

# Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2015: Duchesnay: 7:00 pm

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PRESENT:	DEPUTY-CHIEF	June Commanda
	COUNCILLORS	Arnold May
		Ric Stevens
		Brian Couchie
		Darrell McLeod
		David Commanda
		Doug Chevrier
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Dwayne Nashkawa
	OFFICE ADMIN. ASSISTANT	Mike Sawyer
REGRETS:	CHIEF	Marianna Couchie (personal)

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1. Meeting commenced at 7:02pm

2. **ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

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

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:02 pm. \*\*

3. **IN-CAMERA SESSION:**

(a) Membership / Per Capital Distribution

Discussion regarding a community member seeking a per capita distribution for the 2013 Boundary Claim. Dwayne will seek legal counsel regarding this matter.

4. **ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

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

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:19 pm \*\*

5. **DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:**

- Councillor Brian Couchie declared conflict on item 6(a) dealing with Residential School Reconciliation
- Councillor Dave Commanda declared conflict on item 6(b) dealing with a fundraising request.
- Councillor Doug Chevrier and Councillor Ric Stevens declared conflict on item 6(f) dealing with NFN Fisheries Law Regulation changes.

6. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF APRIL 7, 2015:**

Moved item 9(c) NFN Fisheries Regulations to item 6(f)

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept the Council Agenda of April 7, 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 MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2015**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

**9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

(a) Pre-Proposed Residential School Reconciliation

Ron Couchie enquired as to whether Council had given consideration to his Residential School Reconciliation Ad-Hoc Committee request or whether he should proceed by creating a proposal for gathering information and statistics on the effects of Residential School. Council advised him that in order to give an answer there needs to be a plan in place or something in writing outlining the goals and timelines to meet those goals. Suggestions were made that how would this committee overlap some of the departments like the health centre and the cultural department's programming and services. Council suggested that Ron prepare a proposal in detail on moving forward with his request in order to get a definite answer.

(b) *Request to fundraise – Medical Orthodontics*

Council suggested to Dwayne and Administration to review the policy for fundraising and donation. For the fact that more requests are coming to council for monetary support.

(c) *Request to fundraise – Muscular Dystrophy*

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(d) *Donation to Maamwi Kindaaswin Festival*

Council agreed to contribute the same amount as last year's donation.

(e) *Anishinabek Nation 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Charity Donation Request*

Council agreed to contribute the same amount as last year's donation.

(f) *Nipissing First Nation Fisheries Law-Regulation Changes*

Clint Couchie presented to council of changes to the NFN's Fisheries Law referring to statistics done in 2014 on Lake Nipissing. Some of the suggested changes were the size of nets, number of nets per person in a vessel, in order to sustain a healthy fish levels for Lake Nipissing. Amendments were suggested by council to change the wording in section 6. *Size "Walleye (yellow pickerel) to pickerel.* Clint advised that he can provide monthly updates to Council providing information from Fisheries Department on data collected.

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod  
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to adopt the new laws and amended rules and regulations to the NFN Fisheries Law as amended.  
CARRIED.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:**

**7(a) Newsletter Naming Contest**

A memo was submitted by Genevieve Couchie, Communications Officer that provided a list of names voted on by a sub-committee. Council agreed with the recommendation to name the monthly newsletter "Enkamgak".

MOVED BY Brian Couchie  
SECONDED BY Arnold May that the monthly newsletter be titled Enkamgak.  
CARRIED.

**(b) Elections 2015 & Appointment of Electoral Officer**

Dwayne suggested that Fred Bellefeuille be appointed as Electoral Officer for the 2015 Election and appoint Laura Commanda as his duty electoral officer as they both have experience conducting past elections for Nipissing First Nation.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie  
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to appoint Fred Bellefeuille as Electoral Officer for Nipissing First Nation's 2015 Election.  
CARRIED.

**(c) Brushing Golf Course Road**

Council deferred to next council meeting, as the Lands Department is waiting for the snow to melt in order to conduct a site inspection.

**11. REPORTS:**

**(a) CHIEF'S REPORT**

None.

**(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**I. Energy East** – Dwayne informed council that NFN has submitted its Intervenor application and funding request. The decision is with National Energy Board now who are dealing with the largest number of participation requests they've ever seen. He anticipates the decision on participants may be delayed and will update council as soon as receives any information.

**II. Office Expansion** – Dwayne was seeking approval from Chief and Council to explore options to finance an addition to the Administration office to accommodate the Lands currently housed in portables at the office and other programs. We will also seek to consolidate other First Nation services and programs (Housing, etc.). While staff will be directed to pursue funding opportunities from external sources, management believes these opportunities are fairly limited. We have completed a review of the three proposals from local architectural firms and recommend proceeding with Mitchell Architects.

III. **Duchesnay Road Upgrades** – Dwayne asked Council approval to secure funds and budget to resurface Couchie Memorial Drive this spring and summer. In doing so this will require the replacement of existing water lines first before resurfacing the road.

(c) Culture & Pow wow Committee Minutes of March 23, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept Culture & Pow wow Committee Minutes of March 23, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

(d) Health Committee Minutes of December 12, 2014, January 19, February 24, March 23, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Dave Commanda to accept Health Committee Minutes of December 12, 2014, January 19, February 24 and March 23, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

(e) Special Council Minutes of March 23, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to accept Special Council Minutes of March 23, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS / AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED:

(i) Amended BCR Appointment Meriza George to 2013 Boundary Claim Board #1727 Amended

(ii) Wind & Solar Projects – 2013 Boundary Claim trust fund - #1737

(iii) True Self Support Funding Proposal – increase hours of support - #1735

(iv) True Self Support Funding Proposal – increase accessibility - #1736

(b) APPROVAL OF BUDGETS 2015-2016

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Arnold May to approve the budgets for 2015-2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT NIPISSING TRUSTEE TERMS

Council reviewed the document while signing the *“Amended BCR appointment Meriza George to 2013 Boundary Claim Board #1727”*

(e) BEAUCAGE TENT & TRAILER PARK REPORT

Council suggested to keep two full time seasonal workers to keep up the maintenance of the park and provide security while the archeological dig is being conducted.

(f) NATURAL GAS RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICE – OPTIONS.

Councillor Arnold May requested that Tom Lambert provide an Executive Summary of the project, the information is informative but it would make it easier to review the project in a summary.

(g) GLOBAL WARMING MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT (MOE)

Information item.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned at 9:31p.m. \*\*

\*\* The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on  
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in Garden Village. \*\*

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Marianna Couchie  
Chief

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Dwayne Nashkawa  
Executive Director