

Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 3, 2015: Duchesnay: 7:00 pm

PRESENT:	CHIEF	Scott McLeod
	DEPUTY-CHIEF	Muriel Sawyer
	COUNCILLORS	Corey Goulais
		June Commanda
		Rick Stevens
		Jason Laronde
		Brian Couchie
	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Dwayne Nashkawa
	OFFICE ADMIN. ASSISTANT	Mike Sawyer
	TRUE SELF COORDINATOR	Donna Forget
	GUESTS	Joanne Gibouleau
		Ron Couchie
REGRETS:	COUNCILLOR	Cathy Bellefeuille (Mtg in Toronto)

1. MEETING COMMENCED:

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm

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 7:00 pm **

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTION REQUEST

A community member requested a Council Resolution. This matter was deferred for further review.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 8:01 pm **

5. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

Councillor Brian Couchie declared conflict on item 6(a) dealing with the request for Ad Hoc Committee Residential School Survivors.

6. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015:

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept the Council Agenda of November 3, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

7. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

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

8. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2015

Discussion took place concerning parking for emergency vehicles and the need for more washroom facilities at the pow wow grounds.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY June Commanda to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

9. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

(a) AD HOC COMMITTEE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS

A member attended the meeting request to form an Ad Hoc committee for the families of Residential School Survivors. The request was to form this committee to find services for programs regarding culture, language and social services to those members off-reserve and to the (Duchesnay area). Deputy Chief Muriel Sawyer suggested that there are existing programs and services that may currently meet these needs. There are two language programs being provided to both Garden Village and in Duchesnay. The member was asked to provide additional information to support the request. The Chief undertook to review the matter further and consider options that might be brought back to the Council in the future.

(b) TRUE SELF PRESENTATION

Donna Forget, True Self Employment Coordinator gave a presentation to Chief and Council on the Debwewindiziwin True Self Employment Program that provides access to an array of services for victims of domestic violence. Their goal of the program is to provide streamlined access to services that promote the safety, self-sufficiency and well-being of women and their families by fostering a structured collaborative community response in one central location. This program delivers a number of training sessions and workshops that will assist women to develop knowledge, skills and abilities in order to increase their employability and income-earning potential. This program serves not only just Nipissing First Nation members but anyone who is in need of assistance. Donna requested that a charity license number that would allow them to conduct fundraising to cover some of the funding required. Dwayne will follow up to determine if the Debwewindiziwin/True Self program can issue charitable receipts under the auspices of Nipissing First Nation.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

None.

11. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

- i.) **Nipissing University Board of Governors** – Chief Scott McLeod informed Council that he has been appointed to sit on the Board of Governors at Nipissing University and that the first meeting has yet to take place because of the strike. When the strike ends he'll know more of meeting dates and events once they are up and running.
- ii.) **MOU – Memorandum of Understanding** – Chief McLeod provided Council with the fisheries MOU and asked Council to review this document closely and get back to him by Friday November 6 with any comments, questions or concerns. He stated that this must be properly handled for the betterment of the resources for future generations.

