

## Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2015: Garden Village: 7:00 pm

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

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1. Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.

2. **DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:**

6 c) 2015 Canadian Police Curling Championships – Donation Request, Conflict declared by Councillor David Commanda.

3. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015:**

MOVED BY David Commanda

SECONDED BY Arnold May to accept the Council Agenda of February 17, 2015 as presented.  
CARRIED.

4. **COUNCIL TRAVEL:**

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

5. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

MOVED BY Ric Stevens

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2015 as amended.  
CARRIED.

6. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

6 a) Employment Training Funding Request

Tracey Favreau presented before Council a request for funding for expenses for training to become a Driving Instructor. Council suggested that she contact the Employment & Training Department to see if she could access funding.

6 b) Ad-Hoc Committee for Truth and Reconciliation – Reconciliation

Ron Couchie informed Council that the Truth part of the committee was started and he feels that the Reconciliation portion needs to be implemented. He suggested that the past committee address the problems surrounding the Residential School effects, loss of language, culture and rise of addictions among our members from residual effects from Residential school. With starting up this committee he would also like to see more programs to restore the culture, language and prevention assistance for addictions for members on the Duchesnay side of Nipissing.

6 c) 2015 Canadian Police Curling Championships – Donation Request

*Councillor David Commanda declared conflict.*

Tyler Commanda submitted a written request for a donation to attend the 2015 Canadian Police Curling Championships. Dwayne Nashkawa, Executive Director will look into Nipissing's policy on giving a monetary donation to members attending athletic events.

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

None.

8. **REPORTS:**

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

None.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- (i) **Upcoming Consultations** – Dwayne informed Council that community consultations will be scheduled in various formats for NFN energy projects, trust income revenues and Energy East over the next couple of months.
- (ii) **Governance policy work** – Dwayne indicated that part of the work to implement the Chi-Naaknigewin, this involves updating our governance policies. The office had posted for ad hoc committee members to assist with this work but only received one application. Dwayne suggested and Council agreed to assemble of team of local members with this knowledge by approaching them directly to assist with this work.
- (iii) **A Tribe Called Red** - Dwayne spoke with the manager of "A Tribe Called Red" about hosting a free show in August in the community. There are numerous logistics to be considered but they are very interested in coming to NFN to play a show later this summer. They may also be available for a youth workshop the morning after or the day of the show.
- (iv) **Replacement of Water Pumps** – Dwayne updated council that the existing pumps in Duchesnay and informed them that the pumping station are failing due to the age of the pumps, they have been refurbished. Nipissing First Nation cannot upgrade the pumping station from their core capital as the focus is on ACRS Health and Safety repairs (\$9M) Nipissing First Nation is requesting financial assistance as a proposal based project. AANDC CMO and Project Engineer support this request.

(c) MOOSE PROJECT/RAMA REPORT

Councillor Ric Stevens attended this workshop in Rama on the Moose Project. More discussions are needed to preserve the well-being of the hunt for generations to come and that First Nations need to be included in future discussions throughout the province.

(d) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2014

Councillor Arnold May informed Council that Nbisiing Secondary School hasn't change their furnace and hot water tanks over to natural gas from propane. With the main project of providing natural gas to Duchesnay, the school should be able to convert and a start benefitting the costs that natural gas provides. Dwayne informed Council that it wasn't put into last year's budget however this could possibly be done with surplus funding. He will report back to council with the options.

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier

SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept the Economic Development Committee Minutes of February 13, 2015 upon recommendations as amended.

CARRIED.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) DUCHESNAY BRIDGE UPDATE

Dwayne updated council on the recent consultation with the City of North Bay/Engineers regarding the Duchesnay and over passing Highway Bridge, and the relocating of the exposed sewage main that is located beneath the bridge. These projects will be ongoing with City of North Bay and Nipissing First Nation for the next 2 years.

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

MOVED BY Arnold May

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

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 8:11 pm. \*\*

**15. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

(i) RESIDENTIAL FROZEN WATER

Council was informed of frozen water supply to a band member's house. Dwayne will see what options are available in these situations.

**ADJOURN FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

MOVED BY David Commanda

SECONDED BY Arnold May to adjourn to the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED BY Ric Stevens

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. \*\*

\*\* The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on  
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 in Garden Village. \*\*