituents.
- Section 7.1 – has been revised to state “protocol may be amended by consensus in writing by the signatories to this agreement.”
- Section 8.2 will be revised to read, “any party may withdraw from this protocol based on reasonable grounds.”

Action: Staff will draft up section 6.1 to be included into the Political Committee Protocol and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

7. Fraser Basin Council

Debbie Abbott attended the Fraser Basin Council and shared the APFA video with the group and the presentation was really well received. The Chair of the Fraser Basin Council asked how could they help? Debbie confirmed once a plan is in place we would return to do another presentation and then see how the Fraser Basin Council could help. Their next conference call will have over 300 people and have every municipality there.

8. Regional Update – Eliza Terbasket

We do not have an official budget for this year but we did receive a heads up we will be receiving 2.5 Million Dollars next year Provincially. We will probably receive an update at the next Coordinator meetings.

The APFA board has a conference call tomorrow (Oct 21st) to ratify the Interior Region Service Delivery Plan and the Audit.

The audit conducted by the Ministry of Finance was good. We received basic recommendations to improve financial policies and practices but overall it was good news.

The Finance Committee has made a recommendation to write Stan Hegan a letter to tell him that this audit was a waste of time and resources. And where is our money?

9. Next Meeting Date

Date: November 9, 2004
City: Kamloops
Location: TBA
Start time: 10am
Agenda: Complete committee protocol and set quarterly meeting dates.

Meeting Adjourned 4:00pm (motion by Robert Shintah)