

# NORTHERN COLLEGE INDIGENOUS COUNCIL ON EDUCATION Minutes of Meeting

Date: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 1:00 p.m.

#### PRESENT:

Council: A. Penner, K. Innes, J. Linklater, L. Flood, S. Swanson, J. Plaunt, and B. Moore

Resource: A. Klooster, C. McEachern, T. Wilson, S. Hunter, C. Heavens, W. Small, and M. Lafond

REGRETS: L. Trapper (Chair), U. Rodrique, J. Nakogee, A. Danchuk, and M. Dumas

Minutes: A. Sutherland

# 1. OPENING PROCEDURES

# (a) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

T. Wilson acknowledged territories for all campuses.

# (b) WELCOME

A. Penner welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting on behalf of L. Trapper

#### 2. AGENDA

# (a) MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Under section 5, New Business, add Campus Elders.

#### (b) ADOPTION

Moved by: S. Swanson Second by: L. Flood

Motion: THAT the agenda for the Meeting of the Northern College Indigenous Council dated April 11, 2022, be adopted with the addition of 5(e) Campus Elders. Carried

#### 3. **STANDING ITEMS**

## (a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Meeting Held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

Moved by: S. Swanson Seconded by: L. Flood

Motion: THAT the minutes of the meeting held April 8, 2021, be adopted with revisions.

Carried

## (b) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

#### 4. RESOURCE REPORTS

- 1. The Northern College Annual Traditional Powwow will be held Sept 24-25, 2022. The Powwow committee is working hard to organize and plan for the 2-day event which will be held outdoors (weather permitting).
- 2. The Northern College Indigenous Council on Education (NCICE) Terms of Reference needs to be updated. Revisions will be completed by T. Wilson and A. Sutherland and a draft will be brought back to the next NCICE meeting for review and consultation.
- 3. The mural in the Indigenous Services and Initiatives department hallway has been completed. An unveiling is being planned and artist Justice Sutherland will be present at the event.

## 5. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

#### (a) Land Acknowledgement

NCICE members will be emailed a revised Territory Land Acknowledgement for their feedback and suggested edits. A final draft will then be brought to the May 10<sup>th</sup>, Board of Governors meeting. Once board approval is received, the final document will be rolled out via staff email and our intranet sites. It was noted that whenever possible, a non-Indigenous person should be doing the acknowledgements.

#### (b) Three-year Term for Chair - deferred

It was noted that September 2022 will be the end of L. Trapper's three-year term as Chair of NCICE. Nominations will be required to take place to fill the position of Chair.

# (c) Graduation 2022

The graduation pledge is optional that non-indigenous student can make, this personal pledge is a commitment to reconciliation towards Indigenous peoples and to learn/educate themselves about Indigenous culture and traditions and to share this

knowledge with others when entering their career.

Grad pledge can be done as students walk off the podium. Students who do pledge will receive a Medicine Wheel pin to honour their pledge.

# (d) Moosehide Campaign

This year, Northern College has partnered with Algoma University, The Timmins Native Friendship Centre, and the Ojibway Cree Cultural Centre to put on an awareness event for the Moosehide Campaign. The event will take place on May 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Timmins Native Friendship Centre.

# (e) Elders on Campus

Elders are in high demand and may be difficult to find. The college would prefer an Elder who is knowledgeable but also accredited with a good reputation within the Northern Indigenous communities, to be able to help and build good relationships with staff and students. The option to have several Elders available is being explored.

## 6. MEETING CONCLUSION

- (a) CLOSING COMMENTS
- (b) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  - Elections of Chair and Co-Chair
  - Land Acknowledgement
- (c) NEXT MEETING June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1:00 pm. (lunch served at 12 pm)