

Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 2020: Multi-Purpose Building Duchesnay: 9:00 am

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Deputy-Chief	Muriel Sawyer
	Councillors	Brian Couchie
		Jane Commanda
		June Commanda
		Rick Stevens
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa
	Recorder/Dir of Admin	Freda Martel
Regrets:	Councillor	Corey Goulais

1. Meeting commenced at 9:10 am.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Additions to Agenda

- Item #6 (c) Public Notice
- Item #3 Band Member Request

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Brian Couchie to approve the Council Agenda of August 4th, 2020 with additions.

Carried.

3. Disclosures of Conflict:

None.

4. Adoption of Council Minutes of July 7th, 2020:

Councillor Brian Couchie inquired as to the how the cost for tree removal was arrived at, as he felt the cost provided in the report was high. He was informed that Council did not agree to proceed with the removal of the trees and this would be discussed further on in the agenda.

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Council Minutes of July 7th, 2020 as presented.

Carried.

5. Delegations/Presentations:

(a) On-Line Forum – Community Issues

A letter was submitted by a member inquiring about the status of the on-line community forum that was supposed to take place to discuss community issues. Chief Scott McLeod informed Council that the member was already contacted by Genevieve Couchie, Communications Officer to inform her that this forum will still take place once meeting details are coordinated. Council was informed that it was the intention to have health expert who could provide insight into the issues that are taking place in the community today assist in this forum. Council was also informed that this is not a problem that exists only at NFN, it is a world-wide opioid problem. Council suggested that the above statement should be used as the monologue to start these discussions.

(b) Speed Bumps – Garden Village

Chief Scott McLeod and Councillor Jane Commanda received concerns regarding speeding cars in Garden Village. Patrick Stevens, Director of Community Infrastructures will be requested to provide a report with recommendations to Council regarding the installation of speed bumps in Garden Village. It was also suggested that the APS should conduct radar blitzes in the communities, as a ways to deter speeders as well.

(c) Public Notice

Councillor Rick Stevens requested that NFN and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry put out a joint notice advising the public that anyone moving or interfering with commercial nets will be charged. This request was referred to Jeff McLeod, Natural Resources Manager and Cameron Welch, Director of Lands and Resources to follow address. Chief Scott McLeod also informed Council that he had received complaints about the hours of the landfill sites, as they do not meet the needs of fishers who wish to dispose of fish waste. The Natural Resources Department to look at options that could be in place to accommodate.

6. Unfinished Business From Last Meeting:

(a) Tree Removal – Dutch Elm Disease

Council was informed that the Employment & Training Department did not have funding available for the purpose of tree removals. Dwayne informed Council that it could be done, if Council wanted to put a Request for Services (RFS) out and establish a budget. Prior to any approvals, Hugh Martel, Forestry Coordinator, would have to attend the site to determine whether the tree was in danger of falling or created a health and safety risk. Council agreed to deal with these requests on a case by case basis.

(b) Cell Phone Connectivity

Council was informed that Bruce McLeod, Special Projects Manager, has reached out to the Blue Sky Network committee, which he is part of, and is following up with Bell Mobility and Rogers phone providers as possible partners for cellular service. According to the grant information provided, it would have to be a joint-partnership agreement.

(c) Virtual Pow Wow – 2020

Glenna Beaucage, Culture & Heritage Manager provided a brief overview of the proposed virtual pow wow. She informed Council that since the last meeting, she had received a grant approval from Canadian Heritage in the amount of \$21,000.00 therefore she could use these funds and did not require a budget approval. She will request a written response from Canadian Heritage that states that these funds are approved and can be used to pay honourariums for participating dancers and costs for videography. A concern was expressed regarding the non-posting of opportunities such as the videography, therefore, an RFS will be posted. It was also agreed that in order to allow more time for planning, the virtual pow wow will be held at a later date. Glenna will provide written confirmation for funding expenditures to Dwayne who will assist in preparing a new budget. It was also recommended that the Health Centre will be contacted regarding COVID-19 safe practices.

Moved by Rick Stevens

Seconded by Brian Couchie to approve the Culture & Heritage Committee Minutes of July 27th, 2020 with the exception of the recommendation.
Carried.

