

**Prince George Urban Aboriginal Strategy – Project Champions Council
Meeting – January 16, 2006, 9:30 am – 2:00pm
Prince George Native Friendship Centre – Circle of Unity
RECORD OF DECISIONS**

- 1) Opening Prayer: Karin Hunt
- 2) Call to Order: Gloria George
- 2a,b) Introductions of Project Champions/Alternates and guests.

Project Champions and Alternates:

1. Chair and Healing Project: Gloria George
2. Dakelh Elders Project: Christine Dawson
3. Disabilities Project: Jim Roberts
4. Education Project: Ben Berland
5. Employment: Karin Hunt
6. Employment Clusters Project: Lori Hall, Daphne Meerveld
7. Housing Project: Ray Gerow
8. Lifeskills Project: Megan Hunt
9. Magic Bus Project: Allan Wilson
10. Media Network Project: Zora McMillan
11. Talking Rocks(was Moccasin Telegraph): Marcel Gagnon
12. Off Reserve Funding Project: Joanne Teegee
13. Urban Business: Teresa Dolman
14. Youth Mentoring Project: Sandy Whitwham

Governments:

15. Lheidli T’enneh: Edie Frederick
16. Western Economic Diversification (WD): PGUAS Coordinator, Peter Gosselin;
Assistant Coordinator, June Scudeler
17. Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR): Jan Gottfred
18. City of Prince George: Tom Madden

Coordinating Body:

Aboriginal Business Development Centre (ABDC): Angela Yorke (Recorder), Veronica Creyke, Finance Committee

Community Entity:

Prince George Nechacko Aboriginal Employment and Training Association (PGNAETA): Lawney Chabot, PGNAETA Program Officer

Observers and Guests:

Takla Band: Allan Mason, Band Manager and Anita Williams, Band Councillor

- 2c) Ensure quorum

| Agenda Item: | Discussion: | Action: |
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| 3. Review and approval of agenda. | | Agenda approved. |

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| 4. Approval of Nov. 29/05 minutes | Include the list of projects that were funded or not funded. Add regrets for those members that contact ABDC. | ABDC and Chair to amend Record of Decisions |
| 4ai) Slippage 2005-2006 | Option 1) return slippage to Ottawa or Option 2) provide as a loan to GVUAS Including the updates, the total requests are for \$410,000, before decisions in 6bi and 6bii below. | Decide after final budget commitments. |
| 5a) Community Entity | Contribution Agreement between WD and PGNAETA was signed on December 16, 2005. PCC members can contact PGNAETA for a copy of Attachment "C" Terms & Conditions for the UAS Pilot Projects (extraction). | |
| 5b) Coordinating Body | The contract between WD and ABDC could not be backdated. Thus, ABDC will be like a “project” with a Contribution Agreement with PGNAETA; it is a unique situation for the fiscal 2005-2006 year only. Consensus that ABDC’s “project” dates are from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. Chair acknowledges ABDC’s contributions for the meetings held December 2004 – March 2005. | |
| 6a) Administrative Committee Conference Call | Minutes from the Administrative Committee Conference call were distributed. | |
| 6bi) Funded Projects | The Project Officer circulated the current spreadsheet of the funded projects totaling \$367,687 for 2005-2006 that includes April 2006 (where applicable) and \$42,545 for 2006-2007 The decision on November 29, 2005 was to “Agree in principle to all projects that are approved having met the conditions set by the PCC and have quarterly reviews.” It was decided to first deal with the projects for fiscal year 2005-2006, ending March 31, 2006, totaling \$375,187 as follows: | |

