



Bonaparte Indian Band

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Housing Committee Last call for members

Good morning to you all.

Council, Administration and Housing are hoping to finalize the establishment and selection of a permanent Housing Committee.

I am asking community members, off and on reserve to please consider whether they can serve the community by being on this Committee.

The Housing Committee represents BIB in matters related to housing. They act in cooperation with the Housing Department and remain independent from this department. Various functions of the committee are to review and recommend to Council (the decision-making body) issues such as: oversight of the Housing Department, tenant selection based on scoring criteria, temporary transfer requests, new projects including renovations, changes to the Policy, and evictions.

They implement the Policy consistently and transparently; ensure the effective and efficient operation of the Department, prepare for meetings, keep up to date with laws, policies and by-laws, and review all housing applications.

All committee members are bound by the Housing Policy. The Committee consists of seven voting members. They are appointed by Chief and Council. One Council rep serves as the chairperson and a quorum is set at four of the members.

Eligibility requirements: at least 18 years old, registered member or member of the community; have no money owed to BIB, no indictable criminal offense convictions; have a sincere desire to serve fairly and be non-judgmental; have a good knowledge of community housing needs. If a tenant, must be in compliance with the policy, with no arrears and with a record of paying rent on time.

Members can be removed for: breaching confidentiality; falling into arrears on a regular basis; failing to attend 3 consecutive meetings without a valid reason; being convicted of an indictable criminal offense; or at the recommendation of



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the Housing Manager for making unfair or inconsistent decisions regarding the policy.

If a member is removed or steps down a replacement is appointed by Council.

The term of committee is on-going as long as the member is willing and able to volunteer their time to the community.

Meetings are as needed, with emergency meetings as required.

Having written this down, there would be advantage to 3 off reserve members, one councilor (mandatory), one elder, youth/younger representatives. Some great skills helpful to the committee are knowledge of building, renovations, BIB O&M operations, record keeping and note taking, governance and policy review and knowledge, and organizing and communicating to the community at large, written, oral and media. If you don't feel you have the skills, then join the committee and learn as you go.

If you have any questions at all, please call or email or please drop off your information at the office, or email to Linda McKoryk via housing@bonaparte.band

Thank you.

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