

Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 2015: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

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

1. Meeting commenced at 7:06 pm.

2. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Arnold May

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

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:06 pm **

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER REQUESTS

Council reviewed five transfer requests. As per the NFN Membership Transfer policy, two of the requests were approved for transfer. Council Resolutions will be referred to Item 12(a) for signing.

(b) NFN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Council was provided with an updated Organizational Chart for NFN. The section for Advisory Committee's will be revised to include committee's not indicated, and the chart will be color coded to show the Administration, Planning, and Social Core Groups. Once the chart is revised it will be posted on the nfn website. Discussion took place concerning the roles of the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Administration. Council was informed that the Chief Executive Officer is responsible to assist and oversee the strategic programming of the departments, and the Director of Administration is responsible for the day to day functions of the departments.

(c) PERSONNEL ISSUE

Dwayne Nashkawa, Chief Executive Officer informed Council of an employee termination.

(d) MEMBER - 2013 BOUNDARY CLAIM SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION

Chief Couchie informed Council that a legal opinion has been rendered concerning members who have gained status after the distribution, and the opinion is that only members registered on or before October 2, 2013 are entitled to the distribution. The Settlement Agreement does not allow for any exceptions.

(e) ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

Chief Couchie informed Council of an issue that the AFN National Chief is dealing with.

(f) ANISHINABEK POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Councillor Doug Chevrier reviewed a memo with Council that informs that a 3-year policing agreement for APS will be signed with Canada and Ontario.

(g) UOI – EDUCATION

Councillor Doug Chevrier informed Council that he attended a meeting at the Union of Ontario Indians concerning another delegation that is approaching the Ministry of Education to form another Education body.

(h) FISHING MORATORIUM

Council was provided with a report on fishing moratorium violations that have been taking place for the period of April 27th to May 3rd, 2015.

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 7:50 pm **

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod

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

CARRIED.

6. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None.

7. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

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

As there will not be a quorum available for the June 2nd Council meeting, due to the Grand Council Assembly taking place that week the meeting will be cancelled. If there are items that need to be dealt with, it was agreed that a Special Council meeting will be scheduled.

8. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2015:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve the Council Minutes of April 7, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

(a) TRAVEL EXPENSES – FILM FESTIVAL

Quentin Commanda requested funding to travel to the International Film Festival in Cannes, France from May 13 to the 24th where his documentary film titled *BBoy In a Dream* will be played. It was also suggested that Mr. Commanda be directed to other funding sources such as the Dream Catcher Fund, Anishinabek Nation 7th Generations Charity and the Indspire Foundation.

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve a donation in the amount of \$750., for travel expenses for Quentin Commanda.

CARRIED.

(b) NORTHERN SECONDARY SCHOOL BURSARY

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Arnold May to approve a bursary in the amount of \$300., for students of NFN who attend Northern Secondary School.

CARRIED.

Councillor Doug Chevrier will attend the Graduation on June 22nd to present the bursary awards.

(c) NFN GOLF TOURNAMENT DONATION

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000., for the NFN Golf Tournament.

CARRIED.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

(a) FUNDRAISING REQUESTS

Deferred.

(b) GOLF COURSE ROAD INSPECTIONS

Deferred.

11. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

- i. **Volunteers Appreciation Dinner** – Chief Couchie commended Councillor Rick Stevens and Liz Stevens on a successful volunteer appreciation dinner.
- ii. **St. Andrew's Church** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she was contacted by a representative of St. Andrew's Church to provide a welcoming at a Manitou Conference they are hosting. As part of this Truth & Reconciliation a walk will take place from Main Street to the Residential School Memorial wall. It is expected that they will arrive in Duchesnay around 3:00 pm.

- iii. **Income Distribution Consultation Meetings** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she attended the consultations meeting the week of April 20th. There were a lot of ideas that came out of these sessions. Genevieve Couchie will prepare a report on these discussions.
- iv. **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she and Dwayne have been attending meetings with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry concerning the fishing law and working on a Memorandum of Understanding. The next meeting will take place on May 28th with the Assistant Deputy-Minister and Regional Director. This meeting takes place after the Water Ceremony.
- v. **Bi-lateral Meeting Union of Ontario Indians** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she will be providing a welcoming at the Bi-lateral meeting being held at the Union of Ontario Indians with the Province and some Chiefs. The tobacco tax matter will be discussed at this meeting as well. Discussion took place concerning Bill C-10 and contraband tobacco.
- vi. **Pow Wow Committee** – Chief Couchie informed Council that she has a meeting with the Pow wow committee on May 11th.

(b) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- i. **Fire Services Update** – Dwayne informed Council that there are 18 volunteer fire fighters signed up for the Duchesnay Fire Department and training has commenced. The Duchesnay Fire Department will be fully operational by September 2015. Plans are being made to transfer the Jocko Point Fire assets and Fire Hall portion of the building to NFN.
- ii. **Trust Income Discussions** – Dwayne informed Council that Genevieve, Freda and he will synthesize the feedback from the Trust Income Discussions into a report and provide a report for the next Council meeting.
- iii. **NFN Office Expansion** – Dwayne informed Council that the proposed cost for the office expansion is \$2.6 million. This would eliminate the Lands portables and bring other departments into the building. The recommendation is to borrow money from the 2013 Boundary Claim Trust board. Dwayne will work with Tammy Saulis, Chief Financial Officer on the cash flow. Council was in agreement to proceed.
- iv. **Duchesnay Road Repairs** – Dwayne informed Council that the cost for the Duchesnay re-surfacing is \$158,400. He recommended that these funds come from Enhancement Fund surplus budget. Council was agreed to proceed.

MOVED BY Arnold May

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to proceed with securing a loan agreement with the 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Board to a maximum of \$3 million for the building expansion project.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY David Commanda to approve the Duchesnay Re-surfacing project in the amount of \$158,400., from the Enhancement Surplus Fund budget.

CARRIED.

(c) CULTURE & POW WOW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2015

Item #7 - In regards to the recommendation, this was not approved, however Dwayne will speak with Miller to see if an enclosed garbage bin could be donated for the pow wow weekend.

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod
SECONDED BY David Commanda to approve the Culture & Pow wow Committee Minutes of April 13, 2015 with the exception of recommendation in Item 7.
CARRIED.

(d) EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Arnold May to approve the Education Committee Minutes of February 9, 2015 as presented.
CARRIED.

(e) LANGUAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2015

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to approve the Language Committee Minutes of March 23, 2015 as presented.
CARRIED.

(f) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2015

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod
SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve the Economic Development Committee Minutes of February 12, 2015 as presented.
CARRIED.

(g) FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2015

Change "Chevrier" to read "Couchie"

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier
SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to approve the Finance & Audit Committee Minutes of March 30, 2015 as amended.
CARRIED.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS / AGREEMENTS SIGNED:

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| i. | Support Application AANDC Natural Gas Project | #1741 |
| ii. | MTO Payment for Sewer Line Design & Costs Duch. Hwy 17B | #1744 |
| iii. | Boundary Claim Agreement Amendment Trustee's Terms | #1743 |
| iv. | Transfer to NFN Adrien Laronde | #M-117 |
| v. | Transfer to NFN Farrah Lewis | #M-116 |

(b) SCHEDULE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING- EDUCATION AGREEMENT

Council scheduled a Special Council Meeting on May 27th, 2015 at 7:00 pm to meet with the Union of Ontario Indians negotiating team and ROJ Staff on the Education Agreement that is being proposed.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 in Duchesnay. **