

Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 5, 2017: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod	
	Deputy-Chief	Muriel Sawyer	
	Councillors	Brian Couchie	
		Cathy Bellefeuille	
		Corey Goulais	
		Jason Laronde	
		June Commanda	
		Rick Stevens	
		Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa
		Director of Administration	Freda Martel

1. Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.

2. Adjournment To The Committee Of The Whole:

Moved By Brian Couchie

Seconded By Rick Stevens 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) Business – Joint Venture

Dwayne Nashkawa, Chief Executive Officer provided an update on his site visit to a possible joint venture business plant. Council agreed to have Dwayne and Michael Harney, Economic Development Manager proceed with a review of the business plan and provide more information to Council to render a decision whether or not to continue to pursue this joint venture. It was suggested that a tour of this business could be coordinated for Council as well.

(b) Legal Matter

Dwayne updated Council on a legal matter. He informed Council that a motion will be entered with the court to strike this matter from the court. The hearing for this case is scheduled for January 9, 2018.

4. Adjournment From The Committee Of The Whole:

Moved By Corey Goulais

Seconded By Cathy Bellefeuille to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

Carried.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:29 pm. **

5. Adoption Of Agenda:

Additions to the agenda:

- Nipissing Warriors – Induction to the Hockey Hall of Fame.
- Dutrisac Road.
- Youth Meeting.
- Yellek Road.
- Gas Line – Serenity Lane and North Duchesnay
- Paving.

Moved By Brian Couchie

Seconded By Cathy Bellefeuille to accept the Council Agenda of September 5th, 2017 with additions.

Carried.

6. Disclosures Of Conflict:

None.

7. Council Travel:

None.

8. Adoption Of Council Minutes of August 1, 2017:

- Item #9 (b) Change "Skit" to read "Skeet"
- Delete from attendance listing as Present "Jason Laronde"
- Regrets - Change "Jason Laronde (Mtg in Toronto)" to read "Jason Laronde (APS Mtg SS Marie) "

Moved By Muriel Sawyer

Seconded By June Commanda to accept the Council Minutes of August 1, 2017 as corrected.

Carried.

9. Requests and Delegations:

(a) Near North Enviro Education Grand Opening

A letter of invite was submitted by Romano Marchi, Executive Director of Near North Enviro-Education Centre requesting representation from NFN to attend the Near North Enviro Education Grand Opening scheduled to take place in Sunridge on September 30th. A letter will be sent declining this invite as no one from Council is available to attend.

(b) Solemnization Of Marriage

A band member requested support from Council on an application to Ontario for a license to perform marriages. A legal opinion based on Aboriginal Rights was received from Lawyer Fred Bellefeuille in support of this. Council Resolution #1821 was signed in support of this application.

10. Unfinished Business From Last Meeting:

(a) Human Resource Management Policy – Section 22.4 Health Benefits

Dwayne Nashkawa informed Council that a change in policy is being requested which would confirm that all employees on Long Term Disability (LTD) be responsible to pay benefits. Council was informed that currently NFN has employees on LTD, some are paying their benefits and some are not. The change in policy would make this fair to all employees, and reinforce that payment of benefits is the responsibility of the employee. Councillor Brian Couchie informed Council that NFN should pay for the employee share of the benefit while they are off. NFN employees when ready for retirement do not get the same benefit as non-status employees who will receive close to what they were earning, as the calculation for pension is based on gross earnings. The payment of the premium while employees are off on LTD would provide an additional benefit to all employees.

Moved By Brian Couchie

Seconded By Cathy Bellefeuille that effective September 2017, Nipissing First Nation will pay 100% of health premiums for employees who are on Long Term Disability.

Carried.

(b) Serenity Bus Lane Stop

Council was provided with an update on the Serenity Bus Stop. According to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) additional signage is not warranted in this area according to MTO standards. Chief Scott McLeod and Dwayne will meet with the Ministry of Transportation representative(s) to address all unsafe NFN entrances along highway 17. Councillor Jason Laronde recommended that perhaps the Union of Ontario representative could be invited to the meeting for support and assist with work on this file, as this staff member deals with First Nation safety issues with MTO.

(c) Beachfront Property – Yellek

Referred to the next Land Issues meeting.

11. Reports:

(a) Chief's Report

- i. **Master Anishinabek Education Agreement** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended the signing of the Master Agreement for the Anishinabek Education System. He also attended the Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- ii. **Business Tour** – Chief McLeod was scheduled to attend the Business Tour with Dwayne and Mike, but declined this tour as he was on holidays and tending to personal matters.
- iii. **Robinson Huron Treaty Meeting** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended the Robinson Huron Chiefs Meeting where Terms of Reference for a Treaty Based Organization was worked on.
- iv. **Pow Wow** – Chief McLeod informed Council that given the bad weather, attendance was down slightly from the previous year but the pow wow was still a success. An enquiry was made as to why dignitaries were not in attendance and whether invitations were sent. Council requested that a standard invitation be sent yearly to dignitaries.
- v. **Treaty Gathering September 2017** – Chief McLeod informed Council about a Treaty Gathering taking place at Whitefish Lake from September 7 – 9, 2017. Councillor Goulais expressed interest in attending.

(b) Chief Executive Directors Report

- i. **Special Council Meeting** – Dwayne Nashkawa requested that Council schedule a Special Council Meeting which will give more time to review business proposals and other business.
- ii. **Kinoomaadziwin Education Body (KEB) Offices** – Dwayne provide a brief update on the KEB building project, informing Council that this project is being lead by Bruce McLeod, Special Projects Manager and Michael Harney, Economic Development Officer. Walter Kornas, Consultant has been contracted to assist in developing grant applications for this project. Council was informed that due to the time-frame for this project, with the KEB wanting a September 1, 2018 move in date, this provides a higher risk for NFN when it comes to financing this project, as most grant applications will not be approved by project start. Dwayne will continue to provide updates to Council on this project.

- iii. **Social Responsibility Investment Screening** – Dwayne informed Council that he was requested by the 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Board to bring to Councils attention a list of companies that may be screened out based on their dealings with the Dakota Access Pipeline. Some of the companies on the list are banks who may provide financing for projects on NFN's screening list; therefore the question being - does Council wish to discontinue investments with companies that are affiliated with projects on the screening list. The Trust Board is seeking Council's input into how they should address this issue on an ongoing basis. Council was informed that they may have to amend the SRI Policy or the stocks will need to be sold off within a 30- day period. Dwayne will have Sustainalytics conduct an analysis and bring back the information for the next Council meeting.

- iv. **Nbisiing Secondary School – Smoking Area** – Dwayne informed Council that the smoking area at Nbisiing High School will be moved to the south side of the building, 9 meters per NFN's Smoking Bylaw that was just recently passed. With this, the school bus loading zone will be relocated. It was requested that a 10 X 10 cement pad be located across the parking lot. Council agreed to proceed with moving the smoking area, and agreed that changes if need be in the future proceed so long as they are in accordance with the Smoking Bylaw.

(c) Special Council Minutes of August 21, 2017

Moved By Corey Goulais

Seconded By Jason Laronde to approve the Special Council Minutes of August 21, 2017 as presented.

Carried.

(d) Bwajigi-zhichkewin (Natural Resources) Aanke Giigdownin Minutes of July 19, 2017

- Item #10 – Recommendation - Joan McLeod to meet with the Natural Resource Department to identify no fish, no hunt and protected areas.

Moved By Brian Couchie

Seconded By Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the Bwajigi-zhichkewin (Natural Resources) Aanke Giigdownin Minutes of July 19, 2017 as presented.

Carried.

It was recommended that a letter be sent to lessees to remind them that their lease does not permit them to travel on NFN no-trespass areas ie: rail beds, Mooz Miikum Road, etc.

(e) Nishnabe Inaadziwin (Pow wow) Aanke Giigdownin Minutes of July 14, August 21 & 28, 2017

Moved By Cathy Bellefeuille

Seconded By Brian Couchie to approve the Nishnabe Inaadziwin (Pow wow) Aanke Giigdownin Minutes of July 14, August 21 & 28, 2017 as presented with the exception of the recommendations which will be referred to the Administration Core Group meeting for discussion.

Carried.

(f) Enweyeng (Language) Aanke Giigdown Minutes of April 3, 2017

Moved By Brian Couchie
Seconded By Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the Enweyeng (Language) Aanke Giigdown Minutes of April 3, 2017 as presented with the exception of the recommendation which will be referred to Administration.
Carried.

Discussion took place regarding the recommendations that are being addressed at the committee meetings. Chief Scott McLeod requested that Council members, as the Chair of the committees, should not address administration items in committee discussions.

12. New Business:

(a) Council Resolutions / Agreements Signed:

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| (i) Support NOHFC re: KEB Project | #1820 |
| (ii) Health Canada Amending Agreement | #1718-ON-000001-A001 |
| (iii) Membership Transfer Renee Restoule | #M-121 |

(b) Children's Aid Society Appointment of Representative

Moved By Jason Laronde
Seconded By Corey Goulais to appoint Wendy Lariviere to the Internal First Nation Advisory Committee with the Children's Aid Society as Nipissing First Nations representative.
Carried.

(c) Nipissing University Board Appointment

Moved By Corey Goulais
Seconded By Brian Couchie to appoint Fran Couchie to the Nipissing University Board of Directors as Nipissing First Nations representative.
Carried.

(d) Funeral Assistance Policy

Moved By Jason Laronde
Seconded By Rick Stevens to approve the Funeral Assistance Policy as amended.
Carried.

(e) Collection of Arrears Policy

Moved By Corey Goulais
Seconded By Muriel Sawyer to approve the Collection of Arrears Policy as presented.
Carried.

13. Information Items:

(a) Youth Meeting

Councillor Corey Goulais informed Council that youth who attended George Couchie's camp, Niigan Mosewak, wanted to meet to discuss having these camps four times per year – one in each season. He invited Council to attend this meeting Thursday evening. Dwayne informed Council that an application has been submitted to the UOI by the Native Child Welfare Prevention Program to coordinate these 4 season youth camps.

(b) Nipissing Warriors –Hockey Hall of Fame

Councillor Brian Couchie requested that arrangements be made to have a bus travel to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto when the Nipissing Warriors will be displayed. Dwayne will follow up with Katrina Srigley and Glenna Beaucage as to what the process is by the Hockey Hall of Fame personnel when the Nipissing Warriors will be displayed.

(c) Dutrisac Road

Councillor Rick Stevens requested an update on the matter concerning the paving of Dutrisac Road. Council was informed that a letter was sent to Mayor Savage of West Nipissing requesting a meeting. Dwayne to follow up on the status of this meeting.

(d) Yellek Road

Dwayne will provide a report for the next Council meeting.

(e) Paving

Councillors Jason Laronde requested an update on the paving of roads. Dwayne to provide a report for the next meeting.

(f) Special Council Meeting

A Special Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

14. Adjournment:

Moved By Muriel Sawyer

Seconded By Jason Laronde to adjourn this meeting.

Carried.

** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Garden Village. **

Scott McLeod
Chief

Dwayne Nashkawa
Chief Executive Officer