

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 7, 2017: Nbisiing S.S. – Duchesnay: 6:00 pm

Present:	Chief Deputy Chief Councillors Chief Executive Officer Executive Assistant Guest	Scott McLeod Muriel Sawyer June Commanda Rick Stevens Brian Couchie Jason Laronde Dwayne Nashkawa Mike Sawyer Brian Young Joel Girard Lorraine Liberty Carol Guppy Tracey Restoule Mathilde Bazinet Sandy Graham
Regrets:	Councillor Councillor	Cathy Bellefeuille (Personal) Corey Goulais (Mtg in Sault Ste. Marie)

1. Meeting commenced at 6:02p.m.

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

MOVED BY June Commanda
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to adjourn to the committee of the whole.
CARRIED.

** Adjourned to the committee of the whole at 6:03pm **

Community member gave a presentation to Council to offer a solution to saving the red pine plantations on Radar Rd and Dump Rd. that was planted 30 years ago. To provide proper thinning to allow these plantations to grow properly and maintain sustainability, with no cost to Nipissing First Nation.

MOVED BY Rick Stevens
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to direct staff to work with Young Forestry to carry out Red Pine Thinning on Nipissing First Nation reserve lands.
CARRIED.

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer
SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to adjourn the committee of the whole.
CARRIED.

** Committee of the whole adjourned at 6:28pm **

3. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Additions to agenda:

- Item 7. (f) Chief’s Report

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to approve the Council Agenda of March 7, 2017 as amended.
CARRIED.

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None.

5. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

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

6. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2017

MOVED BY Jason Laronde

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve the Council Minutes of February 2, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE LAST MEETING:

- (a) *Long Distance Medical Travel re: Accommodations* – Dwayne advised Council that this is still ongoing.

8. REPORTS:

- (a) Enweyend Aanke Giigdown(Language) Minutes of January 9, 2017

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Enweyend Aanke Giigdown (Language) Minutes of January 9, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED.

- (b) Enweyend Aanke Giigdown(Language) Minutes of February 13, 2017

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve the Enweyend Aanke Giigdown (Language) Minutes of February 13, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED.

- (c) Nishnabe Inaadizwin Aanke Giidowin (Pow Wow) Committee Minutes of February 15, 2017.

MOVED BY Jason Laronde

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve the Nishnabe Inaadizwin Aanke Giidowin (Pow Wow) Committee minutes of February 15, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED.

- (d) Bwajgi-zhichkewin Aanke Giigdown (Natural Resources) Committee Minutes of January 18, 2017.

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer

SECONDED BY June Commanda to approve Bwajgi-zhichkewin Aanke Giigdown (Natural Resources) Committee minutes of January 18, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED.

- (e) Bwajgi-zhichkewin Aanke Giigdownin (Natural Resources) Committee Minutes of February 15, 2017.

Council approves only the committee minutes, but will defer and table the Fisheries Law amendments at the next Council meeting on March 21, 2017

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to approve Bwajgi-zhichkewin Aanke Giigdownin (Natural Resources) Committee minutes of February 15, 2017 only and will defer the Fisheries Law amendments at next council meeting of March 21, 2017.

CARRIED.

9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) *Women with Water Group – Request for Pow Wow Ground for Ceremony (Lorraine Liberty & Carol Guppy)*

Lorraine Liberty presented to Council to request the use of the Pow Wow grounds for the Grassroots Women Water Ceremony on the weekend of June 2-4. She indicated that they will have washroom facilities and garbage cans to ensure a safe clean environment. Lorraine also indicated that all participants will sign a waiver to enter the grounds during their ceremony for no liability against Nipissing First Nation. Lorraine also mentioned that this event is totally funded by their group and will be no cost to NFN. Chief and Council granted her permission to use the Pow Wow grounds, confirmation with Public Works and the Cultural Department is needed in order to see if that weekend is available.

- (b) *City of North Bay Project – Shoreline impacts (Tracey Restoule)*

Tracey Restoule gave a presentation update to Chief and Council on the North Bay Shoreline Project. She has been attending all these meeting held at City Hall in North Bay and raised some concerns with regards to duty to consult with First Nations in the surrounding areas and not being properly consulted in this project process. Tracey asked the City of North Bay if they ever contacted Chiefs and Councils of Nipissing First Nation, Dokis First Nation, Temagami First Nation or Algonquins east of the City. She raised the issue that this project can have ecological impacts on the habitat and environment of Lake Nipissing. She asked Chief and Council to get in contact with North Bay officials to discuss this further since this project can affect all communities that share the lake. Chief McLeod said he will follow up with Mayor Al McDonald to get some information regarding this matter.

- (c) *Nipissing Serenity Hospice*

A presentation was given by Mathilde Bazinet and Sandy Graham on the impending construction of the Nipissing Serenity Hospice. Presentation of the design and funding process is progressing. They indicated that there will be first nation representation within the facility once it opens, to provide for First Nation families if they need to access this program. They requested a letter of support they could to access funds from Indian Northern Affairs Canada. Council indicated to them that they will need some time to deliberate further on this request.

(d) Netting/Conflicts/Eco System – Member Presentation

DEFERRED.

(e) Northern Secondary Visit to Nipissing

Request letter from Northern Secondary School to Chief and Council to grant permission to take students and teachers to Dokis Point located in Garden Village for a learning experience in a different setting. Council agreed to allow this program access, given they sign a waiver of liability. A correspondence will be sent to Tammy McMeekin the Student Leadership Coordinator of this program to allow her program access on Nipissing First Nation.

(f) Chief's Report

Chief McLeod reported to Council that he attended several meetings over the last two months. He met with the Province of Ontario regarding the raising Hydro One rates that are affecting First Nations communities across the province. As well, he attended Treaties in Ontario Meeting in Hamilton to discuss the historical significance and moving forward. Chief McLeod recently attended a meeting in Prince Edward Island for a National Fisheries Committee Meeting to deliberate on several issues nationwide across Canada.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS TO BE SIGNED:

(i) Union Gas Weatherization Program Initiative #1804 – Signed

(b) Member Appointment to Finance & Audit Committee

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to appoint Brenden Houston as a member of the Finance & Audit Committee.
CARRIED.

(c) Executive Council Terms of Reference

MOVED BY Jason Laronde
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept the Executive Council Terms of Reference, as presented.
CARRIED.

(d) Chief & Council Travel Authorization Policy

MOVED BY Jason Laronde
SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to accept the Chief & Council Travel Authorization Policy, as amended.
CARRIED.

(e) *Donation Policy*

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer
SECONDED BY June Commanda to accept the Donation Policy, as amended.
CARRIED.

(f) *Hall Rental Policy*

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer
SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to accept the Hall Rental Policy, as amended.
CARRIED.

(g) *Flood Risk Management Sand Bag Policy*

MOVED BY Jason Laronde
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept the Flood Risk Management Sand Bag Policy, as amended.
CARRIED.

(h) *Governance Roles Policy*

MOVED BY Jason Laronde
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept the Governance Roles Policy, as amended.
CARRIED.

(i) *Committee Appointments*

To appoint Ray Commanda as a member of the Housing Committee
To appoint Ray Commanda as a member of the Natural Resources Committee
To appoint Dave Miner as a member of the Culture & Pow Wow Committee.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve the appointments of Ray Commanda to Housing Committee and Natural Resources Committee and Dave Miner to Culture & Pow Wow Committee, as presented.
CARRIED.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to adjourn this meeting.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. **

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 21th, 2017
at 7:00pm in Garden Village.