

Council Minutes
Tuesday, June 16, 2015: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

Present:	Deputy-Chief Councillors	June Commanda Brian Couchie David Commanda Rick Stevens Darrell McLeod Doug Chevrier Arnold May
	Chief Executive Officer Director of Administration Guest	Dwayne Nashkawa Freda Martel Chris Commanda
Regrets:	Chief	Marianna Couchie (COO Assembly)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to adjourn to the committee of the whole.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:05 pm **

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) CHIEFS SALARY/ COUNCIL HONOURARIUMS / RELIEF WORKER WAGES

MOVED BY Arnold May
SECONDED BY David Commanda to approve the Chief Salary Grid for 2015-16
effective August 1, 2015 as presented.
CARRIED.

Councillor Couchie opposed.

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve the Council honourarium Grid effective
August 1, 2015 as presented.
CARRIED.

MOVED BY David Commanda
SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve increases to Relief Worker pay rates as
presented.
CARRIED.

Dwayne informed Council that since the minimum wage will be increasing effective
October 1, 2015, the Relief Work rate for student bingo runner will increase to
\$11.25 on October 1, 2015.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to adjourn from the committee of the whole.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:40 pm **

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Addition to Agenda:

- Item 6(a) Responsibility of Fisheries Staff
- Item 6(d) Yellek – Lights.
- Item 6(e) Abandoned Houses.
- Item 6(f) Bears in Yellek

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept the Council Agenda of June 16th, 2015 as amended.

CARRIED.

(a) NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

A band member inquired as to what responsibility the fisheries department had during the moratorium and said that he had not received the new regulations. He felt the fisheries department should be meeting with the fisherman to keep them informed and also expressed concern about an incident that took place at the dock. He informed Council that he had offered a solution regarding fish waste, and that fishing is his livelihood and if he is not allowed to fish NFN should compensate. Deputy-Chief June Commanda asked that he leave his notes and his matters will be looked into.

6. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None.

7. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

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

8. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 9TH, 2015:

Change "Ric" to read "Rick"

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to accept the Council Minutes of May 19th, 2015 as amended.

CARRIED.

9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

(a) WEST NIPISSING RIB-FEST

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier

SECONDED BY Arnold May to approve a donation in the amount of \$200.00, to the West Nipissing Rock 'n' Ribs Festival taking place on July 17-19, 2015.

CARRIED.

Councillor Couchie and Councillor Stevens opposed.

(b) WIGWAMEN ABORIGINAL HOUSING

Councillor May declared conflict.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Wigwamen Pan Am / Parapan AM Games Affordable Housing Project.

CARRIED.

(c) WAUBETEK BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the 2015 Waubetek Charity Golf Classic tournament.

CARRIED

(d) YELLEK – LIGHTS

Councillor Doug Chevrier informed Council that a resident of Yellek is requesting street lights at the west end of Yellek. Council was informed that this area is not a serviced subdivision and this will be added to the capital plan discussions.

(e) ABANDONED HOMES

Councillor Doug Chevrier expressed concern with regards to abandoned homes on reserve and suggested that this be looked into as some of these homes are safety concerns. Dwayne will have the Lands Department prepare a written report to Council and suggested that one of the solutions could be for NFN enter in an agreement with the homeowners to have NFN demolish the home and the owner would pay costs to NFN or a by-law could be written to deal with abandoned homes.

(f) BEAR CONCERNS – YELLEK

Councillor Doug Chevrier inquired as to whether there was anything that could be done with the bear problem in Yellek. Council was informed that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry do not have the services to trap bears any longer. Council was also informed that Henvey Inlet purchased traps and provides this service. Dwayne will have the Natural Resources Department speak to the individuals that were reported to be dumping fish waste in Yellek and make contact with Henvey Inlet to get more information on their services. It was also suggested that NFN could possibly purchase a bear trap and get training. An inquiry was made as to whether the non-First Nation member who went up on Mooze Miikun Road to take pictures was being charged with trespassing. It was suggested to have a gate installed on Mooze Miikun Road and give out keys to members and users who require them. Discussion also took place on looking for possible areas to dump fish waste.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

(a) FUNDRAISING REQUESTS

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to allow fundraising for groups and/or individuals to fundraise, accept the Fundraising Policy as presented, and to proceed with the possibility of a "Pay It Forward Campaign".

CARRIED.

In accepting these recommendations, Council requested that individuals requesting to fundraise provide the administration with as much information as possible on the fundraising venture they wish to pursue.

(b) NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Arnold May to approve the recommendation to remain status quo with the newsletter delivery by emailing to members who request, mail out to seniors 65 years and over on reserve and area, mail out to members on reserve and area who do not have access to internet services and mail out to seniors who reside out of area and do not have access to internet services or computer by request.

CARRIED.

Councillor Darrell McLeod requested that the newsletter be emailed to Chief and Council monthly.

11. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Couchie provided a Chief's Report for June 2015. In this report she updated Council about concerns of a Nugget article, the Union of Ontario Indians Annual General Meeting, the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, her attendance at the Chiefs of Ontario meeting in Rat Portage, and recommendations as follows:

- i. **Two hole rock in Duchensay** – Chief Couchie requested to have the rock with two holes in it re-instated to the original location. Dwayne will ask Joan McLeod and Ken Swayze assess this rock.
- ii. **Duchesnay Boat Launch** – Chief Couchie requested that the Duchesnay boat launch be dredged as soon as the ice is off the lake and while the water levels are low. This will be added annually to the Public Works work plan.

(b) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- i. **Seniors Unit Loitering** – Councillor Doug Chevrier informed Council that there was a member hanging around the front entrance of the seniors unit. Dwayne informed Council that he has made contact with S/Sgt. Al Naveau to have officers park at the Seniors Unit and monitor this area.

