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Main Table Meeting – Action Notes
April 2, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.
Delta Halifax – Baronets 5 & 6

1) In Attendance: (Introductions)

Dougal MacDonald, INAC-ARO	Stelios Loizides, INAC-HQ
Debra Keays-White, HC	Chief Prote Poker, MIFN
John Nui, MIFN	Peter Penashue, Innu Nation
Mark Nui, Innu Nation	Etienne Rich, SIFN
Chief Qupee, SIFN	Donna Paddon, Main Table Coordinator
Gerry Kerr, Innu Nation Advisor	Simon Michel, Innu Nation
Lyla Andrew, Labrador-Grenfell Health	Marian Fushell, Government, NL
Mark Davis, INAC-ARO	Jennifer Taylor, INAC-GB
Mary Jane Edmonds, JTA-MIFN	Gerry MacKenzie
Charlie MacKenzie, CESO-MIFN	Darryl McDonald, JTA-Transition Facilitator
Jennifer Jeans, Government, NL	Maeve Baird, Government, NL
David Hughes, Government, NL	Gail Baikie, INAC-HC
Wayne Walsh, INAC-HQ (2 hours)	Patrick Small Legs-Nagge, HC (by tele-conf)
Orville Pelley, MIFN (by tele-conf at 1:00 p.m.)	

The Main Table held a moment of silence to honour the memory of Innu Leader and CYFS Committee Co-Chair Mary May Osmond who recently passed away.

2) Review Action Notes from October 2, 2007 Main Table Meeting

Lyla Andrews noted that she is with the Labrador Grenfell Health and asked for the Action Notes to reflect this.

Peter Penashue requested an update on the CFN process and Dougal MacDonald advised that the new fiscal year process is underway. He noted that the Innu have been given the opportunity to provide names to the Minister for consideration. Peter Penashue advised that the Innu are still considering one person and will submit a name once they have finalized discussions with them.

Draft Action Notes accepted with the change noted above.

3) Review Agenda

Orville Pelley will be joining the Main Table Meeting at 1:00 via tele-conference. Dougal noted that if agenda items 4 (f), 5, g & 7 would be delayed to that time to accommodate.

4) Subcommittee Reports/Updates**a) CYFS**

Jennifer Taylor gave a brief history on the CYFS sub-committee noting that when this committee was originally formed it was mandated specifically towards devolution of CYFS to the Innu. Over the years it was been driven by issues arising at Main Table based on realities in the communities, then fell off track when the proposal developed in June 2006 was not approved by Main Table. Both Province and the Innu have noted a need for a dedicated Human Resource to work on the CYFS file. It was agreed that a meeting of senior level representation from the Main Table and other key people would convene on April 15th to confirm the direction and provide clarity of support required, impediments and direction to the working committee. The committee would meet thereafter.

b) Health and Healing

Patrick Small Legs-Nagge gave an update on the Health and Healing sub-committee noting that the committee received approval from the Main Table Steering Committee on February 11th for the work plan with the condition that they work past the two year timeframe. The committee met on Feb. 20th in Goose Bay and were given an update of this information. Patrick noted that there is still some clarification required on membership from MIFN. He also noted that the next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2008 in Natuashish and they are hoping to have an invited guest giving 'best practice' advice.

Gerry Kerr inquired of Debra Keays-White if Health Canada has provisions in place so that Innu who are not registered but are eligible to be registered can access health services. Mark Davis offered to pose the question to Department of Justice. Mark and Debra will pursue an answer to this and bring it back to the table. DKW requested the Bands provide numbers of people who declined to be registered. Discussion ensued as to the impact non-registration would have on the provision of health-care to those individuals. It was clarified that the request would be for information purposes and used to determine scope of the issue.

c) Capacity Development

Gail Baikie spoke to capacity development noting that there is not a committee but a recognition for a need to focus on capacity development. The working groups have been tasked with considering capacity building in their mandates. The Aboriginal Health and Human Resources (AHHR) initiatives held a call for proposals and to which one has been submitted. She is also looking for other sources of funding in the case that the proposal is denied by AHHR.

d) Tribal Council Task Force

Mark Davis reported that the Tribal Council Task Force is waiting on direction from the Innu on how they want to proceed, with what services. MIFN noted that until equivalency funding is negotiated, it does not make financial sense for them to be involved. It was suggested that a study be undertaken to find out if there is wisdom in going forward with this.

e) Joint Transition Authority

i. Critical Path – Transition Facilitator

Darryl MacDonald presented the Critical Path plan which has been revised to reflect changes required from the previous Main Table Steering Committee meeting in February. After discussion, it was decided that community consultation needs more prominence in the critical and should be made a separate activity as opposed to being an appendix of the plan. The JTA is to work out the details surrounding the critical path including the budget and date details. Main Table provided approval in principle for the Critical Path and the work of the JTA and requested an update at the next Main Table Steering Committee.

ii. Short term Contract for program elements

Jennifer Taylor updated the Main Table on the short term contract for program elements for the JTA. There is support for the teacher education concept, however, there is no identification of funding to move into the implementation state

f) Equivalency Task Force

The Terms of Reference for this Task Force were presented at the October 2, 2007 Main Table with direction to come back to the next Main Table meeting to answer questions and provide clarification. Since that time, the task force has been on a hiatus due to absence of key individuals but is now starting to get back on track. Dougal MacDonald proposed that the Equivalency task force continue with their work and at the next Steering Committee, the TOR would be formally adopted which will give the committee time to understand the scope. He noted that a time-line needs to be established for this file to be completed and suggested a September deadline. He also noted that both Neil Anderson and Kelly McIntyre have been assigned this file for INAC.

