

## **Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2015: Garden Village: 7:00 pm**

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>CHIEF</b>	<b>Marianna Couchie</b>
	<b>DEPUTY-CHIEF</b>	<b>June Commanda</b>
	<b>COUNCILLORS</b>	<b>David Commanda</b>
		<b>Brian Couchie</b>
		<b>Arnold May</b>
		<b>Darrell McLeod</b>
		<b>Rick Stevens</b>
	<b>DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>Freda Martel</b>
	<b>RECEPTIONIST CLERK</b>	<b>Elaine Commanda</b>
<b>REGRETS:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>Doug Chevrier</b>
	<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	<b>Dwayne Nashkawa (Vacation)</b>

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1. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

2. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

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

CARRIED.

**\*\* Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:04 pm. \*\***

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) EDUCATION

Council was informed that an issue brought forth in December 2014 did not take place and has now been resolved in a meeting that took place with the member on January 20, 2015. Chief Marianna Couchie informed Council that when membership contacts them regarding departmental concerns, to refer them on to the Administration department or the managers of the respective department.

(b) ABORIGINAL PERSON VIOLATION RIGHTS (APVR)

(i) Hunting Violation:

A band member was informed that the First Nations Treaty rights are not transferable to a non band member in any situation.

(ii) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF):

Chief Couchie has granted permission for the MNRF to interview two band members who were identified for three abandoned nets matter. The Anishinabek Police Services will be asked to attend the on reserve interviews with the MNRF.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Arnold May

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

CARRIED.

**\*\* Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:23 pm. \*\***

5. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None

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

- Add to In Camera: #1 Education
- Add to In Camera: #2 Aboriginal Person Violation Rights (APVR)
- Add #7 (b) Duchesnay Water
- Add #9 (d) (i) Appoint Chair – Finance & Audit Committee

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept the Council Agenda of January 20, 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 6, 2015:**

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to accept the Council Minutes of January 6, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

**9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- (a) Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) - Co Host Whitefish River First Nation

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to approve the advertisement for sponsorship and to include 'NFN wishes all a happy and successful tournament' for the LNHL advertisement in the amount of \$500.00.

CARRIED.

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

- (a) NFN Newsletter Distribution

Council had a lengthy discussion on the distribution of newsletters to the community, and have opted to have surveys, contact the on reserve businesses and ask those who now receive home delivery if they still want it mailed. Council have decided in the meantime to continue with status quo (printing for the seniors and upon request, also available by email and the website).

- (b) Duchesnay Water

Council was informed that the water in Duchesnay is presenting with a variety of issues such as cloudy water, and low pressures; the Environmental Health Officer and public works is currently working on it. A notification will be mailed out to the Duchesnay residents as soon as possible. The water has been tested regularly and is safe.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to approve the hiring of the First Nations Engineering in the amount of \$3,900.00 to assess the Duchesnay water issues.

CARRIED.

**11. REPORTS:**

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

- (i) **Diners Club** - Chief Marianna Couchie attended the January Diners Club.
- (ii) **Land Issues Meeting** - Council was informed that Chief Marianna Couchie attended the Land Issues meetings. The committee will upon review and finalization, our hand selection criteria has agreed to request a meeting with Mr. Zimmerman.
- (iii) **Pow Wow Volunteer Dinner** - Council was informed invitation letters were sent out to the registered Pow Wow volunteers to request their participation at the dinner. Chief Marianna Couchie informed Council that this was a very nice affair and that she had attended. The Cultural Committee will be forwarding the volunteer list to the Health Committee, for the Volunteer Appreciation dinner.
- (iv) **NFN Guest** – Council was informed that Anthony Rota and Carolyn Bennett will be at NFN office for an information presentation on January 22, 2015 and then they will be moving on to the Nipissing University in the afternoon.
- (v) **Meeting with MNRF** - Chief Marianna Couchie and Dwayne will be meeting with the MNRF, in the following week.
- (vi) **Vacation** – Chief Marianna Couchie has scheduled vacation time for January 30, 2015.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- (i) No Report

(c) SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2014

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY June Commanda to approve the Special Council Minutes of December 19, 2014 as presented.

CARRIED.

(d) CULTURE & POW WOW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2014

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept the Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of December 15, 2014 as presented.

CARRIED.

(e) LANGUAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2014

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept the Language Committee Minutes of December 11, 2014.

CARRIED.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS / AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED:

- (i) Ontario Sport & Recreation Funding Application
- (ii) AANDC - Professional Institutional & Development Program Funding Application

(b) FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SAND BAG POLICY

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to approve the amended Flood Risk Management Sand Bag Policy.

CARRIED.

(c) GOVERNANCE LAW/POLICIES - AD HOC COMMITTEE

MOVED BY Arnold May

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to appoint Councillor Arnold May as Chair for the Governance Law/Policies Committee and to advertise for 4 members.

CARRIED.

(d) FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Council was informed that there were no community member applications received.

Council has requested to have the Administration department to contact NFN members.

(i) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

MOVED BY Arnold May

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to appoint Brian Couchie as Chair for the Finance & Audit Committee and to approach members who applied to the 2013 Boundary Claim Board.

CARRIED.

(e) NORTH BAY REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE FOUNDATION

Council was informed that an invitation will be sent to the North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation in early summer.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

**\*\* Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. \*\***

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