

## **Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes**

Tuesday, September 3, 2013: Council Chambers, Garden Village: 7:00 pm

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PRESENT: CHIEF	Marianna Couchie
DEPUTY CHIEF	June Commanda
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Dwayne Nashkawa
COUNCILLORS	Doug Chevrier
	David Commanda
	Brian Couchie
	Arnold May
	Darrell McLeod
	Rick Stevens
RECEPTIONIST CLERK	Elaine Commanda

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### **1. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY: Darrell McLeod to move to the committee of the whole.

CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:12 p.m. \*\*

### **2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

#### **(a) RISK ANALYSIS - PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION**

Dwayne informed the Council of the per capita distribution and the issues evolving. Dwayne will work with Fred Bellefeuille on a risk analysis and present to the next council meeting held in September.

#### **(b) UNION DRIVES IN NIPISSING FIRST NATION (NFN)**

Council was informed that the Labourers Union continues to actively pursue opportunities to certify NFN operations and businesses.

#### **(c) HALL RENTAL**

Council has requested that the policy committee review the hall rental rules/guidelines for clarification and enforcement.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

MOVED BY Arnold May

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

CARRIED.

\*\* Adjournment from the committee of the whole at 7:37 p.m. \*\*

### **4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:**

None.

### **5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2013:**

Delete: Item 7(a): Fisheries – Update to Meeting

Delete: Item 7(d): Financial Disclosure

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier

SECONDED BY June Commanda to accept the Council Agenda of September 3, 2013 as amended.

CARRIED.

**6. COUNCIL TRAVEL:**

Councillors provided update that there is no Council business travel that will occur before the next Council meeting.

**7. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2013:**

Item 8 (a) ii Chief's Report: Land Claim- "the Minister has signed it off" correct to read "the Minister has signed the order in Council"

Item 8 vii: "Habitat for Humanity inquiring to build" correct to read "Habitat for Humanity with funding from Enbridge inquiring to build".

Item 8 "(b)" correct to read Item 8 "(d)".

Item 8 (d): correct "Seconded by Arnold May to accept the Finance Committee" to read: "Seconded by Arnold May to accept the Language Committee.

Item 8 "(c)" correct to read Item 8 "(e)".

Item 8 "(d)" correct to read Item 8 "(f).

Item 9 (k) correct "Special Falls Assembly" to read "Special Fall Assembly". Correct "to take place in September" to read "to take place in November".

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept the Council Minutes of August 6, 2013 as amended.

CARRIED.

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Item 8 (a) vi: OPG Site Tour: Council are invited to attend the OPG Site tour at Crystal Falls on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.; and on September 25, 2013 departing from OPG at 1:00 p.m.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:**

(a) WEST NIPISSING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AWARD

MOVED BY Rick Stevens

SECONDED BY SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve a donation to the West Nipissing Chamber of Commerce 2013 Business Award of Excellence Gala to be held Nov 2, 2013 in the amount of \$500.00 towards the Aboriginal Business Award.

CARRIED.

(b) MILLER QUARRY

Council discussed the continuing odor coming from Miller Quarry. Dwayne will obtain a report and contact band member with the report information.

(c) CONSTITUTION – AMENDED COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Council was informed that the communications plan was amended, and there is no report at this time. It is currently being updated and implemented.

(d) RECREATION POLICY OFF RESERVE

Council have requested that the Recreation Policy be reviewed for both on and off reserve.

(e) BINGO DISTRIBUTION POLICY

MOVED BY Brian Couchie  
SECONDED BY June Commanda to accept the Bingo Distribution Policy as amended.  
CARRIED.

(f) SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT POLICY

MOVED BY Arnold May  
SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept the Summer Student Employment Policy as amended.  
CARRIED.

(g) STUDENT PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

MOVED BY Brian Couchie  
SECONDED BY Arnold May to accept the Student Placement Guidelines with updates for 2013.  
CARRIED.

(h) SENIORS GRASS CUTTING POLICY

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod  
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept the Seniors Grass Cutting Policy as updated and including the waiver form for 2013.  
CARRIED.

(i) POST SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM – POLICY AND ADMIN GUIDELINES

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier  
SECONDED BY June Commanda to accept the Post Secondary Education Assistant Program – Policy and Admin Guidelines as updated for 2013.  
CARRIED.

**10. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

**11. REPORTS:**

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

i. NFN Pow Wow

Chief Couchie attended the Culture and Powwow Meetings and reported that the pow wow was well attended with many registered dancers. The committee is aware of the lack of parking space, and the need for more volunteers for this event.

ii. ROBINSON-HURON CLAIMS MEETING

Chief Couchie had attended the Robinson-Huron Claims meeting and will attend a follow up meeting at the end of September in Wanahpitaie to prepare for the October 9, 2013 court filing.

iii. UNION OF ONTARIO YOUTH GATHERING

Chief Couchie attended the Youth Gathering in Beaucage Park. Following this, Chief Couchie and Dwayne Nashkawa met with MP Claude Gravelle to discuss the process regarding the finalization of our Land Claim Settlement now that the Prime Minister has prorogued Parliament.

iv. MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

Chief Couchie and Dwayne Nashkawa met with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs about Lake Nipissing and Fisheries management; the need for the ministries, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Ministry of Northern Development & Mines (MNDM) to be aware of the implementation process of our land claim.

A letter will be prepared for the Minister of Education in regards to the diminishing Native Language Policy.

v. GARDEN VILLAGE DAYCARE GRAND OPENING

Chief Couchie attended the grand opening of the SMB/Daycare Centre opening. Council was informed that it was a good opening.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i. RESIDENCY ISSUE

Council was informed of the developing workplan, analysis and the development of a Residency Law and a Landlord-Tenant Law for issues that NFN have addressed. Dwayne informed Council that he is working on this to get this expedited to bring forth to the committee and then to the community.

ii. NIPISSING REGIONAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to approve the purchase of the Hospice Fundraising Event held at the Davedi Club on November 1, 2013 for the amount of 8 tickets at the cost of \$80.00 each.

CARRIED.

iii. NFN STAFF MANAGEMENT RETREAT

Council was informed that a report and a draft agenda for the proposed structure for the retreat will be forthcoming for the dates of October 26 & 27, 2013.

(c) HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2013

(d) HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2013

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier

SECONDED BY Arnold May to accept the Health Committee Minutes of May 21, 2013 and June 17, 2013 with the recommendations to include the cost analysis.

CARRIED

(E) TAKING BACK OUR COMMUNITY/ANISHINABEK POLICE SERVICE  
(TBC/APS) COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 31, 2013

MOVED BY David Commanda

SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept the TBC/APS Minutes of July 31, 2013 as presented.

CARRIED.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) THIRD READING – FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION LAW

MOVED BY Arnold May  
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to accept the Third Reading – Financial Administration Law as presented.  
CARRIED.

(b) BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS / AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED:

- (i) First Nation Fiscal Managements Act – BCR #1689
- (ii) Health Canada Updated Programs ON13000005-A08
- (iii) Investment Advisor – T. E. Wealth – BCR #1690
- (iv) Suicide Proclamation – BCR #1691
- (v) Right to Play Agreement

(c) Cooling Station Directive

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod  
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept the Cooling Station Directive as presented.  
CARRIED.

(d) Medical Health Policy

MOVED BY Darrell McLeod  
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to accept the Medical Health Policy as amended.  
CARRIED.

(e) Community Aboriginal Recreation Activator (CARA) Program

Received as information.

(f) Footcare Funding Discontinued for Registered NFN Members

Received as briefing note.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED BY Arnold May  
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to adjourn this meeting.  
CARRIED.

\*\* Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m. \*\*

\*\* The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013 in Garden Village. \*\*