

Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2019: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

Present:	Deputy-Chief Councillors	Muriel Sawyer Brian Couchie Corey Goulais June Commanda Michael Sawyer Rick Stevens
	Chief Executive Officer Recorder	Dwayne Nashkawa Freda Martel
Regrets:	Chief Councillor	Scott McLeod, Anishinabek Nation AGM Jane Commanda, Anishinabek Nation AGM

1. Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm.

2. Adjournment To The Committee Of The Whole:

Moved By Michael Sawyer

Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn to the committee of the whole.

Carried.

** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:06 pm **

3. Committee Of The Whole:

(a) Cigarette Quota

Council was provided with an update on a business and cigarette quota distribution. As the business is not fully operational, Council agreed to provide a 30-day extension to get the business in operation. It was also suggested that the business be monitored for operations.

(b) Notice of Trespass

Council signed Council Resolutions #1879 & #1881 banning two non NFN members, from entering Nipissing First Nation at any time.

Discussion took place regarding incidents in the community.

4. Adjournment From The Committee Of The Whole:

Moved by Corey Goulais

Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

Carried.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:31 pm **

5. Adoption of Agenda:

- Item #9 (a) Land Allotment BCR's. Deferred.
- Item #6 (e) Property For Sale

Moved by Michael Sawyer

Seconded by June Commanda to approve the Council Agenda of June 4, 2019 as amended.

Carried.

6. Disclosures of Conflict:

None.

7. Council Travel:

Council provided an update of their NFN business travel that will occur before the next Council meeting.

8. Adoption of Council Minutes of May 21, 2019:

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Council Minutes of May 21, 2019 as presented.

Carried.

9. Delegations / Presentations:

(a) Public Arts Advisory Council

A motion from the City of North Bay to establish a Public Arts Advisory Council was submitted to Council seeking an Indigenous Representative. A notice will be sent out to NFN members promoting this opportunity.

(b) Elders Conference Request

A request was submitted by a member to attend an Elders conference in July 2019. Council agreed to provide a reimbursement in the amount of \$500.00 once receipts are submitted.

The Policy Committee was requested to develop a policy to deal with individual requests for financial assistance for travel related expenses or sponsorships.

Moved by Rick Stevens

Seconded by Corey Goulais to approve a reimbursement in the amount of \$500.00 for Dorothy Beaucage-Kennedy to attend the 43rd Annual BC Elders Gathering in July 2019.

Carried.

Moved by Corey Goulais

Seconded by Rick Stevens to direct the Policy Committee to develop a policy to deal with individual requests for financial assistance.

Carried.

Councillor Couchie opposed.

(c) Rental Cabin Little Sturgeon River

A memo was submitted by the Lands Department requesting permission to lease a cabin on NFN property along the Little Sturgeon River. This request was denied for liability purposes.

(d) Seniors Craft Club – Meeting Space

Councillor Rick Stevens informed Council that the seniors craft club is outgrowing its meeting space at the Seniors Apartment and are looking for another place to meet. Other possible meeting places will be brought back to the next Council meeting.
Deferred.

(e) Property For Sale

Councillor Rick Stevens informed Council that there is a property for sale across from Misquito Creek that NFN should look into as this property was originally NFN property. Council agreed to have the Lands Department gather information on this sale.

10. Unfinished Business From Last Meeting:

(a) Swings – Yellek Playground

A briefing note was submitted by the Facilities Department for Council with options to purchase swings for the Yellek playground.

Council requested that the possibility of cameras being installed at this area. Costs will be researched and brought back to Council for consideration.

Moved by Rick Stevens

Seconded by Corey Goulais to approve the purchase and installation of swings for the Yellek playground in the amount of \$5,685.00 from Trust Income funds.
Carried.

(b) Cannabis Presentation

As a follow up from the last Council meeting, a band member requested to make a presentation to Council on cannabis. Prior to scheduling a meeting date for a Special Council meeting, Council is requesting to review the presentation beforehand.

(c) Walking Trails

Council was provided with an update on the plans for walking trails in the communities of NFN. As trails are completed, benches will be placed at different locations along the trails.

11. Reports:

(a) Chief's Report

None.

(b) Chief Executive Officer's Report

Adjournment To The Committee Of The Whole:

Moved by June Commanda

Seconded by Michael Sawyer to adjourn to the committee of the whole.
Carried.

** Adjourned to the committee of the whole at 8:10 pm **

- (i) **Benefits Renewal** - Council was updated and briefed on some possible options as a result of an increase in the cost of employee benefits. Dwayne will work on option #3, reduction of benefits and increase of employer share, and bring back to Council.

- (ii) **Land Dispute** - Dwayne informed Council of an emerging conflict of interests regarding land tenure. NFN's involvement would only be in regards to the land.

Adjournment From The Committee Of The Whole:

Moved by Michael Sawyer

Seconded by Rick Stevens to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

Carried.

**** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 8:32 pm ****

- (iii) **Duchesnay Bridge** – Dwayne informed Council that the tender submission deadline for the bridge project is June 27th. Following this, negotiations on the contract will take place. The project will proceed mid- July.
- (iv) **Replacement HVAC System** – Council was informed that Dwayne and Bruce will be working on a plan to replace the HVAC system in the main administration building. The cost of this could run up to approximately \$850K. Funding for this project will be brought to the next meeting for approval.
- (v) **Niijaansinaanig Child & Family Services** – Dwayne suggested a Special Council meeting to discuss NFN's direction with regards to Child Welfare at NFN. The Chief's schedule will be reviewed and a meeting date will be proposed in July.
- (vi) **Culture & Language Strategy** – Council was informed that a working group has met and good progress was made on this review. Dwayne informed Council that it might be necessary to contract the work and implementation of this plan under a 1-year employment contract.
- (vii) **Staffing Update** – Council was updated on new hires.

- (c) Debendaagziwaad Naaknigewin (Citizenship) Minutes of May 29, 2019

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Corey Goulais to approve the Debendaagziwaad Naaknigewin Minutes of May 29, 2019 as presented.

Carried.

12. Standing Items:

- (i) Annuities Claim

Dwayne informed Council that the Treaties Gathering is taking place in Wikwemikong in September. He will forward the information received to Council.

- (ii) Cannabis

Dwayne informed Council that NFN is in the enactment process however the Law will be held in abeyance until an agreement is in place with the Province. He has made contact with Mr. Fedeli's office and was informed that we should expect to get a response possibly by the end of this week. Discussion will need to take place on the identification of areas where sales would be permitted.

13. Other:

(a) Jocko Point Flooding

Dwayne informed Council that a letter was sent to Nipissing MP Vic Fedeli and Nipissing-Temeskaming MP Anthony Rota in support of compensation for the recent flooding to lessees on NFN, as residents in area municipalities have been offered compensation.

14. Adjournment:

Moved by June Commanda

Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn this meeting.

Carried.

** Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm **

** The next Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, June 18th, 2019 at 7:30 pm in Duchesnay. **