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Innu Roundtable Meeting
April 3, 2014
Sackville Room, Delta Barrington Hotel, Halifax NS
Record of Decisions

Parties in Attendance:

Innu: Grand Chief Prote Poker, Innu Nation
Deputy Grand Chief Jeremy Andrew, Innu Nation
Chief Andrew Penashue, SIFN
Chief Gregory Rich, MIFN

Canada: Dougal MacDonald, AANDC
Debra Keays-White, HC

Province: Brian Harvey, NL
Elaine Chatigny, NL/HCS

Note: a complete list of participants is attached

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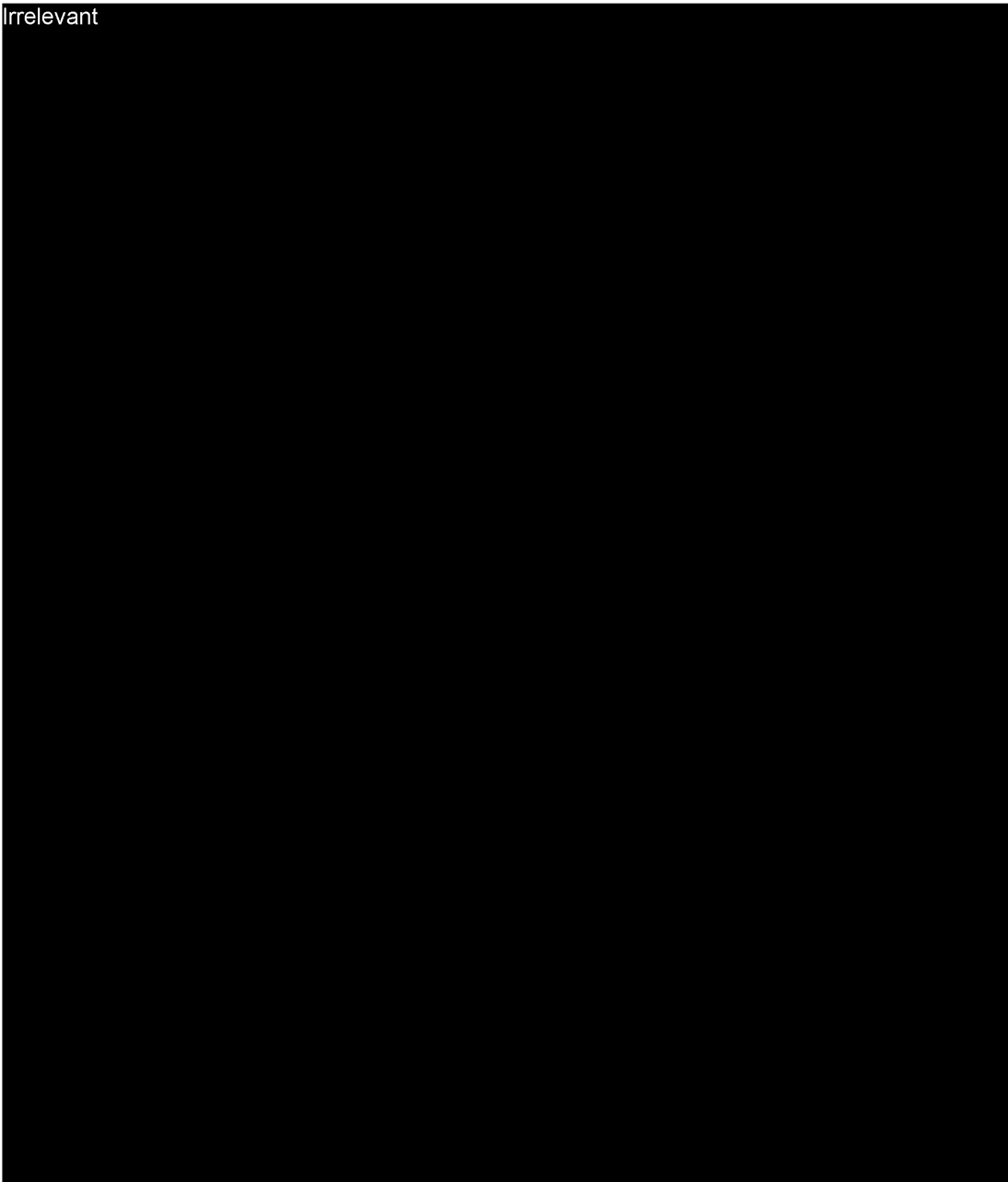
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3.4 Child Youth and Family Services

