

Council Minutes

September 20, 2016: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Councillors	Brian Couchie
		Cathy Bellefeuille
		Corey Goulais
		Jason Laronde
		June Commanda
	Rick Stevens	
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa
	Director of Administration	Freda Martel
	Guest	David McLeod
Regrets:	Deputy-Chief	Muriel Sawyer (AES Mtg – SS Marie)

1. Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.

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 7:02 pm **

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

(a) PEDLEY QUARRY

Dwayne Nashkawa, Chief Executive Officer inquired as to whether Council wished to explore negotiations regarding a business opportunity with a local entrepreneur.

Dwayne and Michael Harney, Economic Development Officer will gather additional information on this request and provide updates to Council.

(b) FISHING UPDATE

Chief McLeod provided a brief update on a NFN fisheries incident. Discussion took place regarding Fall Walleye Index Netting (FWIN) study and other First Nation Chiefs' support of NFN Fisheries Law.

4. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

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

CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned from the Committee of the Whole at 7:35 pm. **

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Additions to Agenda:

- # 9(e) Sale of Hydro One
- #9 (f) Incidental Cabins

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve the Council Agenda of September 20, 2016 with additions.

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 6, 2016:

Council agreed that if there are any minor amendments on the minutes, the office will be advised of these prior to the meeting. Only changes in content or subject will be brought forward at the meeting.

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve the Council Minutes of September 6, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

9. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:

(a) MOOZ MIIKUN GATE

A letter was received from a band member concerning the gate at Mooz Miiikun Road and allowable access for non First Nation members. Discussion took place about the reasoning to have the gate locked which was due to illegal dumping and trespassing. Council was not in favour of allowing non NFN members access as it is NFN's duty to protect the land for band members. Council was informed that a concern was already brought forward about non First Nation members hunting moose on reserve. It was suggested that regular patrols need to be conducted and the lock on the gate needs to be replaced so that it cannot be cut off. Suggestions were made about the increasing the trespass fine, not allowing any non NFN members to hunt on reserve and/or have the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Enforcement Officer accompany our staff to enforce Provincial laws on our lands on non First Nation members. Discussion also took place about the gate being open while National Defense personnel are at their site. Council was informed that the gate needs to be open during those times for insurance and safety reasons. A meeting will be coordinated to review these issues further and information will be brought back to the next meeting.

(b) WATER QUALITY – GARDEN VILLAGE

A letter was received from a band member requesting bottled water due to the water quality in Garden Village. Dwayne informed Council that he believes this is not an issue any longer as he was contacted by the band member stating that the water quality had improved.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

None.

11. REPORTS:

- (a) Kinoomaagewin Aanke Giigdowin (Education) Committee Minutes of September 12, 2016

Deferred.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

(i) Northern Brick Ltd – Bulk Storage #LNS 2373 – Deferred.

- (b) CHILD WELL-BEING PRESENTATION

Councillor Cathy Bellefeuille presented the Child Well-Being Law which is being proposed for the Anishinabek Nation. Council was informed that this law would provide the right for First Nations to handle child welfare issues in a more preventative manner by engaging the family and community, as well as providing increased funding from the Province and Canada. Council was informed that this law is only a “draft” and in order to move forward with process to enact this Law a Council Resolution is required by First Nation. Council was in agreement to proceed with passing a resolution in support of the development of this law. The resolution will be signed at the next Council meeting.

- (c) SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEAC) REPRESENTATIVES

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to appoint Lacey Farrell and the Nbiising Secondary Schools Special Education Teacher to represent Nipissing First Nation on the SEAC for the Near North School Board.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to appoint Jane Commanda as Nipissing First Nation’s representative on the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board SEAC.

CARRIED.

- (d) CIBC WOOD GUNDY

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to approve Scott McLeod, Muriel Sawyer, Dwayne Nashkawa and Tammy Saulis as signing authorities for CIBC Wood Gundy Investments per the Corporate Resolution document signed September 6th, 2016.

CARRIED.

- (e) SALE OF HYDRO ONE

Councillor Jason Laronde provided a brief update on the sale of Hydro One shares. He informed Council that a Chiefs’ Committee on Energy is overseeing the negotiations on this proposed purchase. Chief McLeod informed Council that this business venture was tabled at a Chiefs of Ontario meeting and it was agreed to move forward with this, however, decisions on how these shares are purchased and how funding could be directed to the First Nations still needs to be worked on.

Councillor Laronde informed Council that plain language information is being worked on. Councillor Cathy Bellefeuille expressed concern about how people are struggling to pay hydro bills, and inquired as to how this project could provide assistance for them. Chief McLeod informed Council that this is a two part project where First Nations would purchase the shares and a model such as Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership is being looked into to distribute funds to First Nations.

(f) INCIDENTAL CABINS

Councillor Jason Laronde provided a brief update on incidental cabins, informing Council that based on a current case law, First Nation members have the right to shelter when exercising their rights therefore are permitted to construct cabins so long as it is not on private property. A protocol between the Union of Ontario Indians and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is being worked on for incidental cabins.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to adjourn this meeting.

CARRIED

** Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm **