



COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020: Nbisiing Secondary School, Duchesnay
Closed Session – 7:00 pm Regular Session – 7:30 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Deputy Chief	Muriel Sawyer
	Councillors	Brian Couchie
		Corey Goulais
		Jane Commanda
		June Commanda
		Michael Sawyer
		Rick Stevens
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa
	Executive Asst./Recorder	Kimberly Salvaneschi

1. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn to the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

**** Meeting adjourned to the Committee of the Whole at 7:29 pm****

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(a) Little NHL – Participant Selection

The Little NHL Committee asked the NFN Culture Department to provide a list of Elders names that could give an Opening Miigwechewin at the Little NHL Opening Ceremonies. This list was presented to Council to appoint this person.

Muriel Sawyer and June Commanda declared conflict and left the room.

During discussions, Council decided that a Male and Female representative will be selected. Council noted that as Councillors Muriel Sawyer and June Commanda would already have a role in the event and therefore their names would be removed from consideration.

Council decided that John Sawyer and Evelyn McLeod should be asked to represent NFN as our elders and provide the Opening Miigwechewin at the Little NHL Opening Ceremonies.

Muriel Sawyer and June Commanda re-entered the closed session. Chief Scott explained the reasoning behind the decision and both Muriel and June agreed.

No motion is required, administration will inform the LNHL Host committee of the decision.

3. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by June Commanda

Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn from the Committee of the Whole

CARRIED

**** Meeting adjourned from the Committee of the Whole at 7:39 pm****

1. The public meeting commenced at 7:39 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Item 8(d) change "... December..." to "... January ..."
- Add item 9 (a) (iii) Municipal Road Subsidy #1900
- Item #12. Information Items - change to item #11
- Item #13. Adjournment - change to item #12

During discussions, Council decided that the agendas and minutes will be sent to Council before meetings for corrections of grammar and formatting. Approval of agendas and previous meeting minutes during Council meetings will focus on the accuracy of the content information and possible revisions.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the Council Agenda of January 21, 2020, as amended.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT

None

4. COUNCIL TRAVEL

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

5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2019

Item #11 (b) iii. Change "... Mangers ..." to read "... Managers ..."

Item #12 (b) Change "... Council that the an ..." to read "... Council that an ..."

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Council Minutes of December 17, 2019, as amended.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING (S)

(a) Outdoor Rink

A detailed report was provided to Council regarding options and costing on enhancements to the Outdoor rink in Garden Village. Dwayne suggested that Council review the report for future considerations. The immediate concern is the wind tunnel effect that is created due to the absence of a barrier on the North side. Dwayne will request another report from Facilities that provides a temporary, cost-friendly option for wind barrier in the North end to alleviate the wind issue

8. REPORTS

(a) Chiefs Report

- The Chief provided an update on the Governance Summit he and Deputy Chief Muriel Sawyer attended in Sault Ste. Marie, January 14-16, 2020. The Summit provided a lot of information and cleared up some misconceptions regarding the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement and the U.O.I role. Some of the points noted were:
 - We will be transferring our Nations power to the U.O.I – this is FALSE
 - Monies will be transferred through the U.O.I and they are charging processing fees – FALSE
 - Own Source Revenue is NOT included in the agreement, only a commitment to discuss.
 - The Governance agreement is going to enable and help communities create their own laws, related to: Culture and Language, Citizenship, Leadership Selection and management and operations; all of which Nipissing has completed or has already started. The difference for Nipissing is that the agreement will increase of funding dollars. For work NFN is already doing and financing on its own
 - There are two community Governance Information Meetings planned. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Meetings are January 27, in Garden Village and January 29 in Duchesnay.

(b) Chief Executive Officer Report

A request to move the Special Council meeting scheduled for January 28, 2020, to a later date was made. Council agreed. Administration will advise Council of the new date once arranged for late February or early March. Dwayne Nashkawa provided Council with an update regarding his business dealings since the last meeting.

