

Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday January 30th, 2024
3PM

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS		STAFF
Chief Dean Sayers, Chair	Paulette Steeves	Dianne Roach Director of Operations
Thomas Kakapshe Vice-Chair	Karen Bell	LeeAnn Gamble EA to the Director of Operations
Jay Jones Treasurer	Carol Hermiston – Absent	
Cathy Syrette Secretary	Candace Sim	
Peter Gooch – Independent Consultant		

1. Quorum
2. Opening Prayer –
3. Call to order – Dean Sayers
4. Approval of agenda

Moved by: Candace Sim

Seconded

5. IFC Membership at SKG board table

- Should include a member from IFC?
- Keep going the way it's been as status quo? **Would** have to be a board member
- Have to bring back to IFC – to know their position. Cathy already dually appointed prior to new and fun governance

- Distinction between membership and board. Cathy can do both. IFC can choose a member – no regular board meeting attendance
- Basically, the same at IFC AGM – have to be appointed by local board to serve on any boards

6. Archivist Job Description

- Earl Commanda sent a letter in December 2023, regarding RHT Litigation – included SKG holding all documents for the RHT Litigation
- Archivist position is identified in budget
- Dianne recommends this position

Motion to approve the job description for the Archivist position and proceed with recruitment.

Moved by: Tom Kakapshe

Seconded by: Chief Karen Bell

7. Organizational review submission to the Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council

- To get accreditation must go to IAESC, this is the body set up by Province
- Submission was sent to Board of Directors – decision to reflect specific commitments
- If you agree today, will forward to IAESC – then would launch set up of review team
- Review go over submission
- Recommendation to council – If approved Anishnaabmowin and Anishinaabe Studies
- Submission for actual programs (next month)
- Launch progress for program review
- Accreditation process – yearly visit, update, HR policy? Under the impression it was accredited but wasn't kept up?
- SKG is accredited but not what we need to be accredited for – we pay an annual fee
- Creating a video for their next AGM

Motion to approve the Organizational review for submission to the IAESC.

Moved by: Cathy Syrette

Seconded by: Candace Sim

8. Strategic Plan submission to the Indigenous Advance Education and Skills Council

- Aligns with our required strategic plan
- Peter, Dianne and Morgan worked hard on this

Motion to approve the Strategic Plan for submission to the IAESC.

Moved by: Chief Karen Bell

Seconded by: Tom Kakapshe

9. Presentation by Joel Syrette, Director - Makwa Waakaa'igan. (15 min)

- ***As we waited for both Mary and Joel to join the meeting – these items were discussed:***
- *Invite sent out to CSAA, Makwa Waakaa'igan, SET, SKG – to have a conversation over a luncheon and share vision, mandates, and missions. Have ceremony.*
- *Tom suggested to come together in a good way, to pass tobacco for what SKG is looking for – Dianne will do this herself.*
- *Candace is unavailable February 15-23, 2024 – out of country*
- *Dianne will follow up. February 13, 2024 at 12pm.*
- ***Makwa Waakaa'igan – Black Bear House/Building named by James Roach***
- Federal Funders – successful of proposal
- Speaks to resiliency and reclaiming and hope for a better tomorrow
- A National Centre of Excellence in Truth and Reconciliation and Healing
- First survivors gathering was in 1981
- We have our own part in this story – Grandmother reclaimed language, naming ceremonies, over 400 people for ceremony
- Makwa – carrying of herbal plant medicine, like police force – protectors
- Zig zag design – strength of the Tikanagan
- Makwa not in competition with SKG – CSAA Children of Shingwauk Archives – community gathering and learning space, ceremonial spaces, outdoor event centre
- MOU with NOSM for Mental Health and Addictions Research and Training Institute on the 3rd floor
- Shared Wampum with SKG – sister institution – if AU is doing well, SKG is doing well.
- Cross Cultural Teaching – shared learning, truth telling by survivors and their communities
- East wing at AU has to come down
- Project milestone – start late summer
- Dean – for clarity – what is everyone else doing on the property? We don't want to overlap, full mandate and further engagements
- Paulette – how many will be classrooms?
- Included is bookable spaces for teaching and learning
- 2 floors at AU to use
- Conference space available
- SKG to have control over Anishinaabe education
- Paulettte – will they be leaving the big tree?
- Least intrusive as possible
- Very certain of the grounds we're working on
- Lumber from trees will be used for furniture

- Tom – really good form for us to be engaging in this fashion today, being upfront of what it all entails, approval of further engagements. When were we ever asked? Our own people want to hear from you – commend and support to engage our community.
- Respect SKG authority and autonomy – we’re trying to reset relationships
- Cathy – very honored to hear Mary’s story, comes from a long line of survivors – represents resiliency. Miigwetch and so happy it will be moving forward.
- Cathy would like to help out with the Mental Health and Addictions – doesn’t see any overlapping – walk hand in hand – support for ceremonial spaces
- Dr. Darryl Tonama – Cathy to bring him back to speak about Indigenous trauma – suggested Makwa to bring him in too
- Dean – doesn’t see overlap, revision with AU, February 13th luncheon – hour or so – share mandates, visions, goals
- Candace – suggestion – media releases to be coordinated with SKG, questions of who’s doing what, clear marketing strategy moving forward
- Joel will connect with Director of Communications and SKG
- Mary – Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Training Institute – Dianne and Lauren were connected at first. Collaboration – rooted in Anishinaabe ways of knowing. Reaching out to Anishinaabe people at NOSM can’t be called to the table as an afterthought. Malani and Mary will send an email – keep a watch for this email.

10. Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Tom Kakapshe

Seconded by: Jay Jones

Adjourned at 4:36pm