

Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2020: Multi-Purpose Building Duchesnay : 7:00 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Deputy Chief	Muriel Sawyer
	Councillor(s)	Brian Couchie
		Corey Goulais
		Jane Commanda
		June Commanda
		Michael (Mike) Sawyer
		Rick Stevens
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa
	Executive Asst./Recorder	Kimberly Salvaneschi
	Community Member(s).	Tracy Favreau
		Virginia Goulais

ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Rick Stevens to adjourn to the Committee of the Whole at 7:09 pm.

CARRIED

1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(a) Law / Amendment

Council discussed concerns raised by a local business regarding two regulations within the NFN Cannabis Law.

Part Two, #13 “no person shall sell Cannabis to a person under 21 years of age” and Part Two, 24(f) “not sell edibles that could be mistaken as not containing Cannabis by children.”

NFN Administration will work with the vendor to create two information sessions for the community in which they can voice their concerns, and reasons why they would like the two clauses removed from the law. A survey will be developed to collect data on how the community feels regarding the proposed changes. When the community sessions are complete, and the community survey input is received, Chief and Council will make a decision.

(b) Daily Honorarium

During discussions, council requested that administration adds to the Council Travel Policy the procedure and rates applicable when travel is delayed due to inclement weather. Dwayne will follow up.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (REGULAR SESSION)

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to adjourn from the Committee of the Whole at 7:36 pm.

CARRIED

1. OPENING MIIGWECHIWIN

The regular session meeting commenced at 7:36 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Change item 6. (b) “Canadian Policy Curling” to read “Canadian Police Curling”

Add item 6 (f) Request for Donation, Hospice Care – Rick Stevens

Remove item 9. (a) b. Hunting Policy

Defer item 9. (a) c. Chief & Council Travel Policy

Defer item 9. (b) Lands & By-Law Committee – Mandate

Moved by Corey Goulais

Seconded by Brain Couchie to approve the Council Agenda of March 3, 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 FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Change item 3 (c) "is now changed to "Amikonse Island" to read "is now changed to "Amikoons Island"

Moved by Corey Goulais

Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Council Minutes of February 4, 2020, as amended.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

(a) Donation Request 11th Annual Maamwi Kindaaswin Pow Wow NBIFN.

This item is deferred to next fiscal after the budget meeting.

(b) Donation Curling Team for 2020 Canadian Police Curling Association.

During discussions it was noted that in the past the direction to members has been to first complete their own fundraising efforts. This will be the direction for this request as well.

In addition, Chief and Council request the development of a policy for these types of requests, with a budget amount allocated yearly.

(c) Filming Request NFN "Qzigwan"

A letter submitted by a member is requesting permission to film on NFN with a small crew for two days on August 22 and 23, 2020. Chief and Council support this filming. Gen Couchie will oversee this filming project.

(d) Sponsor – Community Living Client Centre Gala Evening

A request submitted to support a fundraiser "Community Living West Nipissing Gala" was submitted.

These fundraising efforts will benefit the NFN community directly. The request is for the purchase of a table of 8 at \$100.00 per ticket as well as a prize donation.

Moved by Rick Stevens

Seconded by Corey Goulais to approve the purchase a table of 8 and a prize donation for a total donation of \$1000.00.

CARRIED

(e) Research Project Request

A request to conduct a Treaty Relations research project on NFN was submitted. During discussions it was noted that a similar research project with extensive studies was just completed and therefore there is no need. Council is not in support of this initiative.

(f) Request for Donation – Hospice Care, Rick Stevens

Rick Stevens informed council that the Sturgeon Falls Hospital has a Hospice care section and that they operate primarily on a donation basis. During discussions Council requests that Rick obtain a letter from the Hospice Unit at the hospital outlining the care offered, and donation request.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING(S)

(a) None.

8. REPORTS

(a) Chief's Report

The Chief provided a verbal report of his NFN business.

February 2-6 the Chief took part in RHT meeting COO Assembly and a Community Meeting all in Ottawa. The community meeting was well received with members appreciative for the effort and inclusion. The intention is to have these meetings annually, possibly by annually, in both Ottawa and Toronto areas.

February 11 - Kelowna BC in meeting with Indigenous Bloom discussing Cannabis issues.

February 19-21 - Toronto with Dwayne meeting with various government agencies both provincially, and federally to discuss Cannabis Issues.

February 25-26 - Sault Ste. Marie for the PGA Quarterly meeting. Over the last few years great strides have been taken to improve the APS. A Performance Practices Audit was conducted resulting in many changes and thus improving moral, productivity and costs.

March 2-3 – Toronto for the COO meetings regarding Fishers

Chief McLeod commented on the hard work done by the LNHL committee. The Coronavirus was discussed and the possible implications. It is noted the Committee is in close contact with the Mississauga Health Department, and as of this time, there is no indication of any interruption of the games.

