

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 1, 2017: Nbisiing S.S. – Duchesnay: 7:00 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Deputy Chief	Muriel Sawyer
	Councillors	June Commanda
		Rick Stevens
		Brian Couchie
		Cathy Bellefeuille
		Corey Goulais
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa
	Executive Assistant	Mike Sawyer
	Guests	Maureen Leclerc
		Arnold May
		Judy Couchie
		Tim McLeod
		Brendan Huston
		Joe Miskokomon
		Judy McLeod
		Justin McLeod
		Kirsten McLeod
		Bill McLeod
		Sue Fraser
Regrets:	Councillors	Cathy Bellefeuille (Mtg in Sault Ste. Marie)
		Jason Laronde (APS Mtg Sault Ste Marie)
		Brian Couchie (Personal)

1. Meeting commenced at 7:00p.m.

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

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to adjourn to the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

** Adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:01pm **

Business proposal was discussed regarding a proposed Pharmacy to open in Couchie industrial park. Council discussed that a notice will have to go to the community regarding this business. Council agreed that community input is needed in order to move forward. Next steps is to collect input from community and Health Staff.

Wages – Deferred

Land Allotment – Deferred

A request from a band member was brought forward to Chief and Council related to a deceased relative.

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY June Commanda to adjourn the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

** Committee of the whole adjourned at 7:30pm **

3. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Defer Items:

- 7 (b). HR Policy – Section 22.4 Health Benefits
- 8 (c). Police Services Community Satisfaction Survey
- 9 (f). Garden Village Rink

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve the Council Agenda of August 1, 2017 as amended.

CARRIED.

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None.

5. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

Council provided updates of their business travel that will occur prior to the next Council meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 4, 2017

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Council Minutes of July 4, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED.

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Tobacco Taxation (Joe Miskokomon)

Joe Miskokomon presented an information presentation to Council to develop a plan for the creation of a Gasoline and Tobacco Tax Compact between the Anishinabek Nation and the Province of Ontario. He indicated it's in the early stages of negotiations for the Anishinabek Nation. Mr. Miskokomon advised Council and guests that this is an opportunity to access potential revenue from the Provincial and Federal governments through on reserve taxation of sales of tobacco and gas to non-First Nation consumers. He also mentioned that there are several models that have been implemented with First Nations in other provinces. He informed Council that the process will require 6-8 participating First Nations to create new legislation to start the potential framework. With support it will allow them to start the process but there is a short timeframe of March 2018 to get this process completed under the current provincial government. More information sessions will be coordinated in the near future and that Union of Ontario Indians-Brendan Huston are always available to answer any questions that vendors may have regarding this negotiation/process.

(b) Beach area Yellek

Maureen Leclerc presented to Council regarding minimal beach access in Yellek/Nova Beaucage area for swimming for the youth. She wanted to know why the beach area located at the end of Nova Beaucage is private property and why it can't be public access for Nipissing First Nation? Chief and Council said they will look into this request and contact Lands Department to research this information and will contact Maureen with the findings.

(c) *Elders Gathering Sponsorship*

Chief and Council reviewed the request for sponsorship to attend this event. After much deliberation it was decided that this request would not be funded. Council directed that more criteria and policy be developed for providing funding for these specific events.

(d) *Cardinal Television Series – Filming of 3rd Season*

Chief and Council reviewed the request from Arthur Clarke, Location Manager for the *Cardinal* television series, to film parts of the third season on Nipissing First Nation. Exact dates of filming would take place in our community are not yet know, but the production is scheduled to film between September 1 and November 23, 2017.

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve the request from *Cardinal* Television Series to give permission to enter on Nipissing First Nation, as presented.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE LAST MEETING:

(a) *Financial Assistance – Provincial Women's Hockey*

Council had previously requested information to determine if there were programs or available funding to support a member's request to relocate to play hockey at a high level. Dwayne reported to Council that the Education Department inquired with INAC to see if there was a possibility of any additional funding that can be applied for with regards to living expenses for athletes. INAC informed Nancy Allaire that there is no funding that is available with this criteria.

Chief and Council suggested that this request should start a "gofundme.com – page" to collect donations to bigger audience.

(b) *HR Policy – Section 22.4 Health Benefits*

DEFERRED.

(c) *Guardrails – Garden Village*

Dwayne informed Chief and Council that construction on guardrails in Garden Village located at the intersection of Ted Commanda Dr. and alongside Semo Rd. adjacent to the creek will begin on August 9.

(d) *Serenity Lane Bus Stop*

Dwayne updated Chief and Council that Lands and Facilities Department will soon put “No Parking” signs at the Serenity Lane bus stop area for the safety of entering and exiting Serenity Lane. As well, that MTO will soon install “Bus Turning” “Warning of Bus Stopping” signs along Hwy. 17. He indicated that brushing will be conducted to improve vision and safety of traffic for entrance onto the highway. Staff will consult with residents at Serenity Lane first to determine if there are concerns with brushing in the designated areas.

