

## Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

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

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PRESENT:	CHIEF	Marianna Couchie
	DEPUTY-CHIEF	June Commanda
	COUNCILLORS	Doug Chevrier
		Brian Couchie
		Arnold May
		Darrell McLeod
		Rick Stevens
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Dwayne Nashkawa
	RECEPTIONIST CLERK	Elaine Commanda
REGRETS:	COUNCILLOR	David Commanda (S/L)
		Arnold May (A/L)

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1. Meeting commenced at 7:10 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 7:10 pm. \*\*

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) SNOW REMOVAL

Council was informed that an elder residing with a family member did not qualify for snow removal as they had requested. Dwayne agreed to review the snow removal policy with staff.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:17 pm. \*\*

5. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None

6. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF JANUARY 20, 2015:

- Add to In Camera: 3 (a) Snow Removal
- Add #9 (c) Duchesnay Water
- Add #12 (c) Finance & Audit Committee Member Appointment

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to accept the Council Agenda of February 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 JANUARY 20, 2015:**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept the Council Minutes of January 20, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

**9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

None

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

It was noted that a letter was received from Chief Shining Turtle expressing appreciation for the donation of \$500.00 and for our continued support for the Little NHL tournament.

**11. REPORTS:**

**(a) CHIEF'S REPORT**

- (i) **NFN Guest** - Chief Marianna Couchie attended a briefing meeting with Anthony Rota and Carolyn Bennett to discuss the ASET program, National Child Benefit Reinvestment Fund, and the Education 2% cap. Irvin George was invited to present the water issues.

**Nipissing University** - Council was informed that Chief Marianna Couchie participated on the panel discussion. The discussion on the Treaty and Treaty Rights was good and the comments were respectful.

**Meetings** - Chief Marianna attended the Nipissing University - Board Committee meeting Planning Priorities Committee.

- (ii) **Ministry of Natural Resources and Fishing (MNRF)** – Chief Marianna had attended a meeting with the MNRF with Clint Couchie. Memorandum of Understanding was discussed. Still there is a concern about MNRF imposing an Aboriginal Fishing Commercial License on Nipissing First Nation.
- (iii) **Canadian Inuk Singer/Songwriter Dr. Susan Aglukark** – Chief Marianna Couchie has been invited to welcome Dr. Susan Aglukark at the Nipissing Secondary School on February 4, 2015 for the launch of a writing project.
- (iv) **First Nations Library Week** – Council was informed that the First Nations Library Week will begin on Monday, February 9, 2015. The Northern Ontario Library Association was unable to provide funding and the event had to be “scaled back”, Chief Marianna will bring a welcoming.
- (v) **Conference** – Chief Couchie reported that she will be attending the Mukwa Giizis Anishinabek Nation HIV/AIDS Conference in North Bay on February 10, 2015 to do the welcoming speech presentation.
- (vi) **Cultural & Pow Wow Committee Meeting** – Councillor Arnold May has agreed to chair the meeting on Family Day of February 16, 2015. Chief Marianna Couchie informed Council that the Cultural department has an event every weekend in Duchesnay in February. On Sunday, February 8, 2015 there is a Mukwa Feast, or a feasting of the Bear ceremony.
- (vii) **Vacation** – Chief Marianna Couchie has scheduled vacation time for February 13, 2015.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- (i) **Special Council Meeting** – A Special Council Meeting on the Energy /Innergex Solar project and the MNRF issue has been scheduled for February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Garden Village.
- (ii) **Communications** – Council was informed of the strategic communications plan that will be forthcoming.

(c) TAKING BACK OUR COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2014

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY June Commanda to approve the Taking Back our Community Committee Minutes of December 3, 2014 as presented.

CARRIED.

(d) APS/PGA REPORT

Information Item

- (i) Chief Marianna Couchie has requested an update on the APS reporting status, and to have the APS invited to meet with Council in the spring.

(e) FISHWIKS REQUEST

A Masters student will be examining how traditional knowledge is transferred between Elders and youth. Chief Marianna agreed to meet with this additional Researcher to review the research methods.

(f) CULTURE & POW WOW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2015

Item 5 (d) Deputy Chief June Commanda has accepted to sign the Indigenous Education on Protocol with Canadore College. This will be held prior to the Pow Wow Grand Entry. Chief Marianna Couchie will inform Mary Wabano that the Flag Carrier will be Blair Beauceage for the Canadore Pow Wow.

Item 6 (d) Dwayne will contact the Facilities Manager in regards to the options about the garbage disposal on the Pow Wow grounds

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve the Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of January 19, 2014 as presented.

CARRIED.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS / AGREEMENTS SIGNED:

- (i) MTO Subsidy #1732
- (ii) Financial Management System #1731
- (iii) Business Licence – name change #1733

(b) SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to appoint Brenda Restoule as the Special Education Advisory Committee Representative.

CARRIED.

(c) FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY June Commanda to appoint Daniel Stevens and Gerald Laronde as the Finance & Audit Committee Representatives.

CARRIED

(d) DUCHESNAY WATER

Councillor Rick Stevens informed Council that NFN should consider installing a new water and septic system for Duchesnay and Yellek. Dwayne informed Council that a report and options will be brought forth to the next meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

**\*\* Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. \*\***

**\*\* The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on  
Tuesday, February 17, 2015 in Duchesnay. \*\***