- iii.) **Youth Conference – In Business** – Chief McLeod told Council that he attended a conference called “In Business” which was held up at Nipissing University. He gave a welcoming to the guests to this event and that he had the opportunity to meet some guests and delegates.
- iv.) **Update Meeting with Fishermen** – Chief McLeod informed council that he will be meeting with the fishermen on Monday, November 9 in Garden Village at Council Chambers to provide an update with regards to the walleye fisheries. He encouraged members of Council to attend this meeting to stay informed on this topic.
- v.) **Hunting Issues** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he was in contact with APS – Al Naveau to make regular patrols on hunting area roads. The patrols are to maintain surveillance to ensure that non-band members of Nipissing First Nation are complying with our Natural Resources guidelines.
- vi.) **Availability at UOI Office** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he will be making himself available one day a month for members from the east end of Nipissing First Nation setting up at the Union of Ontario Indians offices. Details and schedule to be determined.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- i) **Non Insured Health Issues** – A community member called with concerns about non-insured application and the length of time it takes for processing of claims through the Ontario Region office. This is a pattern that has persisted for NFN members and the other First Nation citizens in Ontario for many, many years. Dwayne advised Council to address this issue at higher political levels and to determine, what, if any efforts might be made to assist members who are caught in this bureaucratic red tape.
- ii) **Board Representation** – Dwayne informed council that he is continuing to work through various bureaucracies at the Children’s Aid Society, the North Bay Regional Health Centre (NBRHC) and the Cassellholme to determine the opportunities for NFN to engage in the governance of these various organizations. CAS – The process to appoint Councillor Cathy Bellefeuille to the Board is underway. The Governance Committee at CAS is meeting later this month and we expect this appointment to be confirmed in December.
- iii) **North Bay Regional Health Centre Board** – Dwayne has been working with Gary Jodouin from NBRHC Board to determine the appointment process on the board. In the course of doing this, he has learned that an NFN member sits on the board currently. NFN doesn’t have any record appointing this member to the Board so we need to determine in what capacity she is serving on there. He has told Gary that NFN was seeking a more direct link between the Council and the HBRHC Board. More information will follow. Cassellholme – The Cassellholme Board will be reorganized as it moves to a not for profit model of governance that will also see municipal board representation eliminated. It is undetermined if this will affect NFN’s ability to gain a seat on the board.
- iv) **Hospice Presentations** – The North Bay Serenity Hospice is seeking an opportunity to meet with the NFN Council to update them on the hospice project proposal which is before the Northeast LHIN. Rosella Kinoshameg represents NFN on this board. There is also a competing proposal coming from a separate group which may be of interest to NFN as well. It may be of interest to schedule presentations from both groups.

- v) **Wiidooktaadyang Training** - The Wiidooktaadyang training that was cancelled due to the funerals in the community last week has been rescheduled to November 18 in Garden Village.
- vi) **Closure of Lands Office** - The Lands office will be closed again this week to move to the temporary office in the old Garden Village daycare centre. The move set back due to the funerals in the community last week.

(c) **CULTURE & POW WOW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

Council discussed issues brought forward from Committee concerning the traditional grounds.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of October 19, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) **COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

To appoint Hillary McLeod, Jeff McLeod and Jane Commanda as members of the Community Development Committee. Jane Commanda as a member of the Education Committee. Anna McLeod to the *waiting list* for the Education Committee. Hillary McLeod and Jeff McLeod to the *waiting list* for the Community Wellness Committee. Samantha Mianskum to the *waiting list* for the Culture & Pow Wow committee.

MOVED BY Jason Laronde

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the appointment of committee members as presented.

CARRIED.

(b) **FUNERAL ASSISTANCE**

Chief Scott McLeod suggested that a checklist be created for families when a loved one begins their spirit journey. The list should consist of services that need to be arranged, this will help those in the time of bereavement. This will alleviate some of the stress from the families when preparing for funeral arrangements. Dwayne said he'll look into getting this form created.

12. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

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

CARRIED.

** Adjourn to the committee of the whole at 9:21pm **

13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Dwayne Nashkawa and Chief Scott McLeod requested that Council to review the MOU and provide any comments, questions and concerns by Friday Nov. 6, 2015. Chief McLeod mentioned that going forward this MOU, if Council is not in agreement with the document, they can back out of it at any time.

(b) ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

Dwayne informed that the annual reports have been received and that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday November 21, 2015 and that Chief and Council are encouraged to attend.

(c) 2013 INCOME TRUST DISTRIBUTION

Dwayne presented to Council the cost analysis from the community meetings held last year. They broke down the different options and costs from the areas of Community Development, Economic Development, Social Development and Debendaagziwaad Direct Benefits. Dwayne reviewed immediate recommendations for Council's approval which were to Enhance Medical Health Fund budget, Increase Christmas Distribution, waive water/sewer & garbage fees and enhance Post-Secondary Education budget.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to accept the immediate recommendations to enhance medical health fund budget, increase Christmas distribution, to waive water/sewer & garbage fees and to enhance Post-Secondary education budget.

CARRIED.

14. ADJOURNED FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

** Adjourned from the committee of the whole at 10:00pm **

15. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 10:01p.m. **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 in Garden Village. **