Previous Action items:

- 1. CYFS Committee to provide updates on Enhanced Prevention as soon as possible.*
- 2. IRT/CYFS Coordinator (Wendy White) will put care and custody data on the Planning Circle agendas and report back on a regular basis.*
- 3. NL to confirm their view of one or two Planning Circles*
- 4. Terms of reference drafting process to consider what, if any, role AANDC may play in support of the Circles.*

Planning Circles. Wendy White provided an update on the two Planning Circles. It was noted that all parties wanted better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of front line staff, and agreed that reconciliation between the CYFS Agency and families was needed. It was felt the Innu Zone manager was needed in the Circles for these tasks.

Wendy noted a proposal for emergency placement unit for new-borns/infants had been submitted to the province. The concept includes services for mother and child for 3 months in a supportive environment.

NL/CYFS is dealing with the emergency funding proposal and an answer/response will be provided. Donna O'Brien announced that an Aboriginal consultant –Frank Russell – was in place in Goose Bay.

Enhanced Prevention. John Higham gave a background brief on Innu efforts to obtain prevention services since 2009, ending with recent efforts that appear stymied by the lack of funds in the federal budget.

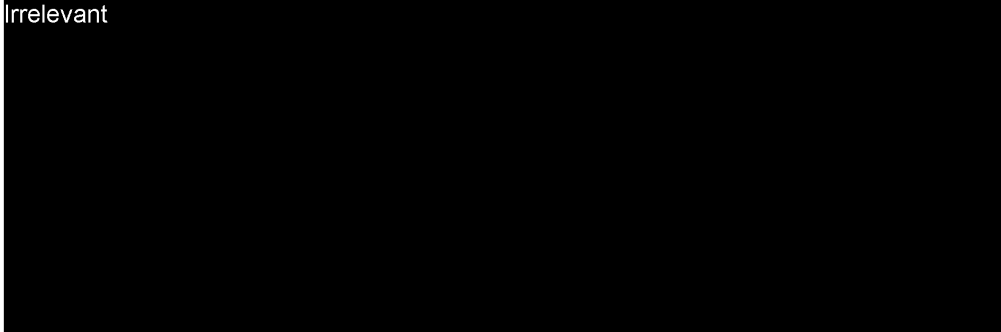
Prote Poker noted that prevention remained very important to the Innu and asked if there was any other way to proceed.

Dougal McDonald explained that AANDC had the authority for prevention services funding but did not yet have a source of funds for NL. He mentioned that if the gap of prevention funding for the Innu was clearer, the department could explore interim measures or alternative approaches until a secure source of funds emerged. Dougal indicated that might include moving funds around within the existing funding arrangement. Donna asked for clarity as she noted the province already spent more than what it receives from AANDC, in the two communities on maintenance and operations alone. Dougal indicated that there may be flexibility in the funding systems to allow some existing funds to go to prevention measures. However, the point was that this could not proceed without a plan for the services, and defined costs and benefits involved.