- ii. **Chiefs of Ontario Regional Chief** – Dwayne on behalf of Chief Couchie inquired as to whom Council wished to support as Ontario Regional Chief. Council agreed to stand in support of Tom Bressette.
- iii. **Special Council Meeting** – Council scheduled a Special Council Meeting to review and approve the audit for July 21st at 7:00 pm.
- iv. **APTN Hard Rock Medical Series** – Dwayne informed Council that a call was received from APTN who would like to possibly film on Nipissing First Nation. Council was in agreement to gather more information on this filming. Freda will coordinate a meeting with their representative. Dwayne will provide a report to update Council on this opportunity at the Special Council meeting on August 21st, and will also provide an update on the request from the Tribe Called Red to have a concert at Nipissing in August.
- v. **Memorandum of Understanding MNRF** – Dwayne provided Council with a copy of the proposed MOU with the MNRF. He informed Council that he felt this MOU is a unique approach that basically implements NFN law and recognizes jurisdiction. Council requested to meet with Lawyer Fred Bellefeuille prior to meeting with Deputy-Minister Carrie Hayward. Dwayne will contact Ms. Hayward to coordinate a meeting date.
- i. **Solar Power Network (SPN) Fit 3 and 3.5 Contracts** – Dwayne provided a briefing note regarding NFN's commitment to the SPN partnership. He informed Council that he has been in contact with the Trust and they are willing to loan the money for this venture. Dwayne also requested approval for NFN to bridge finance this loan to meet our current obligation.

MOVED BY Arnold May

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie that NFN bridge finance Nipissing First Nation's obligation under the SPN contract in the amount of \$418,750.

CARRIED.

- ii. **Trust Income Report** – Dwayne informed Council that he is working on this report and will bring to Council once completed.
- iii. **Energy East** – Dwayne informed Council that in regards to the East Energy project a work plan is being prepared for the traditional knowledge and traditional land use requirements. Trans Canada will pay for this information that will be passed on to the National Energy Board.

(c) SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Arnold May to approve the Special Council Minutes of May 27, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

(d) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2015

Item 6. Council was informed that there is no recommendation in these minutes; this was only to inform that the Natural Gas project will continue to be pursued.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY David Commanda to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes of May 14, 2015 as amended.
CARRIED.

(e) LANDS & BYLAW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 11 & 25, 2015

MOVED BY Rick Stevens
SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve the Lands & Bylaw Committee Minutes of May 11 & 25, 2015 as presented.
CARRIED.

(a) TBC/POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Stevens
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve the TBC/Police Committee Minutes of March 11, 2015 as presented.
CARRIED.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) BEAUCAGE PARK PROPOSED OPERATION

Council was in agreement to have Beaucage Park opened for NFN members this season for day use only from Friday to Sunday and extended to Monday on the Civic and Labour Day weekend. Council requested that hours for the two workers employed at the park be extended to 35 hours per week for this year.

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve day use for Beaucage Park as per the recommendation and maintain full time hours for the two workers employed.
CARRIED.

(b) CELLULAR PHONE POLICY

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY David Commanda to approve the Cellular Phone Policy as amended.
CARRIED.

(c) VEHICLE POLICY

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve the Vehicle Policy as amended.
CARRIED.

Council requested that the Chief Financial Officer do an analysis on purchasing versus leasing of a vehicle for the Chief.

(d) SNOW PLOW POLICY / SENIORS – EMERGENCY

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier
SECONDED BY Arnold May to approve the Snow Plow Policy – Seniors / Emergency as amended.
CARRIED.

(e) FOOD BANK POLICY

MOVED BY David Commanda
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve the Food Bank Policy as amended.
CARRIED

(f) GOVERNING MEETINGS POLICY & GOVERNANCE ROLES POLICY

Councillor Arnold May presented the changes to the Governance Meetings Policy & Governance Roles Policy which were reviewed by an Ad Hoc Committee.

As these documents were not formally adopted as Bylaws when created, it was recommended that these be recognized as policies which will be reviewed yearly.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY David Commanda to approve the Governing Meetings Policy and Governance Roles Policy as amended.
CARRIED.

(g) BUSINESS LICENCING

MOVED BY Arnold May
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve a Business License for Sherri Romain to operate a chip stand on a seasonal trial basis at Yellek Self Storage/ TPI Bluesky Travel.
CARRIED.

(h) REDTAIL HAWK TRAINING & CONSULTING

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve a Business License Permit for George Couchie to operate Redtail Hawk Training & Consulting.
CARRIED.

(i) RBC ON RESERVE HOUSING LOAN POLICY

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY David Commanda to approve the RBC On Reserve Housing Loan Policy as amended.
CARRIED

(j) CMHC OFFER TO LEND

Council signed the renewal loan agreement for CMHC six apartment units on Cockburn Road.

(k) ON RESERVE HOUSING LOAN POLICY

Council was informed that an amendment in this policy amends the loan amount from \$150,000., to \$300,000.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to approve the On Reserve Housing Loan Policy as amended.
CARRIED.

(I) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS SIGNED:

- (i) Land Allotment – Lot 189 Garden Village Johnathon Beaudette #LNS2356
- (ii) Support of the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement #1747

13. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to adjourn to the committee of the whole.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 10:00 am **

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) CHIEF'S POSITION – ATTENDANCE RECORDING

Council agreed that as the Chief's position is not an employee position attendance recording would not be necessary and no overtime or vacation pay is to be paid out at the end of a Chief's term.

15. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY David Commanda to adjourn from the committee of the whole.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 10:10 am **

16. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to adjourn this meeting.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm **

June Commanda
Deputy-Chief

Dwayne Nashkawa
Chief Executive Officer