

Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2015: Garden Village: 7:00 pm

PRESENT:	CHIEF	Marianna Couchie
	DEPUTY-CHIEF	June Commanda
	COUNCILLORS	Doug Chevrier
		David Commanda
		Arnold May
		Darrell McLeod
		Rick Stevens
	DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION	Freda Martel
	RECEPTIONIST/CLERK	Elaine Commanda
REGRETS:	COUNCILLOR	Brian Couchie
GUESTS:		David McLeod

1. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

2. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to adjourn to the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:00 pm. **

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Council had discussion on the job descriptions and corrections were made. Chief Couchie noted that one department can be transferred from reporting to the Executive Director to change to report to the Director of Administration position.

The Executive Director Job Performance meeting will be scheduled, once the ORG chart is reviewed by Council.

MOVED BY Arnold May

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to approve the job title name change from "Executive Director" to "Chief Executive Officer".

CARRIED.

(b) TRUST INCOME:

Deferred to the Special Council Meeting on March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Garden Village.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY David Commanda to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:45 pm. **

5. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None

6. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF MARCH 3, 2015:

- Delete 8. (c) Culture and Pow Wow Committee

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY June Commanda to accept the Council Agenda of March 3, 2015 as amended.
CARRIED.

7. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

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

8. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015:

Item 8. (b) (iv) change "hey have been" correct to read "they have been".

Item 8. (c) change "workshop in Sudbury" correct to read "workshop in Rama".

Item 15. (i) change "situation" correct to read "situations".

MOVED BY Arnold May

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept the Council Minutes of February 17, 2015 as amended.

CARRIED.

9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Brushing - Golf Course Road

David McLeod presented before Council with an enquiry on who would be responsible to maintain the Golf Course Road for side brushing. Council requested to have Freda contact the Lands Department for a lands ownership enquiry.

- (b) Fundraising Request

The fundraising request was referred to the Social Services office.

- (c) Governance Agreement / UOI

Councillor Arnold May presented to Council. Chief Marianna has agreed to contact the Governance Working Group to request for information on what numbers are input for Nipissing First Nation.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

- (a) Canadian Police Curling Championship

A staff member had submitted a request to participate in the 2015 Canadian Police Curling Championships. Council was informed that requests from adults for sporting events have not been received before and it is not in the policy to sponsor such events.

- (b) Furnace & Hot Water Tanks Nipissing Secondary School

Deferred.

11. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

- (i) **Cultural Events** – Chief Marianna Couchie reported that the Cultural department was busy in February. Chief Couchie attended the Art Show and the Round Dance, both are well attended and great events.
- (ii) **Lake Nipissing Summit** – Chief Marianna had attended a meeting with Dr. Dan Walters, Nipissing University and Melanie Tessier, University Researcher where they had offered to host the next Lake Nipissing Summit. Council was informed that Clint was asked to make contact with the leadership to set up a meeting in April to discuss the activities that have been developed since the last Lake Nipissing Summit.
- (iii) **Canadore College** – Chief Marianna Couchie will attend a meeting next week with Canadore College in regards to the education concerns and, also, a follow up on the Lake Huron meeting will be discussed.
- (iv) **Lake Huron Chiefs Meeting** – Chief Marianna Couchie will attend the Sault Ste. Marie Lake Huron Chiefs meeting next week.
- (v) **Ministry of Education** – Chief Marianna Couchie informed Council that she will attend a meeting with the Ministry of Education on Wednesday to promote the reinstatement of the Native Language policy. The dispersed Language policy requires directors and superintendents no longer have to study Native Language policy. Council was informed that the meeting is with the ADM of Francophone education and they are generally supportive.
- (vi) **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** – Chief Marianna Couchie and Dwayne will meet with the MNRF in follow up to the proposal from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The topic of an AFCL will not be put on the table.
- (vii) **Ontario Power Generation (OPG)** – Council was informed that a meeting discussion on past grievances was held on March 2, 2015 with the Ontario Power Generation. The NFN negotiating team was informed that the OPG states that they do not recognize that NFN has legal a grievance. Council was informed that we will wait on a letter from OPG and that we may take this issue up through different channels.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No Report

12. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) NIPISSING OJIBWAY AND COUCHIE MEMORIAL DAYCARE CENTRE POLICY

Amended and referred back to the next meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Arnold May to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on
Tuesday, March 17, 2015 in Garden Village. **