

Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2015: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Councillors	Jason Laronde
		Rick Stevens
		June Commanda
		Brian Couchie
		Cathy Bellefeuille
		Corey Goulais
	Receptionist/Clerk	Elaine Commanda
	Guests	Joanne Gibouleau
		Susan Robson
Robert St. Pierre		
Regrets:	Deputy-Chief	Muriel Sawyer (Mtg - SS Marie)

1. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm

2. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens 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) ESTATE ISSUE

Dwayne Nashkawa reported to Council on a loan write off related to an estate issue.

(b) FUNERAL EXPENSES

A request was brought forward seeking funeral expenses coverage. The request has not been approved due to inconsistency with NFN's current policy. Council agreed to have the Funeral Expenses policy earmarked for review by the policy committee.

(c) HOME REPAIRS

A request was brought forth seeking support for off reserve home repairs. The request was discussed by Council and referred to the NFN Housing department to assist in finding resources. Council has requested to have Bruce McLeod, Housing Manager contact the Housing Inspector to attend for these estimates.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY June Commanda

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:20 pm **

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to accept the Council Agenda of October 20, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

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 OCTOBER 6, 2015:

MOVED BY Jason Laronde

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to accept the Council Minutes of October 6, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

9. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:

(a) YOUTH CENTRE

This item has been referred to the Recreation Committee.

(b) MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to approve the "Military Service Recognition Book" advertising size of ¼ page (full colour) in the amount of \$545.00.

CARRIED.

(c) HOLIDAY "RADIO" GREETING

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY June Commanda to approve the "North Bay Combo Community Awareness Messages - Holiday Greetings" in the amount of \$429.00.

CARRIED.

(d) REMEMBRANCE DAY PARTICIPATION - STURGEON FALLS RCL BRANCH 225

Councillor Brian Couchie volunteered to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Sturgeon Falls again this year on November 11 to represent Nipissing First Nation.

North Bay Mayor McDonald has extended an invitation to attend the Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Councillor Cathy Bellefeuille has accepted to attend. Chief McLeod has requested that a reply and an invitation be forwarded to the North Bay Mayor as well.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

(a) EXTERNAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve the External Boards Appointment list as presented, with the exception of the APS / Police Governing Authority, Children Aid Society Board of Directors, Cassellholme Board of Directors, North Bay Regional Health Centre Board which have been deferred.

CARRIED.

11. REPORTS:

(a) Chief's Report

- i. **Baylor University** - Chief Scott McLeod attended a meeting with the Baylor University and the North Bay staff regarding expanding economic development and how we can include NFN in that study.
- ii. **Lands Advisory Board** - Chief Scott McLeod attended the Lands Advisory Board meeting and they were updated on the land laws and land code.
- iii. **Unwelcome Hunters** - Council was informed that complaints were received of unwelcome hunters on the north part of our land. Chief Scott McLeod met with Councillor Corey Goulais and the APS. The APS presence and law enforcement will be requested to follow up on these matters.
- iv. **Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law** - Council was informed that Adrienne Pelletier, Social Development Director with Tracey O'Donnell, Legal Counsel at Child Welfare Working Group have an upcoming workshop and advises that Councillor Cathy Bellefeuille will attend.
- v. **Miller Group** - Chief Scott McLeod has been in communication with Miller Group regarding business practices and improving communication with our membership, by means of attending the NFN Annual Community meeting with presentation display boards of their projects.
- i. **Economic Development** - Chief Scott McLeod met with Mayor McDonald and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding ways to enhance the economic development between the City of North Bay and NFN. Dwayne will coordinate follow up with the North Bay CAO on October 23, 2015.

(b) Chief Executive Officer's Report:

- (i) **Miller** - Dwayne reported to Council that there is a meeting to review the blast that occurred on October 5, 2015. A technical report will be provided to Council.
- (ii) **Energy East** - Dwayne informed Council that there are concerns with the proposed agreement between NFN and Trans Canada and that a review and clarification will be conducted prior to bringing forward any agreements in regards to any potential issues of the Energy East project.
- (iii) **Christmas Break** - Christmas Break has been approved from last day as December 18, 2015 to return date of January 14, 2015.
- (iv) **Wiidooktaadyang Training**
Training sessions have been coordinated to implement the Wiidooktaayang Strategy in our organization. Training for all staff will take place on October 28, 2015.
- (v) **Lands Department**
Council was informed that the Lands department will be closed for the week of October 26th for their relocation of offices. Communications on the move will be going out.
- (vi) **Briefing Session** - Dwayne informed Council that two more briefing sessions are needed; Social Services and True Self.
- (vii) **Special Council Meeting** - Council has planned to meet regarding band expansion and Council planning on October 26, 2015 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Committee Member Appointment(s)

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to appoint Evelyn McLeod to the Community Wellness Committee.
CARRIED.

(b) Kin Care Fund Policy

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to approve the Kin Care Fund Policy as an interim policy.

CARRIED.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED Rick Stevens to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm **