

Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 17, 2015: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

Present:	Chief	Marianna Couchie
	Deputy-Chief	June Commanda
	Councillors	Brian Couchie
		Doug Chevrier
		David Commanda
Director of Administration	Freda Martel	
Facilities Manager	Patrick Stevens	
Regrets:	Councillors	Darrell McLeod (personal)
		Arnold May (personal)
		Rick Stevens (personal)
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa (annual leave)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- ⇒ Item 6 (b) & (c) Requests deferred to the next Council meeting of April 7th for consideration in 2015-16 budget.
- ⇒ Item 7(a) Furnace & Hot Water Tank Nbsiing – referred to the 2015-16 budget process for consideration.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept the Council agenda of March 17, 2015 as amended.

CARRIED.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

- ⇒ Councillors Doug Chevrier and David Commanda declared conflict on Item 9 (b) dealing with Cigarette Quota's.
- ⇒ Councillor David Commanda declared conflict on Item 7 (b) dealing with the APS Curling Tournament request.

4. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

Councillors provided updates on their Council business travel that will occur before the next Council meeting.

Chief Couchie reminded Council of the Special Council meeting that is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2015. The agenda items will be the Consultation Paper for the Interest Distribution, Solar Project request for additional funds and Annuities Claim.

5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2015:

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept the Council Minutes of March 3, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

(a) MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Patrick Stevens, Facilities Manager provided an overview of the proposal to expand the administration building in Garden Village to include offices, fitness centre, central file systems and community hall. He informed Council the reason for including other areas, other than offices, was to enable this project to be funded by other sources. The RFP's (request for proposals) have been advertised and are closing this Friday, March 20th and the anticipated start date would be June 2015 with a completion date on or around December 18th, 2015.

Councillor Brian Couchie informed Council that when the building was constructed there was a reason why the building could not be built further back which may impact this proposal; Patrick will check into this. It was also suggested that one central file room be constructed to be used by all offices rather than building two. This will be discussed further by the Capital Community Planning Sector Group. Council agreed to proceed with this project.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

(a) CANADIAN POLICE CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Councillor David Commanda declared conflict.

Freda informed Council that there is no policy that provides financial contributions to adult sports, but if Council wished to provide a contribution it would be paid from the donation account.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve a sponsorship donation in the amount of \$200 for Team Mitchell to attend the Canadian Police Curling Championships.

CARRIED.

(b) NIPISSING OJIBWAY AND COUCHIE MEMORIAL DAYCARE CENTRE POLICY

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY June Commanda to approve the Nipissing Ojibway and Couchie Memorial Daycare Centre Policy with amendments.

CARRIED.

8. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

- i. **Ministry of Education Meeting** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she attended a meeting with the Ministry of Education regarding the Native Language Policy Program memorandum concerning curriculum. She was informed that they would take her comments into consideration as the new language curriculum is being developed.
- ii. **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she and Dwayne Nashkawa, Executive Director had a positive meeting with Carrie Hayward and Mitch Baldwin of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry concerning fisheries. She informed Council that Dwayne presented principles that would have to be considered if NFN was to enter into any type of agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Dwayne and Mr. Baldwin will be working together to draft a memorandum of understanding using the six principles laid out by Lawyer Fred Bellefeuille. A follow up meeting will be scheduled in April.
- iii. **Application for Correction** – Chief Couchie informed Council that the application for correction on the 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement has been received from Lawyer Brian Cohen's office and this matter is scheduled to go before the courts on April 15th. No objections are anticipated.
- iv. **Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she and Dwayne attended a meeting with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development to discuss the Garden Village source drinking water proposal dealing with flora materials developing in the chlorine system, the sewer and water system in Duchesnay, the sewer line that runs from the Industrial park under the bridge to the City of North Bay and the sewer lift

station from the high school to the Industrial Park. AANDC was willing to accept the proposed for the sewage life station. From this meeting, they encouraged NFN to re-submit the proposal for funding.

- v. **2013 Boundary Claim Trust Meeting** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she attended the 2013 Boundary Claim Trust meeting in Toronto on March 14th. Dwayne presented the business venture of partnering with SPN for the solar roof top projects and suggested that NFN borrow money from the Trust and re-pay the Trust, which the Board was interested in. Discussion also took place about making an amendment to the Trust Agreement to increase the length of terms from 2 years to 3 years to ensure that terms are staggered.
- vi. **Treaty Secretariat** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she has a tele-conference scheduled with Chief Day on Friday morning. He is coordinating discussions on the treaty-secretariat.
- vii. **Ministry of Transportation** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she will be attending an information session with the Ministry of Transportation on March 31 at 9:45 am.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

(c) TAKING BACK THE COMMUNITY/POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY David Commanda to approve the Taking Back the Community/Police Committee Minutes of February 4, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

(d) LAND ISSUES MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY June Commanda to approve the Land Issues Minutes of January 16, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

(e) LANGAUGE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2015

- ⇒ Item 7(a) Omit recommendation – Council was informed that US exchange rates will be made to the expense claims for this conference.

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier

SECONDED BY David Commanda to approve the Language Committee Minutes of February 2, 2015 as amended.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTION SIGNED:

- (i) Support for Proposal DNSSAB Innovation Fund \$25,000 #1734

(b) NFN CIGARETTE QUOTA 2015-16

Councillor David Commanda informed Council that cigars will now be charged the HST as they are not considered tobacco according to the new regulations.

Councillor David Command and Doug Chevrier declared conflict.

Samantha West, Finance Manager provided a memo to Council with recommendations for this year's cigarette quota. Council agreed not to sign the agreement with the Ministry of Finance and distribute the quote of 32,282 between on reserve businesses that qualify per the policy. The Council Resolution to approve a Business Licence under the operating name of the new business will be required for the new vendor to receive the allocation.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY June Commanda to decline the agreement with the Ministry of Finance and approve the Cigarette Quota Distribution to be divided among 12 registered on reserve NFN businesses.

CARRIED.

(c) NEWSLETTER NAMING CONTEST

Council was provided with a list of names suggested under the monthly newsletter naming contest, and a summary of the survey conducted on the newsletter delivery. It was recommended to have Genevieve Couchie, Communications Coordinator create a small committee to review the names submitted for the contest and provide recommendations to Council on the top three. In regards to the survey this will be reviewed by the committee as well and these options will be reported back to Council.

(d) NFN COMMITTEE'S

Council was in agreement to end advisory committee's in May 2015, with the exception of the Culture & Pow wow Committee who will continue on to work on the NFN pow wow.

(e) NFN ELECTIONS 2015

Chief Couchie enquired as to when the nomination meeting would be scheduled for this upcoming election. Freda will check on these dates and report back to Council.

(f) NFN MAINTENANCE & BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to proceed with the establishment of NFN's Maintenance & Beautification Program to commence in mid-April.

CARRIED.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY David Commanda to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 7th, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Duchesnay. **