#  Executive Council Learning Partnership for Mino Bimaadizawin

**Feb. 21, 2019 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**Executive Council Minutes**

**Attended:** Shirley Thompson (Chair) – University of Manitoba. Donna Martin – University of Manitoba

Pepper Pritty – University of Manitoba Norah Whiteway - Wasagamack First Nation

Ernie Harper – Wasagamack First Nation Ivan Harper – Garden Hill First Nation

Rezwanunul Hoque – University of Manitoba Marlene Bonnycastle – University of Manitoba’

Roxanne Harper – Wasagamack First Nation

**Regrets**: Lakeisha Barkman – Garden Hill First Nation. Jerome Harper – Wasagamack First Nation

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| **Topics** | **Items of Discussion & Notes** | **Motion** |
| 1. Approve minutes from last meeting
 | * Motion to Accept (no changes)
 | 1.Ernie2. Norah |
| 1. Update of project and plans for the future
 | * Although there was great success getting more Island Lake students than expected attending Boreal Home builder program in fall (more than 50),some of these students were not able to attend every day of the chainsaw safety week course (full week attendance required to pass this section) and so for the segment on forestry they cannot be part of the program or paid. Particularly Wasagamack numbers have become very low (10) with a requirement that they reinvigorate the program for the building phase in May. Garden Hill’s numbers remain high at 20 and so are maxed out without space for new students in Garden Hill. This will prevent any new trouble with payroll forms.
* Developped a business plan and proposal to Community Futures program for Mitik 299 Corp (Wasgaamack) and Waa’k Igan Inc. (Garden Hill) to fund starting a Sawmill and Housing corporation in each community. Submitted proposals and the two businesses will find out Feb. 28th or Mar. 1st.
* The PSPP Partnership grant is a twin funding program to assist the SSHRC partnership fund for 2018-2019, which was largely prepared by Shirley Thompson working with Indigenous Development Support Services (IDSS) and Anokiiwin Training Institute (ATI). This PSPP pays for the boreal home builders educational programming (e.g., instructors) and was paid to ATI/IDSS by grant. A meeting to analyze the program and get partners (UoM, Garden Hill, Was, IDSS and ATI) was supposed to be in place for February 19th and 20th to review the rescheduling of the Boreal Home Building Program but due to the passing of Garden Hill First Nation Vice-Chief Marilyn Wood is rescheduled for a full day on Feb. 28th.
* University of Manitoba invited students from Garden Hill and Wasagamack to attend U of M educational programming on Feb. 19th, 20th and 21st, which included a workshop on green buildings, access program talk, university tour, chemistry talk about partnership on solar power, visit to alternative village, visit/tour/tak in Architecture with Catrina Selanese and sweat lodge. 9 Students and 3 workers from Wasagamack attended but the Garden Hill people declined.
* Food Education Research Council (FERC) meeting occurred in Feb. 2019
* Newsletter sent out in Feb. but still need to update website & facebook.
* Brokenhead First Nation through the Brokenhead Development Corporation has come on as a partner of the partnership grant.

Future plans;* + Design workshop and build on May 13 to 19th in OCN (two students can be funded from each community with Boreal Home builders to go) with Alex Wilson
	+ Proposal workshop at University of Manitoba on March 6th and 7th to include Island Lake communities, Little Saskatchewan and Brokenhead to think about applying for funding.
	+ Some researchers planning to look at food issues in April and May 2019 and summer.
	+ Cat and other students to go up around housing in summer.
	+ Investigate food and educational programming and partnership with Brokenhead First Nation
 | 1. Norah
2. Ernie
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| 1. Budget
 | * Presented FAST budget report from beginning of funding to date– discussed how at 20 or so boreal home builders at Garden Hill (which is down from previous number of students) and 10 at Wasagamack (previously 28 and to be increased to 15 to 20 during winter program) currently that all of the funding of $400,000 per year is used by the Boreal home builders just for stipends for one year.
* 20 trainees x $1000 x 12 months x 2 communities = $480,000.

To cover these expenses - luckily the program is 15 months and does not fall exactly on the fiscal year as partnership has to pay some students from U of W, Brandon, U of M, Lakehead and others and so can use the unspent funds from first year to cover. | 1. Norah
2. Ernie
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| 1. Other Business
 | * 1. Need to develop a better system for phoning in for meetings. Go to meetings to be obtained for next meeting.
 | 1. Marleny
2. Pepper
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| 1. Next meeting
 | Late-April | 1. Ernie
2. Pepper
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| 1. Adjourn
 | 1:00 | 1. Donna
2. Ernie
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