7. Reports:

(a) Chief's Report

- i. **APS Building** – Chief Scott McLeod informed Council that he has been meeting with the Anishinabek Police Services Governance Finance Committee to approve the budget, and he has been meeting with a committee on the construction of a new Police Building on NFN. The APS will be putting \$780,000.00 towards this new construction however as they will no longer be paying rent, details such as building maintenance still have to be worked out. In addition to this, the location of the building needs further discussion and approval by Council. Council was informed that there was a suggestion of constructing a firehall as an add on to this building as the firehall in Jocko Point will eventually need to be replaced. One of the areas being contemplated was near the entrance of Jocko Point. Councillor Brian Couchie suggested that the Laronde Creek property be considered as well.
- ii. **COVID-19 Update** – Chief Scott McLeod will contact Kimberly Lalonde, Health Director to coordinate another joint video to provide a community update on COVID-19.

(b) Chief Executive Officer's Report

Dwayne Nashkawa provided a written update to Council on staffing updates, upcoming retirements, social issues in Garden Village, APS detachment location, Strategic Advisor transition plan and the Duchesnay Bridge.

(c) Special Council Minutes of July 23, 2020

Change "sick" to read "ill"

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Special Council Minutes of July 23, 2020 as presented.

Carried.

8. New Business:

(a) Council Resolutions Signed:

- i. Bineshii Business Park Infrastructure Project #Amended 1836
- ii. Cold Climate Greenhouse Project #1912

Councillor Rick Stevens inquired about the reduction clause for hiring members in the lease agreements for businesses locating in the Industrial Park. It was agreed that this clause should be reviewed further to discuss the pros and cons, as these businesses are taking up land and there should be a way for NFN to recover some of the costs for the industrial park infrastructures, such as the arrangement that was put in place for the land allotments in the north subdivision off Semo Road in Garden Village. This will be brought back at a later date for Council's discussion.

(b) Outdoor Fires Law

Council approved and signed Nipissing First Nations Outdoor Fires Law No. 2020-02.

(c) Research Project – NFN & Nipissing University

Cameron Welch provided a summary and background on the research project *Gaa Bi Kidwaad Nbisiing: The Stories of Nbisiing Nishnaabeg* that is being worked on by Professor Katrina Srigley and Glenna Beaucage, Culture & Heritage Manager on behalf of Nipissing First Nation. Council reviewed recommendations to approve the project to continue, and with this and future research projects, to establish a Research Steering Committee to oversee the project and report regularly to Council per the NFN Research Policy and establish a Research Standing Committee which will consists of 1 or 2 members of Council.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the *Gaa Bi Kidwaad Nbisiing: The Stories of Nbisiing Nishnaabeg* project to continue, and to establish a Research Steering and Research Standing Committee for this project, and future research projects.
Carried.

(d) Housing Loan Consideration

Council was provided with a Briefing Note by Shawn Anderson, Housing Manager regarding a request received from a member to purchase a home as a future primary residence. The member provided a written request as well. At this time, the Housing Loan Policies state that the loan must be for a primary residence, therefore the request was not approved. However, Council agreed to have Dwayne Nashkawa to develop a new program and policy that will take into consideration expanding NFN's on-reserve housing loan programs to be able to consider such requests.

9. Standing Items:

- (a) Annuities Claim – no update.
- (b) Cannabis – Dwayne informed Council that the received an email from the Ministry of the Attorney Generals Office regarding a meeting to commence with negotiations.
- (c) Employee Update – Provided in the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

10. Adjournment to the Committee of the Whole:

Moved the Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by June Commanda to adjourn to the committee of the whole.
Carried.

**** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 11:21 am ****

11. Committee of the Whole:

(a) Salary Determination

Jennifer Lalonde, Human Resources Manager provided salary considerations for Council's information in the hiring of a new Chief Executive Officer.

(b) VLA Land Allotment

Chief Scott McLeod to follow up with member.

(c) Band Member Request

Council was informed of an issue concerning a member. This is a personal matter that has been addressed by various departments.

12. Adjournment from the Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

Carried.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 11:54 am **

13. Adjournment:

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to adjourn this meeting.

Carried.

** Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am **