

Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 6th, 2015: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

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| Present: | Deputy-Chief | Muriel Sawyer |
| | Councillors | Brian Couchie |
| | | Cathy Bellefeuille |
| | | Jason Laronde |
| | | Corey Goulais |
| | Chief Executive Officer | Dwayne Nashkawa |
| | Director of Administration | Freda Martel |
| | Guest | Lennox Marshall |
| Regrets: | Chief | Scott McLeod (Lands Advisory Mtg) |
| | Councillors | June Commanda (sick) |
| | | Rick Stevens (sick) |

1. Meeting commenced at 7:12 pm.

2. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to adjourn to the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:12 pm **

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) CHILD WELFARE KIN AGREEMENTS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Dwayne Nashkawa, Chief Executive Officer informed Council that NFN families are taking in children under a kin agreement so as to have children who have been apprehended by the Children's Aid Society (CAS) placed in NFN homes. As these arrangements are considered voluntary placements there is no financial assistance to provide families who take in children under kin arrangements. Dwayne informed Council that as part of the budget process this year, he would recommend that a fund be set up to assist these families. Council agreed to approve a fund immediately so that families in these arrangements will be provided with some type of financial assistance, and to have a policy developed as soon as possible. A formal budget request will be submitted for the 2016-17 budget year.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve a budget in the amount of \$5,000., to assist families in kin agreement placements on the condition that a policy is developed.

CARRIED.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:26 pm **

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY Jason Laronde

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the Council Agenda of October 6th, 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 SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2015:

MOVED BY Brian Couhie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the Council Minutes of September 1st, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

9. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:

(a) MOOZ MIIKAN ROAD

A letter was submitted opposing the decision to place a gate on Mooz Miikan Road. Council was informed that the gate was installed to address problems of illegal hunting, illegal dumping and trespassing. Council was informed of concerns expressed about illegal hunts taking place at this time, and an inquiry was made as to whether hunting permits were being issued by NFN. Council was informed that no hunting permits are being issued at this time and the Natural Resources department staff and Anishinabek Police Services are patrolling the bush roads. A letter will be sent to the member to acknowledge the letter and to inform him/her that the gate will remain and keys are available for purchase by band members.

(b) YOUTH CENTRE

Deferred to the next Council meeting scheduled for October 20th, 2015.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

(a) 2015 BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS – WEST NIPISSING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Council was informed that a donation was not given last year, but has been given in previous years. Tom Lambert is a member on this Board, and businesses in the area do provide funding to our golf tournament.

MOVED BY Brian Couhie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve a donation in the amount of \$200., for the West Nipissing Chamber of Commerce 2015 Business Excellence Gala taking place on November 7th, 2015.

CARRIED.

(b) NFN FLAG RAISING – LEE PARK

Council was informed that the City of North Bay is gathering information on the cost for NFN to have a flag pole installed at Lee Park. Once the cost is received it will be provided to Council. Deferred.

11. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

None.

(b) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- i. **Trans Canada East Energy** – Dwayne informed Council that NFN has intervener status in this process and the Community Engagement Funding Agreement and Traditional Knowledge agreements have been received. An analysis on these agreements will be conducted to determine whether or not to proceed with signing of these agreements.
- ii. **Council Retreat** – The Council Retreat is scheduled to take place on October 17 from 9 am to 4 pm and October 18 from 9 am to noon. The agenda will be given to Council later this week, and Lawyer Tracey O'Donnell will be in attendance to discuss Conflict of Interest. The agenda will also include discussions on the interest income and strategic plan.
- iii. **Baylor Economic Development Study** – Dwayne informed Council that he and Mike Harney met with students who are enrolled in Baylor's University's Master of Business Administration program. The purpose of this meeting was to get NFN's input into the impact NFN has on the regional economy.
- iv. **New Hires and Resignations** – Dwayne informed Council of new hires; Natasha Lariviere as the Human Resource Clerk, Ross McLeod as the Heavy Equipment Operator, Carla McLeod as the Canteen Worker at Bingo and informed Council that Tyler Dokis resigned his position with NFN and of Brenda Restoule's retirement.
- v. **Special Council Meeting** – Chief McLeod requested a Special Council meeting to deal with Land Issues. Dwayne will also provide an update on the proposed new Administration building. Dwayne will propose dates to Council to schedule this meeting.

(c) SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2015

MOVED BY Jason Laronde

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the Special Council Minutes of August 18, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

(d) POW WOW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 & BRIEFING REPORT

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to approve the Pow wow Committee Minutes of September 21, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

Discussion took place on the Pow wow and the charging an entry fees for non NFN members attending and/or setting up a donation box to offset some of the expenses for this event.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Council Resolutions Signed:

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| i. | CRA confirmation of Council & account reps | #1754 |
| ii. | BMO Bank of Montreal signing officers for Annuities Claim | # 1755 |
| iii. | Road Construction Proposal Nova Beaucage | #LNS2367 |
| iv. | Cancellation of Lot 62 Yellek | #LNS2366 |

(b) Chief's Salary

Councillor Brian Couhie informed Council that the Chief's salary is determined by a salary grid and he felt that it should not be determined based on Chief and/or Council experience. Council agreed to refer this to the Finance & Audit Committee for discussion. The recommendation will be brought back to Council.

(c) EXTERNAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Jason Laronde introduced discussion on communicating information or decisions to Council prior to being made public. Discussion took place about the importance of Council being made aware of news releases and/or information being sent out, so they can be aware and provide support. This discussion was deferred to the Council Retreat. The appointment to External Boards was deferred to the next Council meeting.

(d) MOU MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING

The Municipality of West Nipissing is seeking permission from NFN to purchase and use the topsoil from the land immediately adjacent to existing landfill site. This topsoil will be used to cover their landfill.

MOVED BY Brian Couhie

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipality of West Nipissing for purchase of topsoil from Lots 8 and 9 Concession III.

CARRIED.

(e) YOUTH AGE – BOUNDARY CLAIM

Council agreed to establish the age of youth for the 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Board as 18 to 35 years.

(f) NFN ADVISORY COMMITTEES 2015- 2018

Council was informed that all committee's have enough members to commence with meetings. Freda Martel will inform the committee Resource people of their members and ask them to make contact with the Council Chairperson to coordinate agendas and meeting dates.

MOVED BY Brian Couhie

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to appoint members to serve as members on the NFN Advisory Committee's for 2015 – 2018 as presented.

CARRIED.

Councillor Jason Laronde inquired as to when the last increase was made for committee honourariums and suggested that this be looked into. Dwayne suggested that this be reviewed in upcoming the budget process.

(g) MASTER OF EDUCATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WITH ONTARIO

Fran Couchie, Director of Education provided a briefing note on the Master of Education Framework Agreement with Ontario. In order to move forward with entering into this agreement with Ontario a Council Resolution is required from the First Nations. Council agreed to continue towards the development of the Master Education Agreement and signed Council Resolution #1756 in support of this.

(h) FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION LAWS

Council was informed that these policies have been reviewed by the Finance & Audit Committee and they are seeking Council's approval of these policies which will form part of the Financial Administration Law.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to approve the Code of Conduct Policy, Annual Planning and Budgeting Policy, Investment Policy and Revenue Recognition Policy.
CARRIED.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

**** Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm ****

**** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Garden Village. ****