9. REPORTS:

(a) Chief’s Report

Chief McLeod informed Council that he and Councillor Goulais attended a National Climate meeting in early July which was held in Ottawa. Chief McLeod also mentioned he held a meeting with the Youth of Nipissing First Nation to generate some dialogue to gather information regarding concerns, ideas and issues they may have within the community. He will continue to work with the youth to keep this engagement and interaction ongoing. Chief McLeod advised Council that he and Councillor Goulais attended the Annual General Meeting with AFN in Regina, SK. The week consisted of my meetings with the National Fisheries Committee, as well, many presentations such as Missing, Murder Indigenous Women and discussions surrounding the Commission Board that oversee this portfolio.

(b) Chief Executive Officer’s Report

Dwayne updated Council with a short report on various issues for Council’s review, information and consideration. He reported that he received a briefing note from Tom Lambert regarding a business request from Larry McLeod for Manufacturing of Wood Products. The location of this business would be situated off Hwy. 17 West and enter and exit Lot 9 Con B Commanda Twp. Council reviewed the briefing note and had some questions with regards to the location and entrance off the Hwy. 17. Is there a lumber license? Are there conditions and will the By-law Officer and/or Lands going to monitor this site on a regular basis to make sure there are no violations of the conditions. Council also indicated that this entrance doesn’t seem safe for lumber trucks to enter or exit on Hwy. 17 West. MTO should conduct a feasibility of this entrance for a business. It was suggested to look into another location, suggestion to set up at the Skeet Shooting Club Rd/Recycling plant use to be located, safer entrance to exit/enter Hwy. 17.

Dwayne also reported that there has not been any interest with Electoral Code Reform review. He sought direction from Council to select a committee of members so the review can get started and report back to Council with a final report by the end of November 2017.

Dwayne requested a Special Council meeting to discuss the 2017-18 Trust Income budget, the NFN Policing Survey results and other matters. Mike Sawyer will follow up with Council to confirm availability for Special Council meeting Aug. 21 or Aug. 22.

Dwayne informed Council that the equipment at Beaucage Park will be up for sale to the public to offset some of the surplus of inventory.

Dwayne advised Council of 27 new hires with NFN with the Stewardship Youth Rangers, Archaeology, Maintenance, Summer Children's Program, Beaucage Park, Cultural/Language, Pow Wow and Education.

(c) Police Services Community Satisfaction Survey

DEFERRED.

(d) Special Council Minutes of July 6, 2017

Item 7 – Hall Rental – Amendment “Agnmitaagzi” should read “Aanmitaagzi”.

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve Special Council minutes of July 6, 2017 as amended.

CARRIED.

(e) Special Council Minutes of July 25, 2017

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Special Council minutes of July 25, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED.

(f) Nishnabe Inaadziwin Aanke Giigdownin (Pow Wow/Culture) minutes of July 10, 2017

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Nishnabe Inaadziwin Aanke Giigdownin (Pow Wow/Culture) minutes of July 10, 2017, but did not support the recommendations in the report.

CARRIED.

(g) Community Development Giigdownin minutes of June 26, 2017

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Community Development Giigdownin minutes of June 26, 2017, as presented.

Discussion occurred about the staff capacity to carry out the recommendations and that some work may be deferred until resources are available.

CARRIED.

(h) Finance and Audit Committee Minutes of March 20, 2017

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Finance and Audit committee minutes of March 20, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED.

(i) Health and Social Services Committee Minutes of June 14, 2017

MOVED BY Rick Stevens
SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Health and Social Services committee minutes of June 14, 2017, as presented.
CARRIED.

(j) Health and Social Services Committee Minutes of July 5, 2017

MOVED BY Rick Stevens
SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Special Council minutes of July 5, 2017, as presented.
CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS TO BE SIGNED:

- (i) Membership Transfer Isaac Harrison #M-120 - Signed
- (ii) Land Allotment 1009 Yellek Trail – Christopher Penasse #LNS2391 – Signed
- (iii) Change in Ownership and Name of business of Mike’s Mart #1818 – Signed
- (iv) Social Services – Native Child Welfare - #1818NCWP – Signed
- (v) NFN Capacity Development Fund - #1819 - Signed

(b) External Committee/Board Appointments Policy

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer
SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to accept the External Committee/Board Appointments Policy, as amended.
CARRIED.

(c) Post-Secondary Education Assistance Policy

MOVED BY Corey Goulais
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept the Post-Secondary Education Assistance Policy, as presented.
CARRIED.

(d) Nbisiing Bus Lines Policy

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer
SECONDED BY June Commanda to accept the Nbisiing Bus Lines Policy, as presented.
CARRIED.

(e) Appointment to Ontario Native Fire Fighters Society

MOVED BY June Commanda
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept the appointment of Melvin McLeod to Ontario
Native Fire Fighters Society, as presented.
CARRIED.

(f) *Garden Village Rink*

DEFERRED.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to adjourn this meeting.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. **

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, Sept 5th, 2017
at 7:00pm in Garden Village.

Scott McLeod
Chief

Dwayne Nashkawa
Chief Executive Officer