

Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2013: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

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Present:	Deputy-Chief	June Commanda
	Councillors	Brian Couchie
		Doug Chevrier
		Rick Stevens
		Darrell McLeod
	Executive Director	Dwayne Nashkawa
	Director of Administration	Freda Martel
Regrets:	Chief	Marianna Couchie (LAB Mtg – Chilliwack, BC)
	Councillors	Arnold May (Gov. Mtg SS Marie)
		David Commanda (sick)

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1. Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.

2. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

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

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:02 pm \*\*

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION (PCD) RISK ANALYSIS

Dwayne Nashkawa provided a draft risk analysis for Council's review. The risk analysis takes into consideration the execution date of the agreement and eligibility for distribution of the per capita distribution. Dwayne will be presenting this risk analysis to the 2013 Boundary Claim Trust members at their board meeting on September 28, 2013. Council was in agreement to have Chief Couchie and Dwayne Nashkawa pursue a meeting with Minister Valcourt to lobby for the signing of the Land Claim Agreement.

(b) TERMINATIONS

Dwayne Nashkawa informed Council of employment terminations.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:30 pm. \*\*

5. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None.

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Item 9(b) Residential School Survivors Committee – deferred.

Deputy-Chief June Commanda informed Council that the Council/Managers meeting is scheduled to take place on October 15 & 16, 2013 and the Finance Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on October 11, 2013 at 9:00 am.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to accept the Council Agenda of September 17, 2013 as amended.

CARRIED.

7. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2013:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to accept the Council Minutes of September 3, 2013 as presented.

CARRIED.

8. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:

(a) ABORIGINAL SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AGREEMENT (ASETA)/ABORIGINAL HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (ARDA)

Deferred to the next Council meeting.

(b) INTER-TREATY HARVESTING

Clint Couchie, Natural Resources Manager provided a memo on inter-treaty harvesting requests, discussing options for placing a moratorium on the issuing of permits due to the number of requests being submitted. It was suggested that perhaps capping the amount of inter treaty permits per year, getting information from the Tribal Council, and/or meeting with Temagami/Bear Island and Dokis First Nations could be looked into. A notice will be placed in the next newsletter concerning inter treaty harvesting and hunting, and the issue of Inter-treaty Harvesting will be brought back to the next Council meeting for further discussion.

(c) REQUEST FOR HOCKEY SPONSORSHIP

Referred to the next Finance Committee meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

None.

10. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

None.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- i. **Elders Affordable Housing Strategy** – Dwayne provided Council with a “draft” “Elders affordable housing and continuum of care strategy” for Nipissing First Nation for their review. He informed Council that this is only a draft document. The Nursing Home option is still being looked into but the options in this strategy would be worked on in the meantime.

- ii. **NFN Solar LP** – Council was informed that this solar project is moving forward with the installation of solar panels on four NFN’s buildings; Lawrence Commanda Health Centre, Small Business Centre, Seniors Complex and Nbsiing Secondary School. Tenders for the projects will be released in the near future.
- iii. **Northern Ontario Business Awards** – Council was informed that Young Forestry, a NFN member business, will be receiving the Northern Ontario Business Award to be presented on October 3, 2013 in North Bay. Council approved the purchase of two tickets for family members of Brian Young to attend.

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to purchase two tickets to the Northern Ontario Business Awards Gala taking place on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 in the amount of \$355.95.

CARRIED.

- iv. **Jocko Point Lessee’s Association** – Dwayne informed Council that a letter and contact was made by the Jocko Point Lessee’s Association seeking support for applications they are submitting to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund and Trillium Foundation to expand the community centre. Discussion took place about the implications of having the fire hall and community hall in the same building. Council was informed that the fire trucks were parked in lessee’s driveway’s rather than in the Fire Hall to host a yard sale during the pow wow weekend, and this caused concern should an emergency have come up. Dwayne will meet with a representative of the JPLA and report to Council at the next meeting.

(c) HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2013

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept the Housing Committee Minutes of August 12, 2013 as presented.

CARRIED.

Discussion took place concerning committee membership and conflicts. This will be placed on the agenda for the Council Retreat in October.

(d) HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2103

The committee recommended that a letter be sent to the Union of Ontario of Indians and Chiefs of Ontario to have them pursue turn-around times and the payment of previous years rates for dental claims.

Council was informed that tenders for the meal for the health fair meal were reviewed by the committee and the tender was awarded to Chez Nous Cafeteria who came within budget.

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod

SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve the Health Committee Minutes of August 19, 2013 as presented.

CARRIED.

(e) COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Councillor Doug Chevrier reported on the APS/PGA meeting he attended on July 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> where the audit, trade union and core funding was discussed. He also attended a meeting with Waabnoong Bemjiwang Association of First Nation on August 13, 2013 in Magnetewan First Nation, an Economic Development Opportunity presentation with AXIOM on July 31, 2013 in Sudbury, and also took part in a four series session in July on Ontario Works delivery, which NFN is not part of as our FN delivers Ontario works on its own.

(f) LANGUAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2013

Item 9 – change “Virginia McLeod” to read “Virginia Goulais”

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve the Language Committee Minutes of August 12, 2013 as amended.

CARRIED.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) REGIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL (REC) MEETINGS

A letter was received from the Union of Ontario Indians asking First Nation’s to select two representatives to attend the Regional Education council meeting taking place in October. Council agreed to have Fran Couchie, Director of Administration and Councillor Doug Chevrier attend as NFN’s representatives.

(b) RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS COMMITTEE

Deferred.

(c) COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to appoint Mary Jane Chevrier as a member of the Language Committee.

CARRIED.

(d) CHI-NAAKNIGEWIN (CONSTITUTION) RATIFICATION VOTE

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to have the ratification vote on the Chi-Naaknigewin coincide with Christmas Distribution which will take place on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm \*\*