

Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2015: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00pm

Present: Chief Scott McLeod
Deputy-Chief Muriel Sawyer
Councillors Jason Laronde
Rick Stevens
June Commanda
Cathy Bellefeuille
Corey Goulais
Guests Christopher Commanda
Shirley Restoule
Sharon Williams
Joanne Gibouleau
Susan Robson
Regrets: Councillor Brian Couchie

1. Meeting commenced at 7:10 pm

2. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to adjourn to the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:40 pm **

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(i) COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN ISSUE

A request was brought forward related to the business operations of a local commercial fisherman. The request was discussed by Council and referred to administration. Dwayne informed Council that the matter will be reviewed by staff and that he will report at the next Council meeting.

(ii) COMMERCIAL FISHING REQUEST FOR WHITEFISH PERMIT:

Dwayne informed Council that he will request for more information from the Fisheries department and report back to Council at the next meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 8:30 pm **

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to accept the Council Agenda of September 1, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

6. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None.

7. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

None.

8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2015:

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept the Council Minutes of July 21, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED.

9. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Waubetek Business Awards Gala

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the 2015 Waubetek Business Awards Gala request for sponsorship in the amount of \$200.00.

CARRIED.

(b) 2015 Business Excellence Awards – West Nipissing Chamber of Commerce

Dwayne to request more information from NFN Economic Development. This item was deferred to the next Council meeting.

(c) NFN Flag Raising

Dwayne will look into costs to have a flagpole erected at Lee Park in North Bay to have NFN's flag flown as one of the founding nations in this region. A report will be provided to the next Council meeting.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

None.

11. REPORTS:

(a) Chief's Report

- i. **Unsold Surrendered Lands** - Chief Scott McLeod attended a meeting with the Federal Government and Lands staff regarding the unsold surrendered lands. Lands are scheduled for return to NFN in the spring 2016. Council was informed that a follow up meeting with the Lands department will take place.
- ii. **Lands Advisor** - Chief Scott McLeod met with Phil Goulais regarding the upcoming Land Advisor election for November 18, 2015. Phil Goulais wishes to sit on the Lands Advisory Board for another term and is asking for Council's support. Joan McLeod will submit a letter to the Chief for the appointment on this position.
- iii. **Trans Canada Pipeline** - Council was informed that a preliminary meeting was held to discuss the budget allocation through NFN to meet with the community and to address the impacts of the pipeline in regards to the energy east diversion.
- iv. **Media** - Council was informed that interviews were held with the media regarding the fisheries and the closing of the commercial walleye fishing. The media is interested in seeking information on where the First Nation's stand on the election.
- v. **Fishermen** - Chief Scott McLeod has been in communication with individual fishermen and explaining the rationale of the decision. Council was informed that Dwayne is looking at methods to for gathering public input from fishermen, including scheduling a meeting with fishermen and additional public consultation.
- vi. **Ojibway Women's Lodge** - Chief Scott McLeod attended the 30 year celebration and noted to Council that after 30 years it is bitter-sweet that our community still requires this service. The staff dedication was greatly acknowledged.
- vii. **Innergex** - Council was informed that the wind energy proposal of August 25 agreement was signed by Chief Scott McLeod to submit the bid on the contract for the wind power. Council was informed that a community consultation newsletter posting will take place this fall.

- viii. **UOI Summit** - Chief Scott McLeod attended the UOI Summit - Chief's Gathering in Thunder Bay. Official (Premier) Kathleen Wynne was in attendance and discussion regarding tobacco, taxes, Restoration on Jurisdiction, education was held. Council was informed that a follow up meeting will be held to discuss how the province would deal with First Nations unresolved issues and to keep moving forward.
- ix. **Land Registry** - Chief Scott McLeod spoke with Andrew Beynon regarding the proposed housing of the land registry in NFN. Council was informed that a letter of interest is being developed to pursue this opportunity.
- x. **Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry** - Chief Scott McLeod met with the MNR on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement for their assistance, whereupon the MOU will be reviewed. Council was informed that the MOU will provide training dollars for staff as well as equipment. Chief Scott McLeod did speak about bridging the gap and to support the communication between staff and the fishermen. Council was informed that the Ontario government was informed that we have to create job opportunities.

(b) Chief Executive Officer's Report:

- (i) **Couchie Memorial Drive Resurfacing** - Dwayne reported to Council that the resurfacing project will commence in the beginning of September with a goal of having the resurfacing completed by the end of the week.
- (ii) **Jocko Point Fire Department** - Council was informed that they are working on the transition on the delivery of fire services in Jocko Point Fire department and with the NFN reassuming this jurisdiction. Staff has been negotiating the transfer of responsibility and assets from the Jocko Point Fire department and this agreement for Council's approval. Melvin is overseeing recruitment, training, and management for the Jocko Point Fire department staff.
- (iii) **Staff Updates** - Jane Commanda has been hired as Anishinaabemwin Project Coordinator; Virginia Goulais has been hired as Anishinaabemwin Daycare Teacher in Duchesnay; Blair Beaucage has been hired as Anishinaabemwin Evening Class Teacher; Peggy Goulais has been hired as Homemaker; and Brenda Restoule will retire in October 2015. Councillor Sawyer informed Council that she will be volunteering to assist with the Anishinaabemwin program. Councillor Stevens suggested Dwayne look at the per diem rate to determine if it is part of the Council duties.

(c) Orientation Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2015 – Information Item,

(d) Special Council Minutes of August 17, 2015

Item #6: Include to read: "SECONDED BY Jason Laronde"

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to accept the Special Council Minutes of August 17, 2015 as amended.

CARRIED.

(e) Pow Wow Committee Minutes of July 6, July 20 and August 17, 2015

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept the Pow Wow Committee Minutes of July 6, 2015; July 20, 2015, and August 17, 2015 with the proviso that administrative and budget matters be addressed by the appropriate administrative procedure.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Council Resolutions

- i. Authority & Delegations Chart Authorization #1752
- ii. CMHC Loan Agreement
- iii. Allotment of Land – Lot 62 Yellek Shane Joliceour
#LNS2365

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Rick Stevens
SECONDED Cathy Bellefeuille to adjourn this meeting.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday,
September 15, 2015 in Duchesnay. **