

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016: Nbisiing Secondary School - Duchesnay: 7:00 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Deputy Chief	Muriel Sawyer
	Councillors	Rick Stevens
		June Commanda
		Brian Couchie
		Corey Goulais
		Cathy Bellefeuille
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa
	Office Admin. Assistant	Mike Sawyer
	Guests	Priscilla West
		Marianna Couchie

Regrets:	Councillor	Jason Laronde (Meeting-Thunder Bay)
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1. Meeting commenced at 7:35p.m.
2. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA:

Additions to agenda:

- Item 6. (b) Lake Nipissing Summit – Marianna Couchie
- Item 10. (c) AES Update – Scott & Muriel
- Item 10. (d) Nipissing University/Canadore Pow Wow - Welcoming

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve the Council Agenda of September 6, 2016 as amended.

CARRIED.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

None.

4. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

Council provided updates of their Council business travel that will occur prior to the next Council meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2016

Amendments:

- Page 1 – Present: “Murial Sawyer” to read “Muriel Sawyer”
- Page 3 – Item 11. (b) – “Council Minutes” should read “Council Minutes”
- Page 4 – Header indicates “Page Two” should read “Page Four”
- Page 4 – Item 12. (e) – “Chief Couchie” should read “Chief McLeod”

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to approve the Council Minutes of August 2, 2016 as amended.

CARRIED.

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

(a) *Lynx Hockey Registration – Financial Request* – Two requests have come forth to Council requesting funding for the Junior Level Sturgeon Falls Lynx. Council advised Dwayne to look into what has been given in the past for sport registration. Dwayne advised Council that the first request has been sent to the Community Wellness and

hasn't heard back. More research into the policy is needed in order to decide on these requests.

DEFERRED.

(b) *Lake Nipissing Summit* – Marianna asked Council that if there has been any follow up with regards to the Lake Nipissing Summit held in 2013. She mentioned that it was well attended by surrounding townships around Lake Nipissing. She asked Council that she was looking on the NFN website to locate that report from the summit or Fisheries/Natural Resources Department page. She couldn't find it or any information regarding the Summit Report on the NFN website page. She was hoping that this could be posted on website again, on Natural Resources page. Chief McLeod advised Marianna Couchie that he will definitely look into this matter. As well Chief McLeod mentioned the area townships haven't been in contact with NFN since that event. Ms. Couchie also mentioned this event should be looked at being hosted once again to follow up as to what has been done since the last summit to help Lake Nipissing. Dwayne told Marianna that a meeting with Mayor Al McDonald will happen and the topic of Lake Nipissing Summit will be addressed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE LAST MEETING:

(a) *Terms of Reference – Advisory Council* – Selection criteria was deferred to next meeting.

MOVED BY Corey Goulais

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Terms of Reference for Advisory Council as presented.

CARRIED.

(b) *Facilities Management – Report on Various* – Chief McLeod spoke about this report and mentioned the possible covered rinks may be constructed in Yellek and Duchesnay. But however community input is needed to review what other possible ideas would benefit them more. Senior Lawn cutting in Duchesnay has been addressed with Garry Leblanc. As well, the basketball court in Yellek play ground maybe relocated to construct a larger court for both adults and children can play; although initial plan was for children only.

8. REPORTS:

(a) Chief Report – Attended a meeting at the Union of Ontario Indians the meeting included Premier Wynne and her team; Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines; Deputy Grand Council Chief Glen Hare; Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day; Chief Operating Officer of Union of Ontario Indians Gary Dokis; and Councillor Jason Laronde. Chief McLeod addressed his concerns of the high rates of hydro and delivery charges to First Nations. This was a great opportunity to speak to Cabinet members of Ontario and address these issues that First Nations are dealing with in Northern Communities and across Ontario. He also expressed his support for Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee and Regional Chief Isadore Days' hard work with meeting with the Province to work out a solution for First Nations in Ontario.

On August 17, 2016 Chief McLeod, Deputy Chief Sawyer, and Councillor June Commanda, CEO Dwayne Nashkawa and many NFN Staff members attended where Sue Commanda received a Lifetime Achievement Award in the health field in Sudbury, ON. hosted by Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity.

Chief McLeod also attended a retirement dinner for Fran Couhie for her 10 years of service to Nipissing First Nation as Education Director.

On Sept. 3, 2016 he attended a sunrise ceremony where he was presented with a headdress that was made by Brenda Lee. He praised the Cultural staff for doing the proper research to find the correct design represents Nipissing First Nation. Later that day, he attended the grand entry for Nipissing First Nation's Annual Pow Wow. He wanted to say Chi-Miigwech to Jules Armstrong, all the volunteers, Beautification crew, Cultural Department and Cultural & Pow Wow Committee for their hard work and dedication to making this event so successful. He also mentioned that National Chief Perry Bellegarde and Regional Chief Isadore Day attended this year's Pow Wow.

(b) Chief Executive Officer Report

Dwayne informed Council of many projects underway in and around NFN. Administration Office construction update that Mobilization commenced on July 7, 2016, construction commenced on August 2, 2016. Project schedule presented August 4, 2016 which indicates a substantial completion date of May 8, 2017. Project is on schedule at this time and no extra costs have been incurred to date. Other work items have commenced, blasting for footing and drainage ditch – completed. Removal of old sewage tanks and supports of existing sewer line is complete. Foundation will progress in the coming weeks. Dwayne also indicated that employment opportunities will be offered. One NFN member has been hired to date. Kenalex has indicated that other employment opportunities will happen as the project progresses through sub-trades.

Dwayne advised Council that letters sent out on August 4, 2016 for the commercial fishing closure and the rationale for closing the commercial fishing season were hand delivered to registered commercial fishermen. A notice of the closure/rationale was also posted on the NFN website and in the community newsletter (Enkamgak). Regular water patrols are still being conducted by NFN Enforcement Staff from North Bay to Garden Village, Iron Island, mouth of the French River and the Goose Island. Regular patrols are scheduled to the end of October.

Dwayne updated Chief and Council on the construction for Duchesnay Creek Bridge slated to begin in 2017 and 2018. Stage 1 in 2017 will commence with Highway 17B Lowering of the railway overpass. Highway 17B will be closed between Couhie Memorial Road and Highway 17 for the construction season. We have negotiated a new entrance to CNR Lands off 17B which will allow for future development on NFN lands. Stage 2 in 2018, the replacement of Duchesnay Creek Bridge will commence. Highway 17B will be closed between Couhie Memorial Dr. and Main Street West. During this time, there will be a shuttle service available between Duchesnay and North Bay.

(c) Community Wellness Committee Meeting of June 20, 2016

It was recommended that a thank you message to community members, thanking the community for their cooperation for their yard upkeep in order to keep out wildlife from wandering into the communities on NFN's social media, website and community signs.

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Community Wellness Committee Minutes of June 20, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

(d) Community Wellness Committee Minutes of August 15, 2016.

Recommendation to look into costs for installation of roadside guard rails on Semo road following the creek towards Public Works building. Once costs are gathered to bring back to Council for consideration.

It was also recommended by committee of possibly constructing a new fitness centre in Garden Village. Dwayne indicated that with this recommendation, it will have to be reviewed by Finance for next fiscal year budget.

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Community Wellness Committee minutes of August 15, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

(e) Language Committee Minutes of August 8, 2016.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the Language Committee minutes of August 8, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

(f) Natural Resource Committee Minutes of July 13, 2016.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Natural Resource Committee minutes of July 13, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

(g) Natural Resource Committee Minutes of August 17, 2016.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Natural Resource Committee minutes of August 17, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

(h) Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of June 27, 2016.

MOVED BY June Commanda

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the Culture & Pow Wow Committee minutes of June 27, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

(i) Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of July 11, 2016.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the Culture & Pow Wow Committee minutes of July 11, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

(j) Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of July 25, 2016.

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Culture & Pow Wow Committee minutes of July 25, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

(k) Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of August 8, 2016.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to approve the Culture & Pow Wow Committee minutes of August 8, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS TO BE SIGNED:

None.

(b) *Outdoor Covered Rink – Floor Piping* – Chief McLeod gave an update to Council as to why there was additional costs associated to this project. The original quote of the floor refrigeration piping that was submitted, didn't take into account the extra insulation and raise the footings needed to protect the slab from freezing and cracking.

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY June Commanda to approve the amount \$110, 927 for Toromont-CIMCO to complete the project as recommended.

CARRIED.

(c) *Meetings To Be Scheduled*

(i) *Land Issues* – September 13, 2016 at 6pm in Garden Village

(ii) *Medicine Wheel Presentation* – October 19, 2016 at 9am in Garden Village

(iii) *Council Retreat* – October 29 & 30, 2016

(iv) Annual Meeting – November 19, 2016 at 12pm in Garden Village

- (d) *Purchase of Game Cameras* – More information is needed to determine best possible product before purchasing this equipment.

Deferred.

- (e) *Policy – Fisheries Employment Insurance Program*

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Muriel Sawyer to accept the Fisheries Employment Insurance Program as presented.

CARRIED.

- (f) *Human Resources Management Policy*

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY June Commanda to accept the Human Resources Management Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

- (g) *Speed Bumps – Audit Presentation & Finance* – Councillor Brian Couchie addressed Chief and Council that speed bumps are needed to deter speeding on Duchesnay road and in all the NFN communities. Chief McLeod indicated that he will make a call to Inspector Marc LeSage of Anishinabek Police Service to increase patrol on Nipissing First Nation communities.

- (h) *Committee Appointments* – To appoint Elaine Commanda as a member of the Natural Resources Committee

MOVED BY Brian Couchie

SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the appointment of Elaine Commanda to the Natural Resources Committee as presented.

CARRIED

10. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- (a) *Thank You card – Phil & Lorraine Goulais* – A Thank you card was received thanking Council from Phil and Lorraine Goulais for the trip to Casino Rama trip on July 16 & 17, 2016.
- (b) *Community Energy Workshop – NFN Sept 13, 2016* – Hosted by Chiefs of Ontario to present on reserve energy projects. Council and community members are welcome to attend this presentation.
- (c) *AES Ballot Concern* – Chief Scott McLeod, Deputy Chief Muriel Sawyer and Chief Executive Officer Dwayne Nashkawa attended a meeting/conference call at Union of Ontario Indians on Sept. 6, 2016 to discuss NFN's disapproval to include NFN's Constitution acknowledgement on the ballot to Indigenous Northern Affairs Canada.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to adjourn this meeting.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 9:50p.m. **

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 20th, 2016
at 7:00pm in Garden Village.