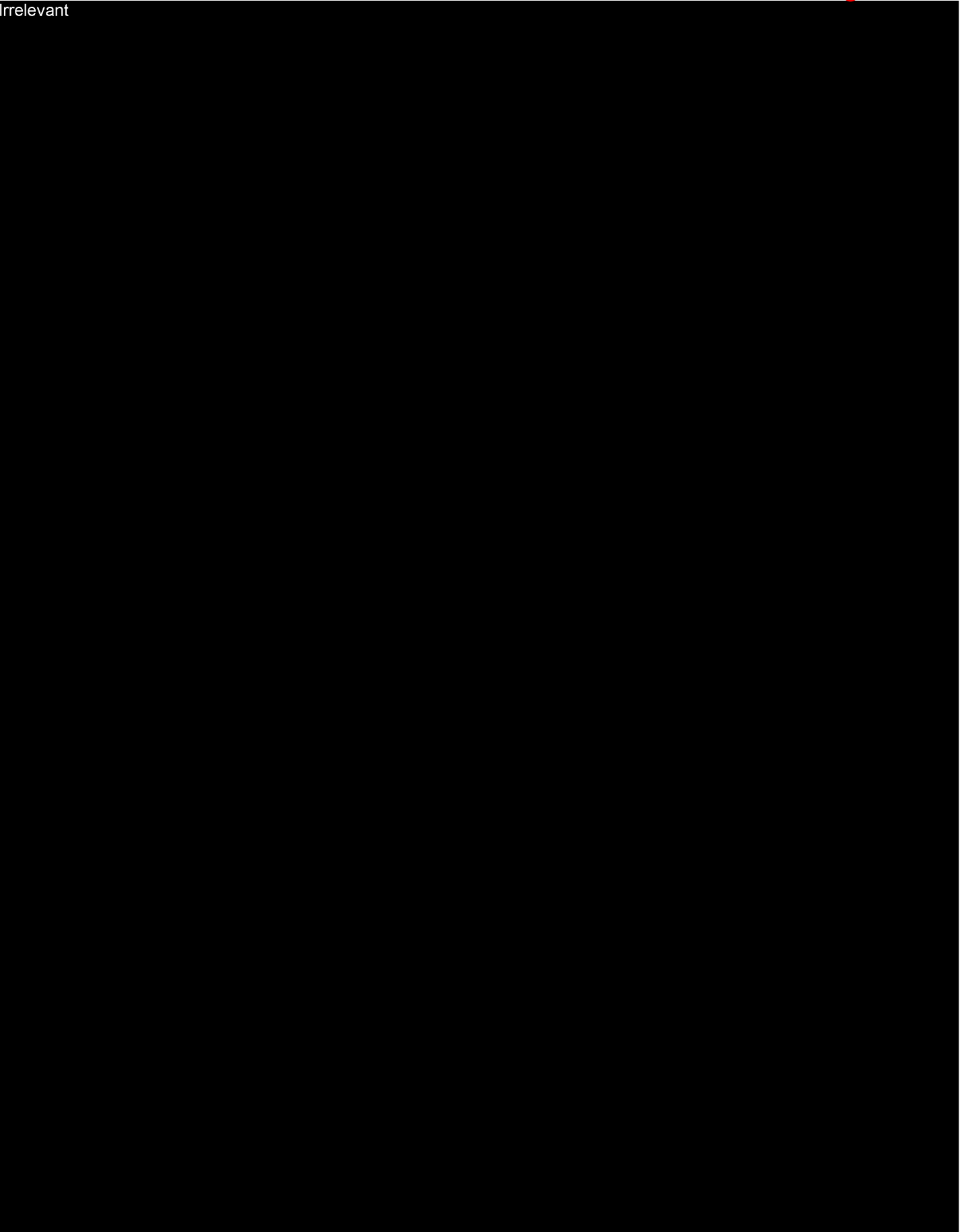
P Poker asked for quick action on this item as the communities could not wait until next spring to address child welfare prevention services.

CYFS ACTION 3.4.1: The sub-committee is to act on interim prevention services as soon as possible. A conference call to begin action on the costing and business plan for prevention services is to take place the following week.

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