



Tłıchǫ Community Services Agency Board Meeting SPECIAL MEETING

Teleconference 1-866-969-8429 | Conference ID# 9170065

March 16, 2020

MINUTES

In Attendance: Ted Blondin – Chairperson
 Alex Nitsiza – Vice Chairperson and Whati Representative
 Janita Etsemba – Behchokǫ Representative
 Henry Gon – Gameti Representative
 Noella Kodzin – Wekweeti Representative

Executive & Staff: Shannon Barnett-Aikman, Chief Executive Officer
 Linsey Hope – Director of Education

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:23pm.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

To perform good governance, TCSA Board meetings begin with a declaration of any real or perceived conflict of interest by board members. Conflict of interest declarations help ensure public confidence in the Board as they make decisions that affect strategic and financial actions of the TCSA. Conflict of interest declarations are recorded in the meeting's minutes.

No conflicts of interest were declared relevant to the agenda for this meeting of March 16, 2020.

Approval of Agenda

This is a special meeting specifically to discuss the temporary closure of TCSA schools, per the recommendation of the Chief Public Health Officer, through to the end of the Easter weekend, as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response and management.

Be it resolved that the Tłıchǫ Community Services Agency Board approves the agenda for March 16, 2020 as presented. Moved by Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Janita Etsemba. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Temporary School Closures Due to COVID-19

COVID-19 is a global pandemic that's affecting almost 200 countries. At this point in time the focus of the NWTSA (including the TCSA), ECE and the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association is contingency planning, staff wellness and protecting families in our community. We will eventually pivot to lesson



planning and what's expected of teachers while schools are closed but we're not there yet. We expect to learn more later this week and will share information with parents and stakeholders at that time.

TCSA will follow current and future recommendations of the NWT Chief Public Health Officer as they may be issued, and will work in coordination with the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) to ensure essential services are provided and to provide whatever assistance may be necessary to support the broader effort to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specific areas of discussion included:

- The implications of closing TCSA schools per the information shared during the DEA and DEC Chairperson's teleconference with Minister R.J. Simpson earlier today.
- The need to deep-clean the schools and busses now, before COVID-19 does occur in the NWT

Closure of TCSA Schools to end of Easter weekend 2020


Whereas the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic is, and has been, an evolving concern for public health and safety and has directly impacted JK-12 education program delivery, I move that in light of the COVID-19 crisis, the Tlicheo Community Services Agency (TCSA) confirms the closure of schools through to April 13th, 2020 inclusive.

Be it resolved that the Tlicheo Community Services Agency Board approves a motion to close all TCSA schools effective immediately through to April 13th (Easter break) as recommended by the Chief Public Health Officer. Moved by: Alex Nitsiza. Seconded by Noella Kodzin. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

This special meeting of the TCSA Board was adjourned March 16, 2020 at 5:45pm.

Be it resolved that the TCSA Board adjourns the meeting on March 16, 2020 at 5:45pm. Moved by Alex Nitsiza. Seconded by Janita Etsemba. Motion Carried Unanimously.



Chairperson Signature

June 24, 2020

Date



Chief Executive Officer Signature

June 24, 2020

Date