

# **Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Council Chambers 7 pm

**Present** 

Deputy-Chief Muriel Sawyer

Councilors Corey Goulais

Jane B Commanda June Commanda Mike Sawyer Rick Stevens

Executive Assistant Kimberly Salvaneschi

**Regrets** Chief Scott McLeod

Councilor Brian Couchie
Chief Executive Officer Dwayne Nashkawa

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

### 1. Interview/Hiring Process

Council reviewed a letter submitted by a band member voicing concern with the NFN interview/hiring process. Although sympathetic to the members situation, Council referred the matter back to NFN Administration as policy protocols were met and the matter is an administration issue not a Council issue.

# 2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Mike Sawyer.

Seconded by Councillor Rick Stevens, to approve the Council Agenda of January 22, 2019. Carried.

## 3. Disclosures of Conflict

None.

### 4. Council Travel

Council provided updates of their Council business travel that will occur before the next Council Meeting.

### 5. Adoption of Council Minutes of January 8, 2019

Moved by Councillor Jane Commanda.

Seconded by Councillor June Commanda to approve the Council Minutes of January 8, 2019, as presented.

Carried.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Adjournment to the committee of the Whole.

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### 6. Delegations/Presentations

### a) Intermediate & Advance Nishnaabemwin Classes

A written request was submitted to Council for financial support of the facilitation of intermediate and advance Nishnaabemwin Classes. Council deferred the issue to Culture & Heritage Department for review and recommendations.

### b) Military Service Recognition Book sponsorship request

A letter of donation request from The Royal Canadian Legion was submitted. Council was informed that their has been no donation on behalf of NFN in recent years. *No donation will be given in 2019.* 

#### c) Cardinal Filming – Permission Request

A written briefing note was submitted by Genevieve Counchie regarding a request by the Cardinal television seriers to film parts of the fouth season in Garden Village on Tuesday, February 2, 2019. Council is in favor of this filming.

### 7. Unfinished Business from Last Meeting

### a) Senior Long Term / Extended Care

Council decided on the date of Thursday February 21, 2019 at 6pm in Garden Village to discuss this issue.

### b) Services Non- Member spouses

Information was provided to Council regarding services available and where to find them. During discussion the issue of nonmember spouses living on reserve trying to access services off reserve is the main issue of concern. Council recommend that the Chief look into this with LHIN and Kim Lalonde. Councillor Rick Stevens requested to sit in on future meetings on this issue.

#### c) Membership Transfer Committee

Council appointed Councillor June Commanda, Councillor Rick Stevens and Councillor Corey Goulais to sit as members of this committee.

### d) Warrior Banners – Outdoor rink

Council discusses the Banners/Sweaters at the outdoor rink and the fact that only some jersey numbers/members are recognized. Council recommends that banners be purchased for the Nipissing Warriors wins in 1972 and 1986 and to look into banners for Little NHL wins.

## e) East End Bus - NFN Rink

Informational flyer was submitted for Council's awareness, regarding bus transportation to the Family Skate in Garden Village on January 26, 2019.

### 8. Reports

## a) Citizenship Law Committee Minutes of January 16, 2019

Minutes were submitted with one recommendation that the Citizenship Law be referred to as "Debendaagziwaad Naaknigewin"

Moved by Councillor Rick Stevens.

Seconded by Councillor Corey Goulais to approve the Citizenship Law Committee Minutes of January 16, 2019 with recommendation.

Carried

# b) Culture & Pow wow Committee Minutes of December 13, 2018

Minutes were submitted with one recommendation. During discussion council was informed that the recommendation in the minutes does not read as it was intended. Council amended the recommendation to read that Dan Commanda is to be the contact person for cultural protocols and guidance for the Annual Art Show being held Saturday February 23, 2019.

Moved by Councillor Mike Sawyer.

Seconded by Councillor June Commanda to approve the minutes of the Culture & Pow wow Committee of December 13, 2018 with amendments.

Carried.

### c) Nishnaabemwin Giigdong Committee Minutes of December 10, 2018

Minutes were submitted with one recommendation regarding summer Employment funding. Council requests that this recommendation go back to the committee for clarification and rewording.

Moved by Councillor Corey Goulais.

Seconded by Councillor Mike Sawyer to approve Committee Minutes of December 10, 2018 without recommendation.

Carried.

### d) Housing/Planning Committee Minutes of January 17, 2019

Minutes were submitted with one recommendation. Council accepts recommendation that the Housing Needs Assessment Project be investigated further and directs this task to Bruce McLeod for completion.

Moved by Councillor Rick Stevens.

Seconded by Councillor Jane Commanda to approve Committee minutes of January 17, 2019 with recommendation.

Carried.

### 9. New Business

### a) BCR's and Agreements to be signed

True Self Application Approval #1867
Compensation Disbursement – Annuities Claim #1869
Authorization of Sicani Research & Advisory #1870
BMO Commitment Letter for Financing #1871
10-year Grant Funding #1872
Matrimonial Real Property Law – Mediator Roster #LNS 2406

Health Services agreement – Signed

# b) Committee Membership Appointments

Moved by Councillor Corey Goulais.

Seconded by Councillor Rick Stevens to approve Committee Membership Appointments as presented.

Carried.

### c) Scheduling Land Issues Meetings

After discussion Council decided on Friday March 1, 2019 at 9am for the first Land Issue Meeting. More meetings to be scheduled on that date if required.

# d) Policies

### i. Staff Travel Authorization Policy

The recommended change has a correction. Amend to read "....(30) days after the expense is incurred...."

Moved by Councillor Jane Commanda.

Seconded by Councillor Mike Sawyer to approve Staff Travel Authorization Policy with amendments.

Carried

# ii. Chief & Council Authorization Policy

Moved by Councillor Corey Goulais Seconded by Councillor Jane Commanda to approve Chief & Council Authorization Policy.

Carried

<sup>\*\*</sup>Councillor Rick Stevens is opposed.

### iii. Employee Substance Use Policy

This policy was deferred to the next Council meeting pending clarification of "At work accidents" and impaired testing.

### e) Standing Information Update items

### i. Annuities Claim

Update was provided to Council on January 21, 2019

### ii. Cannabis

Council was provided a copy of a letter send to the Minister of Finance and Chair of Cabinet Victor Fedeli, regarding and agreement under the Cannabis Control Act with NFN. Council was informed that Fred Bellefeuille is assisting in drafting the NFN Cannabis Law.

### 10. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor June Commanda. Seconded by Councillor Rick Sawyer to adjourn the meeting of January 22, 2019. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at Nbisiing School in Duchesnay.