

## Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2015: Duchesnay: 7:00 pm

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PRESENT:	CHIEF	Scott Mcleod
	DEPUTY-CHIEF	Muriel Sawyer
	COUNCILLORS	Corey Goulais
		June Commanda
		Rick Stevens
		Brian Couchie
		Cathy Bellefeuille
	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Dwayne Nashkawa
	OFFICE ADMIN. ASSISTANT	Mike Sawyer
		Priscilla West
		Ron Couchie
REGRETS:	COUNCILLOR	Jason Laronde (Toronto Mtg)

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### 1. MEETING COMMENCED:

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm

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

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

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

CARRIED.

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

### 3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

#### (a) Declaration of Conflict

Chief Scott McLeod informed Council that although he still has his construction business, he has stepped away from working with the company. In order to keep the workers employed, the company has taken on private contracts for NFN members and not taking on contracts with NFN. He also informed Council that he is in the process of building a home through NFN's RBC On Reserve Housing Loan program.

### 4. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to adjourn to the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

\*\* Adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:27pm \*\*

### 5. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

Councillor Brian Couchie declared conflict for 6.(c) Reconciliation Committee of the agenda

### 6. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF DECEMBER 15, 2015:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to accept the Council Agenda of November 3, 2015 as presented.

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 NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

**9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

(a) **Hydro Requests** – Councillor Rick Stevens presented Council with two requests regarding Hydro, first was get Mike Harney to look into some recommendations regarding “Testing of Solar Panels” projects. West Nipissing has a similar project being conducted in their township and that NFN should look into as well. Second request, that Hydro One is offering a discount for low income families and that the band should provide assistance to members who need to fill out those applications. Dwayne advised Rick that communication of this discount has been announced by Genevieve Couchie in the monthly newsletter and NFN’s social media outlets. Dwayne also mentioned that Ian Jacobson of Hydro One could come to the band office to give a presentation regarding the discount if any members require more information.

(b) **Street lights Semo Road** – A request was submitted by a band member to have more street lights put up on Semo Road. It’s hazardous to see pedestrians or children walking on the roads at night. Councillor Rick Stevens also recommended that another street light be installed on the corner of Cockburn/Dutrisac Road. Dwayne will follow up with Patrick Stevens to look into these requests.

(c) **Reconciliation Committee** – Ron Couchie presented to Chief and Council that he would like to form a Reconciliation Committee for the families of the survivors of residential school. To help those families that were affected physically, mentally, emotionally and culturally. To identify those families and provide these services such as culture, language, health and counselling. Chief McLeod informed Ron that a follow up will be conducted to terms of reference and see the mandates that are already in place to determine if there are redundancies with the programs already being provided through Nipissing First Nation. Scott advised Ron that once council has this information they can make a decision.

(d) **BCR Re-submission** – A member requested to submit a Council Resolution for Council’s consideration. Council advised the member to submit it for next meeting in January.

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

None.

**11. REPORTS:**

(a) CHIEF’S REPORT

**I. Fisheries Meeting** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he met with Richard Rowe, Clint Couchie and Corey Goulais to review the Fall Walleye Index Netting (FWIN) data that was collected this fall. The stats are showing low numbers and that the female walleye that were collected are in poor condition. The size is below average for producing healthy reproduction. He also met with the fishermen to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry). The purpose of this meeting was to collect some ideas and comments regarding this document.

**II. Remembrance Day Ceremony – Garden Village** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended the Remembrance Day ceremony along with other Councillors in Garden Village

**III. Land Advisory Board Meeting** – Chief McLeod and Joan McLeod, Lands Manager attended the annual Land Advisory Board Meeting Nov. 16-19 which was hosted in Victoria, BC. The Chief reported that it was a great opportunity to attend this meeting to and he received a better understanding of how this board conducts First Nation land issues across the country.

**IV. Special Chiefs Meeting** – Chief McLeod attended a meeting Nov. 24-26 with the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) in Toronto to discuss various issues ranging from treaty annuities to nation-to-nation negotiations. As well, he was a signatory on a letter from the Chiefs of Ontario regarding treaty annuities claim to Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier of Ontario Kathleen Wynne.

**V. NFN Community Meeting** – Chief McLeod reported that he attended the Nipissing First Nation's annual meeting on Nov. 21. Chief informed Council that he was glad that they were all able to attend.