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| | <p>1. Disabilities \$18,766 2. Housing \$21,573 3. Media, withdrew 4. Life Skills \$45,275 5. Talking Rocks \$71,786 (project name changed from Moccasin Telegraph) 6. AEIOU \$50,255 7. Education \$20,000 8. Healing (declined November 29, 2006) 9. Dakelh Elders \$35,182 10. Urban Business, withdrew 11. Magic Bus \$26,000 12. Youth Mentoring \$34,824) 13. Redirection of Funds, withdrew 14. Employment, no funding required 15. Call Centre, unknown 16. Working for Youth, unknown 17. Linking Services, unknown 18. ABDC Coordinating Body, \$51,526 Total: \$375,187</p> <p>After extensive discussion, it was re-iterated that funding of all projects is approved based on an agreement-in-principle, all of which, having met the conditions, such as the deliverables or clarification of budgets, are subject to quarterly reviews.</p> <p>Five (5) projects that committed to 2006-2007 to complete its deliverables, total \$222,810 are:</p> <p>1. Housing, discuss budget of \$106,596 4. Life Skills, approved for \$19,545 7. Education, approved for \$10,000 11. Magic Bus, approved for \$13,000 12. Youth Mentoring, need to determine end date, \$73,669</p> <p>As indicated on the spreadsheet, the project budgets for 2005-2006 are \$375,187 and 2006-2007 commitments are \$222,810 for a combined tentative total of \$597,988 which is greater than the allocated PGUAS-PCC budget of \$400,000. The 2006-2007 commitments include the completion of the deliverables of some projects started in 2005-2006.</p> | <p>Once updated budgets, PGNAETA Project Officer to email budget summary [see updated January 24, 2006 Summary of Funding Requests].</p> <p>Once approval from Office of the Federal Interlocutor, PGNAETA proceeds with Contribution Agreements for approved projects in 2005-2006.</p> <p>Project Officer and Housing to discuss budget for 2006-2007.</p> <p>PGNAETA proceeds with Contribution Agreements on Life Skills, Education, Magic Bus, and Youth Mentoring projects.</p> <p>[See Summary of Funding Requests dated January 24, 2006 below]</p> |
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| | <p>Once the additional requests for some of the projects are included, the 2006-2007 Commitments total \$222,810 which include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Housing \$106,596 4. Life Skills \$19,545 (see above, approved) 7. Education \$10,000 (see above, approved) 11. Magic Bus \$13,000 (see above, approved) 12. Youth Mentoring \$73,669 (see above, approved) <p>If all of the five projects are considered, about \$177,190 remains for other projects in 2006-2007 from a PGUAS-PCC budget of \$400,000. The figures remain fluid as negotiations and clarifications occur with Project Champions.</p> <p><i>Those projects that did not have a chance to submit for 2006/07 will have to submit an updated budget to the Program Officer. Budgets need to be submitted to Project Officer at PGNAETA by January 20, 2006. PGUAS-PCC needs to provide directives to the Project Officer.</i></p> <p>For the projects that withdrew from the 2005-2006 fiscal year application process and dependent upon available resources in 2006-2007 fiscal year, PCC could consider funding projects, upon receipt of applications and budgets.</p> <p>Projects approve an increase in funds, subject to clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing: approve increase of \$3,341 4. Lifeskills: approve increase of \$11,592.46 5. Talking Rocks: approve increase of \$16,786 6. AEIOU: approve increase of \$15,000 12. Youth Experiencing Success: approve increase of \$7,500 | <p>[Project Officer emailed budget summary to PGUAS-PCC on January 25, 2006 & updated Summary of Funding Requests at January 24, 2006: 2005-2006 commitments \$379,552 (remainder \$20,448) and 2006-2007 commitments \$312,070 (remainder \$87,930).]</p> |
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| <p>6bii) Three unfunded projects as at November 29, 2005</p> | <p>1. Disabilities Issues Project – approve feasibility study for \$18,766 to March 31, 2006</p> <p>2. Dakelh Elders Project – approve establishment of infrastructure and production of deliverables for \$35,182 to March 31, 2006</p> <p>After completion of deliverables by March 31, 2006, PCC to consider applications and budget for next fiscal year 2006-2007.</p> <p>3. Healing Centre Project – no submission.</p> | |
| <p>6biii) Upward amendment to March 31, 2006</p> | <p>When WD confirms funding, PGNAETA issues an advance up to 50% of the project budget to the host agency.</p> <p>When WD releases funds to PGNAETA, 40% is released to the host agency.</p> <p>The holdback of 10% is released to host agency upon receipt and approval of the project's final report and accounting.</p> | |
| <p>6c) Strategic Planning Committee</p> | <p>Strategic Planning Committee members are: Peter Gosselin, Gloria George, Ray Gerow, Peter Gosselin, Jan Gottfred, Karin Hunt, Megan Hunt, June Scudeler, Megan Hunt. Conference call: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 @ 1:30pm.</p> | <p>Strategic Planning Committee arranges for facilitator and organize Strategic Planning session in 108 Mile House on February 26-28</p> |
| <p>6d) Communications Committee</p> | <p>The Communications Committee meets on January 16, 2006 following the PGUAS-PCC meeting, with conference call at 2 pm with the national UAS.</p> <p>The members are: Marcel Gagnon, Ray Gerow, Peter Gosselin, Jan Gottfred, Zora McMillan, June Scudeler, Sandy Whitwham</p> <p>Effort to involve youth would be beneficial.</p> | <p>Community Committee organizes community forum</p> |
| <p>6e) Evaluation Committee</p> | <p>The National UAS is doing an evaluation of UAS groups and projects and its benefits and challenges. Some Project Champions and ABDC and PGNAETA officials were interviewed in early December 2005 about their experiences.</p> <p>The Administrative Committee will check whether the company doing the evaluation of the national UAS is available to do the evaluation of PGUAS.</p> | <p>Administrative Committee to arrange evaluation.</p> |

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| 7a) Report to Community | Communications Committee to discuss at its meeting. | Communications Committee to arrange for Report to Community for PGUAS-PCC to consider |
| 7b) National UAS Conference | Participants to confirm arrangements and registration. | Calgary delegates register for conference on-line & ABDC arranges for travel advances |
| 7c) Community Forum | Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Celebration – sign Letter of Understanding - 2 days, mid March, depending on venue - invite dignitaries | Strategic Planning Committee & Communications Committee to organize facilitator and arrange logistics, venue etc. |
| 8d) Residential School Survivors | Update about the issues and actions occurring in the province. PGUAS-PCC is invited to participate. | |
| Miscellaneous | Prince George Public Library has story time for students that have a risk of low literacy, an Aboriginal Infant Development Program, program for teen mothers who receive packages to assist with reading to the children, and assistance with library fines. There are five sites around the city. | |
| Miscellaneous | Tamarack Training will be held at the PGNFC Circle of Unity Room on February 20, 2006, Monday, 8:30am – 4:30pm. | |
| Next meeting | March 27/06, Monday, for the next meeting. Strategic Planning – 108 Mile, February 26 – 28, 2006. Community Meeting venue needs to be confirmed for the second week in March 2006. | |

Closing Prayer: Jim Roberts.