

Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2015: Duchesnay: 7:00 pm

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| PRESENT: | CHIEF | Marianna Couchie |
| | DEPUTY-CHIEF | June Commanda |
| | COUNCILLORS | Rick Stevens |
| | | Brian Couchie |
| | | Darrell McLeod |
| | | David Commanda |
| | | Doug Chevrier |
| | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER | Dwayne Nashkawa |
| | OFFICE ADMIN. ASSISTANT | Mike Sawyer |
| REGRETS: | COUNCILLOR | Arnold May (GWG Mtg UOI SSMarie) |

1. **MEETING COMMENCED:** 7:06pm

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.

** Adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:06pm **

3. **IN-CAMERA SESSION:** 7:07pm

1. BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS:

- i) Dwayne informed council of a potential business partnership for the Highway 17B Bridge Project
- ii) Dwayne updated Council on the various Energy projects. Council agreed not to pursue the energy project with Innergex.

2. POLICING:

Council requested to meet with Sgt. Lesage to discuss protocol awareness regarding the services.

** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:37pm. **

4. **DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:**

- Councillor Doug Chevrier and Councillor Ric Stevens declared conflict on item 10(e) dealing with the Fisheries Moratorium Update.

5. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF MAY 19, 2015:**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept the Council Agenda of May 19, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

6. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

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

7. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2015

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

8. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

7 a) *North Bay Friendship Centre Request Attendance – Grand Entry* – Councillor David Commanda will attend and represent Nipissing First Nation at the North Bay Friendship Centre gathering on June 6, 2015.

7 b) *West Nipissing General Hospital – Golf Donation Request* – Council agreed to give the same donation as last year along with a golf package for this charity tournament for their ongoing support for NFN.

7 c) *Dreamcatcher Golf Tournament – Golf Donation Request* - Council agreed to give the same donation as last year along with a golf package for this charity tournament for their ongoing support for NFN

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Ric Stevens to send same amount of donations as last year to 7b) West Nipissing General Hospital and 7c) Dreamcatcher Golf Tournaments as presented.

CARRIED.

6 d) *West Nipissing Chamber of Commerce – Golf Donation Request* – Council agreed to sponsor a hole of \$125.00 along with a golf package.

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier

SECONDED BY David Commanda to send donation prizes to all three Golf Donation Requests as presented.

CARRIED.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

8 a) **Fundraising Requests** – More information will be collected into the format that the Royal Canadian Legion 50/50 monthly draw is conducted.

Deferred.

8 b) **Golf Course Road Inspection** – It was discussed that since the boundary line of the reserve and a lot of community members have houses on the Golf Course Road, it should be maintained for the safety of the members.

MOVED BY Ric Stevens

SECONDED BY June Commanda to clear the brush and maintained of Golf Course Road of Nipissing First Nation boundary line as presented.

CARRIED.

10. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

i.) **AES-ROJ** - Chief Couchie indicated that she attend a book launch at the Union of Ontario Indians and met with Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee to discuss the education system concerning the ROJ's approach has change from the original agreement, how it went from a "grassroots system" to more of a "centralized system". A follow up meeting with Mike Restoule of ROJ/UOI is being scheduled to discuss further detail on this Education System template.

ii.) **Ministry of Natural Resources** – Chief Couchie informed council that she and Dwayne have several meetings with MNR on working towards an agreement on how to better protect our natural resources within NFN territory. Another meeting is scheduled on May 28, following the Water Ceremony in Garden Village.

iii.) **Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership Meeting** - Councillor Doug Chevrier agreed to carry the proxy for the meeting that is scheduled to take place June in Toronto.

iv.) **Armed Forces Day** - Chief Couchie reported that she received an invitation from Scott Clark to attend Armed Forces Day on June 3, 2015 at the Waterfront in North Bay and requested Council representation to give greetings at this event. Most council will be away attending other meetings that day. Suggestion was made to Dwayne to see if any of the Senior Staff would be able to attend on behalf of Chief & Council.

v.) **Celebration Dates** - Chief Couchie informed Council of some important dates that will be coming up. May 26, 2015 – Dwayne Nashkawa's Graduation Ceremony will be held for his completion of Master of Public Administration program. May 29, 2015 will be Nancy Allaire's retirement party for her great career in education.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- I. **Community Beautification Program** – Dwayne informed Council that the program is starting up, 43 interviews were held for these positions. Randy Penasse was hired at Program Coordinator. He also mentioned that this program will benefit all, by having a cleaner community and providing employment for members.
- II. **Hiring Report** – Dwayne informed Council that Julie Dalglish is the new OWL Program Supervisor.

(c) Education Committee Minutes of March 30, 2015

MOVED BY Ric Stevens

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept Education Committee Minutes of March 30, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

(d) Language Committee Minutes of April 13, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept Language Committee Minutes of April 13, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

(e) Lands and Bylaw Committee Minutes of April 27, 2015

MOVED BY Ric Stevens

SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept Lands and Bylaw Committee Minutes of April 27, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

(f) Finance & Audit Committee Minutes of April 22, 2015

Deferred.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS / AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED:

- (i) Support Community Engagement Partnership Fund Remembrance Day #1740
- (ii) Application Support – FNIHB-OR Prescription Drug Use Project #1745

(b) Smoking Area – Nbisiing Secondary School

A briefing report was submitted to Council on the ban of smoking during school hours at Nbisiing Secondary School. Concern was about the smoking area was too close to the entrance. It was felt that if they eliminate the smoking area on School property that there needs to be smoking deterrents. It was also suggested that the NFN Health Department could provide some assistance, it was agreed to go with the option of "Eliminating the smoking section completely" with the recommendation that this takes effect in September 1, 2015 and that smoking cessation assistances are provided.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept the motion of eliminating the "smoking section" at Nbisiing Secondary School during school hours effective Sept. 1, 2015 with the recommendation that smoke aids be provided.

CARRIED.

(c) FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE – POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

- i) Finance & Audit Terms of Reference.
- ii) Finance & Audit Committee Member terms.
- iii) Policies, Procedure & Directions Policy.
- iv) Finance & Audit Committee Policy.
- v) Financial Management Systems Improvements Policy.
- vi) Delegation & Assignment of Responsibilities Policy.
- vii) Organizational Chart Policy.
- viii) Whistleblower Policy.

*Deferred

(d) INCOME DISTRIBUTION

A preliminary report was submitted to Council on the income distribution meetings. A lot of feedback and comments submitted from the membership. Council agreed to release this information to show the members of the results and establishing cost and priority by short term and long term ideas.

(e) NFN FISHERIES MORATORIUM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATION.

Council was provided with a report from the Fisheries Department on the results of this year's moratorium. Council agreed to post this report on the webpage and to exclude the recommended closing date in June. It was also suggested that public access boat launches be blocked next year during the moratorium.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY David Commanda to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

**** Meeting adjourned at 10:06p.m. ****

**** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on
Tuesday, June 16, 2015 in Garden Village. ****