

Minutes
Matrimonial Real Property (MRP) Committee
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek
October 2, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Guy Gladu
Joe Ladouceur Sr.

Audrey Gilbeau

Committee Members by Conference:

Line Clarke

Committee Members Absent

N/A

Support Staff Present:

Chief Laura Airns
Jeremy Bonhomme

Gord Wickham

Business

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m. with dinner. The business portion of the meeting commenced at 6:20 p.m.

REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Gord provided an overview of the Terms of Reference to the committee. Consideration was added by Audrey Gilbeau to include a quorum of three (3) MRP Committee Members to be present at all MRP Community Meetings to address questions from Membership.

REVIEW OF BACKGROUND & HISTORY OF MRP LAW

Gord provided an overview of the background and history of MRP Law.

WEEK 1: *INTRODUCTION*

The MRP Committee collectively worked through the “MRP Weekly Questions – Week #1: Introduction” document.

Gord facilitated this session and Jeremy noted all questions, concerns and dialogue. After reviewing each question and discussions amongst the committee members, the MRP Committee voted on the questions.

The “MRP Weekly Questions – Week #1: Introduction” document, including all notes and conclusions, drafted as a result of the meeting will be utilized in the future by the committee for the development and drafting of the BNA MRP Law.

Each issue and its resulting conclusion are listed below:

1. What would you like the law to be called?

Decision: The law will be called Matrimonial Real Property Law.

MOVED: Guy Gladu

SECONDED: Audrey Gilbeau

All voted in favour

2. Domestic Contracts – Do you generally agree with letting spouses decide for themselves how to deal with their real property on reserve, and upholding their agreements on that subject?

Decision: Domestic Contracts will be mandatory (the details of the domestic contract will be worked out amongst the couple and the Band does not require specifics of the agreement, an agreement will just need to be in place) when being assigned a plot of land.

MOVED: Audrey Gilbeau

SECONDED: Guy Gladu

All voted in favour

3. Common Law - Do you want common law couples to have the opportunity to be entitled to property division / compensation?

Decision: No common law opportunity for property asset division, let the couple work it out amongst themselves.

MOVED: Guy Gladu

SECONDED: Joe Ladouceur Sr.

All voted in favour

4. If so, what is the definition of common law (i.e. how long do you need to be living together to qualify?)

N/A

ACTION: Gord and/or Jeremy is to send a copy of the Federal MRP Legislation to Committee Members along with meeting minutes.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 16th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wickham Consulting office, 1111 Victoria Avenue E. Thunder Bay, ON.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

MOVED: Joseph Ladouceur Sr.

SECONDED: Line Clarke