5) Permanent Water Supply for Natuashish

Orville Pelley noted that the Natuashish community has been utilizing temporary means to try to keep a quantity of water in the Community however, the quality of water does not meet the Canadian Water Quality standards. This has led to health studies being done with

concerns that the water may be contributing to rashes in the children and adults. There has been geo-technical studies completed this winter and MIFN is prepared to finalize the documents to pre-qualification of the tender. MIFN requires some manner of intent on behalf of Canada to ensure there is quality of water in the community.

Mark Davis noted that this project will be placed as a high priority on the regional capital management plan once the final geo-technical report is received. He requested that MIFN forward it to his attention.

6) Decommissioning of Davis Inlet

MIFN has major concerns for safety at the old Davis Inlet site and in due diligence they have utilized some funds to do some of the cleanup in preparation for the decommissioning of the houses. Orville noted that NL Hydro also has concerns with the safety of their facilities and are preparing for decommissioning. A report was completed over a year ago and sent to INAC with a budget of over \$9M. Trina Bender was to start the process of seeking funds and determined that INAC does have the authority and would be seeking funds through a Treasury Board Submission. MIFN inquired to the status of the Submission.

Mark Davis reported that a briefing request has been completed in region to be forwarded up to Headquarters. The Director General will be seeking an audience with Senior management of HQ to determine next steps. MIFN requested updates at every Main Table and Main Table Steering Committee until the matter is resolved.

Mark Davis noted that these concerns should be put in writing and Treasury Board needs to be reminded of the internally contractual obligations of this file. Dougal MacDonald committed to provide an update as requested at future meetings.

7) MIRA Information Update

Dougal noted that the purpose of these updates is so we do not lose sight of them until they are resolved to Chief Poker's satisfaction. Mark provided the updates as follows:

Aggregate – the proposal was rejected as an Economic Development project, however INAC is looking for other sources of funds. Mark noted that this is also health and safety related.

Airport Trust Fund – Payments to this fund out of the LICHS funds stopped when MIFN became the Provincial sub-contractor for the airport. They no longer have the Airport O&M Contract.

Capacity – Mark noted that he is not sure what the issue with this one is and requested MIFN to provide him with details.

Decommissioning and Equivalency – have been spoke about earlier

Fuel Storage Tank – Mark Davis requested that a project proposal be submitted on this issue and it will be identified as a health and safety issue as part of the regional capital budget process, however he noted it may also have to go as part of the decommissioning Treasury Board Submission.

Housing – MIFN noted that there was a request submitted for \$300K for the community of Natuashish against the \$450M INAC had for Aboriginal housing across Canada. There has been no response to this proposal. Mark Davis will check into this.

MIRA Equivalency – Orville Pelley has given a report on pre 9.5 equivalency which has been included in the decommissioning briefing for Senior Management.

Reimbursement for Loader – this purchase should come out of MIFN’s annual capital funding.

Safe House – Mark Davis and Stelios Loizedes to check with programs and Headquarters to see if there are other sources of funding that can be accessed for the Safe House in Natuashish.

Water Intake – Already discussed

Airport Devolution – MIFN noted that the province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Canada need to cooperate to have this devolved. Mark is expecting to have a meeting with Doug Shea and will report back on this item.

Hydro Operations – Gerry Mackenzie noted that electrification is coming from Healing Strategy funds and that INAC and NL Hydro are currently negotiating a long term agreement. If these negotiations are concluded successfully, this may have a positive impact on the Healing Budget.

Dougal MacDonald proposed that INAC will provide through written correspondence to MIFN our responses as we understand to date, some of which may indicate that we are not in a position to fund and others where we are moving forward or attempting to find funds. He noted that INAC will attempt to deal with these outside the table in an effort to prevent them from being brought here.

8) Justice Update

Peter Penashue advised that discussions with the Province have not progressed substantially. Given that several issues require Federal involvement an invitation will be extended to Government of Canada to participate as appropriate in future meetings.

9) INAC-AINC Budget 2008/2009

Dougal MacDonald reviewed budget figures indicating that this is a working document that will be updated throughout the year. He requested that members mark this document with today's date and as the document is updated throughout the year the date will be amended as well. He noted that the purpose for tabling the budget today is a commitment to providing more transparency over the A-Base and LICHS budget and to bring a clearer understanding on the pressures that are against the budget, noting that some of the elements are pre-determined and others have a certain amount of flexibility. He noted that there is still a qualification whether we are dealing with the complete numbers but that will be dealt with in Equivalency.

Dougal agreed to follow up as to why the 07/08 actuals is more than the forecast 08/09 in the sub-total A-Base. Also, after some discussions it was agreed that a 50% allocation will be given to the committees once INAC is made aware of who the amendments need to be with. The JTA is to have their Critical Path costed by the next Main Table Steering Committee meeting. The budget will be revisited at that meeting.

10) HC Budget 2008/2009

Debra Keays-White reviewed budget figures. After some discussion, the Innu noted that these were not the figures that they were looking for and Debra agreed to provide to the members, in advance of the Main Table Steering Committee meeting, a copy of the budget presented in St. John's and to provide detailed cost of the operations of the Health Secretariat in Goose Bay. A discussion will be held at that meeting.

11) SIFN Housing Proposal

Chief Qupee requested a deferral of the SIFN Housing Proposal to the next Main Table Steering Committee meeting.

12) Set next meeting dates

CYFS senior officials meeting – April 15, 2008 – in St. John's, NL 9:00 – 12:00

Main Table Steering Committee – Conference Call – April 15, 2008 1:30-4:00

Main Table – Target June 24, 2008 in Natuashish – (Debra Keays-White agreed that HC would look after booking the charter and would bill the departments as appropriate).