The moral, confusion and ill feelings stemming from the pipeline headlines is an area for concern. Chief McLeod notes that as the Host Nation it is important to put our best face forward and to offer an outstanding event, while taking care of our people. Chief McLeod will discuss ideas for creating a positive environment with Freda Martel (Coordinator of LNHL for NFN)

Chief McLeod also noted that the city of Mississauga and ISC have been extremely supportive of the LNHL event donating \$100,000 and \$150,000 respectively.

A community member offered input stating that our people are being discriminated against in our neighbouring communities and it is best not to retaliate at all and remain respectful. She also noted that our people like to joke and cautions, that the Coronavirus is not a joking matter.

(b) Chief Executive Officer's Report

Dwayne provided Council with a written report. It outlines Cannabis takes (which Chief McLeod covered during his report)

Working relationship with Nipissing University is still being developed. Dwayne will provide more information in April

Duchesnay Bridge- There are still approximately 4 members still employed with the project as work is slow during the winter months. It is expected to resume full time around April. This project is currently on schedule. A member inquired where the environmental unsafe waste from this product is being disposed. The response was that it is being disposed off site not on NFN land.

Shuttle Service – Cameras have been installed in the shuttle service vans for the safety of the drivers and the passengers. Going forward cameras will be installed on all busses and Medical vans.

March 20th - Agreement discussions with the Ministry of Alcohol and Gaming regarding cannabis with Chief McLeod

(c) Council Reporting – External Meetings:

- i. Cumulative Effects Forum – Councillor Rick Stevens
Council was provided a report from Rick Stevens for their information.
- ii. Workshop on Mapping our Treaty Rights – Councillor Rick Stevens
Council was provided a report from Rick Stevens for their information.

(d) Health & Social Services Committee Minutes of January 8, 2020.

(e) Health & Social Services Committee Minutes of February 5, 2020.

A discussion took place regarding the different ages in different programming regarding what qualifies as a senior citizen. Dwayne noted that this is a matter administration is aware of and is looking at ways to simply. It is a challenging process because of the Social and budget implications.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the Health & Social Services Committee Minutes of January 8, 2020 and February 5, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

(f) Debendaagziwaad Naaknigewin Minutes of January 16, 2020.

Recommendation to have regular updates on information from the Governance Agreement shared with the community. Chief McLeod will attend these meeting periodically to provide updates on Governance.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Debendaagziwaad Naaknigewin Minutes of January 16, 2020. as presented.

CARRIED

(g) Debendaagziwaad Naaknigewin Minutes of February 13, 2020.

Deferred to the next council meeting.

(h) Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of January 27, 2020.

Deferred to the next council meeting.

(i) Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of February 10, 2020.

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Brian Couchie to approve the Culture & Pow Wow Committee minutes of February 10, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

(j) Akii minwa Gii-zhaaknigewin Aanke Giigdownin Minutes of January 27, 2020.

(k) Akii minwa Gii-zhaaknigewin Aanke Giigdownin Minutes of February 3, 2020.

Moved by Corey Goulais

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the Akii minwa Gii-zhaaknigewin Aanke Giigdownin Minutes of January 27, 2020 and February 3, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

(l) Land Issues Minutes of February 21, 2020.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the Land Issues Minutes of February 21, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

(m) Waubetek Business Development Corporation – NFN Rep Report.

Council was provided a report for their information.

9. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Policies:

a. Cultural Arts Programming

This is a “new” policy that was developed to provide the Culture Department with support and guidance when received application for Cultural Arts Programming. The objective is to ensure that NFN member are given first priority in cultural programming

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to approve the Cultural Arts Programming Policy as presented.

CARRIED

b. Hunting Policy - deferred

c. Chief & Council Travel Policy - deferred

d. Staff Travel Policy

Add new item e. (iii) Long distance travel more that 200 kms round trip, the claimant will track and claim actual mileage.”

Moved by Corey Goulais

Seconded by June Commanda to approve the Staff Travel Policy as amended.

CARRIED

e. Food Bank Policy.

Council is directing the committee to re- write the mission statement. The phrase "Families in need will receive enough food for a few days' worth of meals" is thought to be ambiguous and needs to be clarified.

(b) Lands & By-Law Committee – Mandate – *deferred*

10. Standing Items

(i) Annuities Claim.

No updates at this time

(ii) Cannabis.

N/A

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

It was noted that the next council meeting is scheduled for March 17th, 2020. This is during LNHL. Council decided to cancel the meeting of March 17th, 2020.

A member asked to speak. Concerns were raised regarding the Governance vote and lack of a polling station in Duchesnay. It is also noted that most older members prefer to use polling stations and are uncomfortable or do not have access to online/mail-in voting.

Council noted that they are aware of the concerns, and that going forward these concerns will be taken into consideration.

Additionally, the community member had concerns of more programming offered in Garden Village, rather than Duchesnay.

Council has directed administration to develop a report on programming statistics, to include (but not limited to) what is offered, what communities it is offered, and attendance.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn the NFN Council Meeting of March 3, 2020, at 9:04 pm.

CARRIED

****The next regular NFN Council meeting is scheduled to take place on
Tuesday, April 7, 2020, in Garden Village****