Cannabis Negotiations- Dwayne will meet with the Ministry of Attorney General of Ontario to discuss the preliminary issues preceding negotiation with the province on any agreement that would harmonize NFN's Cannabis Law with Ontario's. This meeting is scheduled for January 28th in Toronto.

Relationship with Nipissing University – Council was provided with information regarding potential relationship initiatives recommended by Joan McLeod. Further information and clarification are required. Dwayne will follow up with Joan McLeod and the Culture Department for timelines, specific initiatives and the commitment and costs associated with each.

Hiring Report – Dwayne updated Council on new hires within the organization.

Lands Issues meeting- Dwayne informed Council of a request from Cathy McLeod to reschedule the Lands Issues meeting in January to February. Council agreed. Administration will inform Council of the new date once arranged.

During discussions, the question was raised as to whether a Councillor can “call-in” to special Council meetings or other meetings, when unable to attend in person. It was decided that this is permissible; however, the person would not be part of the quorum.

(c) Council Reports

Councillor June Commanda indicated that she attended the Indigenous Poverty Reduction Education Program open house on January 14th at Canadore College. She commended Councillors Jane Commanda and Mike Sawyer on their efforts.

(d) Anishinabemwin (language) Giigdong Committee Minutes of January 13, 2019

Moved by Corey Goulais

Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Anishinabemwin (language) Giigdong Committee Minutes of January 13, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

(e) Akii minwa Gii-zhaaknigewin Annke (Lands & Bylaw) Giigdownin Minutes of December 16, 2019

Item 3.3 – during discussions it is decided that it should be noted when referencing the 66-foot shoreline that some lots are grandfathered and do go directly to the shoreline.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the Akii minwa Gii-zhaaknigewin Annke (Lands & Bylaw) Giigdownin Minutes of December 16, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

(f) Kinoomaagewin Aanke Giigdownin (Education) Minutes of December 2, 2019

Muriel Sawyer noted that the recommendations section of the minutes is unnecessary at this time, but to consider in the future.

Moved by June Commanda

Seconded by Corey Goulais to approve the Kinoomaagewin Aanke Giigdownin (Education) Minutes of December 2, 2019, presented.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Council Resolutions/Agreements Signed:

- (i) Can. Infrastructure Program & Northern Funding Agree. Signing #1898

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| (ii) NFN Signing Authority | #1899 |
| (iii) Municipal Road Subsidy | #1900 |

(b) Committee Appointment:

Recommendation to add Marie A. Stevens as a member of the Nishnaabemwin Committee

Moved by Corey Goulais

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve Marie A. Stevens as a member of the Nishnaabemwin Committee.

CARRIED

(c) NFN Culture & Nishnaabemwin Strategic Plan – 2020-2025

Council was provided with a Strategic workplan. The plan focusses on an appreciation of the language and culture and outlines procedures to create an investment in training and learning.

Moved by Mike Sawyer

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to approve the NFN Culture & Nishnaabemwin Strategic Plan 2020-2025 as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Extension of Internet Services – Ted Commanda Drive – Garden Village

Patrick Stevens provided a briefing note regarding Extending Eastlink Internet Services on Ted Commanda Drive. Council would like Patrick to investigate funding availability before making any decisions or commitments.

10. STANDING ITEMS

(a) Annuities Claim

No update

(b) Cannabis

NFN Cannabis Law change.

Section #24 (c) change "... over the age of 21 ..." to read "... overt eh age of 18 ..."

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the NFN Cannabis Law change as noted above.

CARRIED

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

(a) Nipissing General Hospital – President & CEO Newsletter – Year in Review

(b) Gateway Casino's & Entertainment – development in North Bay

Administration will schedule a meeting with the Casino to discuss possible benefits for NFN.

(c) Business Arising from Previous Meeting - Update

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Rick Stevens to adjourn the meeting of January 21, 2020, at 9:06 pm.

CARRIED

**** The next regular NFN Council meeting is scheduled to take place on
Tuesday, February 4, 2020, in Garden Village ****