**VI. Fisheries Law/Hunting Boundaries** – Chief McLeod advised the Council that at a meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on November 30, he tabled the issue regarding the fisheries law that Nipissing has implemented and the hunting boundaries to the Chiefs of Union of Ontario Indians.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**I. Conflict of Interest Training for Managers and Supervisors** - Dwayne informed Council that Tracey O'Donnell on January 8, 2016 will be providing Conflict of Interest training to Managers and Supervisors based on the same format she used for the Council's session.

**II. Hospice Presentations** – The North Bay Serenity Hospice is seeking an opportunity to meet with Council to provide an updated on the hospice project proposal which was approved by the Northeast LHIN. Rosella Kinoshameg represents NFN on this board. Dwayne also informed Council that NFN has been working closely with North Bay Serenity Hospice working group and have many First Nation culture incorporated into their hospice design.

**III. Three Bedroom Unit** – Dwayne advised Council that the band will be converting a three bedroom unit that NFN repossessed two years ago at 135 Gerald Crescent to rental housing to assist in addressing our backlog of three bedroom units at NFN.

**IV. Planning Processes** – Dwayne informed Council that he, Freda Martel and Tammy Saulis will begin the budget and planning process during the month of January. They will be organizing Special Council meetings to orient the Council on the process and begin carrying out this work and ensure Council's priorities are reflected in the budget process.

**V. Youth Representative – 2013 Boundary Trust Committee** – Council was informed that the Youth term on the 2013 Boundary Claim Board of Trustees is up for renewal and had been posted. One application was received from Matthew McLeod who resides in Calgary, AB. Dwayne recommended that Matthew McLeod be nominated as the Youth representative for a three year term.

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to appoint Matthew McLeod as Youth Representative to the 2013 Boundary Trust Board of Directors for a term of three years.

CARRIED.

(c) Community Development Committee Minutes of November 9, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie  
SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to accept Education Committee Minutes of November 9, 2015 as presented.  
CARRIED.

(d) Language Committee Minutes of November 9, 2015

MOVED BY Rick Stevens  
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept Language Committee Minutes of November 9, 2015 as presented.  
CARRIED.

(e) Community Wellness Committee Minutes of October 19, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie  
SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to accept Community Wellness Committee Minutes of October 19, 2015 as presented.  
CARRIED.

(f) Community Wellness Committee Minutes of November 16, 2015

MOVED BY June Commanda  
SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to accept Community Wellness Committee Minutes of November 16, 2015 as presented.  
CARRIED.

(g) Lands & By-law Committee Minutes of November 30, 2015

MOVED BY Corey Goulais  
SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to accept Lands & By-law Committee Minutes of November 30, 2015 as presented and refer the Recreation Reimbursement Policy to the Policy Committee for review.  
CARRIED.

(h) Economic Development Committee Minutes of October 21, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie  
SECONDED BY June Commanda to accept Economic Development Committee Minutes of October 21, 2015 as presented.  
CARRIED.

(i) Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of November 30, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie  
SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to accept Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of November 30, 2015 as presented.  
CARRIED.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS / AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED:

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| (i)   | MTO Highway 17B – Hwy Project  | #1740 |
| (ii)  | True Self – Ontario Grant Funding \$250,000.   | #1745 |
| (iii) | 2016 Authorized 2013 Boundary Claim Expenses- Council Resolution will be prepared for signature this week. |       |

(b) Committee Member Appointment.

To appoint April Goulais to Economic Development Committee

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to appoint April Goulais as a member of the Economic Development Committee.

CARRIED.

(c) Employment & Training – Aboriginal Stay In School Initiative.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to accept Employment & Training – Aboriginal Stay In School Initiative as presented.

CARRIED.

(d) Cigarette Quota Policy

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to accept the Cigarette Quota Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

(e) Committee Policy

Deferred back to Policy Committee to review.

(f) Procurement Policy

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept the Procurement Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

(g) Expenditure Policy

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to accept the Expenditure Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

(h) Reporting of Remuneration Policy and Expense Policy

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept the Reporting of Remuneration Policy and Expense Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

(i) Financial Institution Account and Cash Management Policy

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to accept the Financial Institution Account and Cash Management Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

(j) External Audit Policy

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to accept the External Audit Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

(k) Youth Recreation – Access to gym/weight room

Council was informed that this matter was already dealt with.

(l) Energy East Protocol Agreement

Council Resolutions will be prepared for Council's signing this week.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

**\*\* Meeting adjourned at 9:47p.m. \*\***

**\*\* The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016 in Garden Village. \*\***