

Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2020: Multi-Purpose Building Duchesnay: 7:00 pm

Present:	<p>Chief</p> <p>Deputy-Chief</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Recorder/Dir of Admin</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer</p>	<p>Scott McLeod</p> <p>Muriel Sawyer</p> <p>Brian Couchie</p> <p>Corey Goulais (on-line)</p> <p>Jane Commanda</p> <p>June Commanda</p> <p>Michael Sawyer</p> <p>Rick Stevens</p> <p>Freda Martel</p> <p>Dwayne Nashkawa</p>
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1. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

2. Adjournment to the Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Brian Couchie

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

Carried.

**** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:02 pm ****

3. Committee of the Whole:

(a) Trespass Notice

A policy will be developed to outline processes to guide Administration and Council in issuing trespass notices. Chief McLeod and Dwayne Nashkawa will follow up with Attorney General, Anne Scott, to discuss the adjudication of trespasses notices in the court system, as well will discuss with the Anishinabek Nation the possibility of having this process reviewed through the Legal Defense Fund.

(b) Land Purchase

The land for consideration has been sold. No action.

(c) Chief Executive Officer

Council was informed that Brendan Houston has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer and his start date will be October 19th, 2020.

4. Adjournment from the Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Michael Sawyer 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:

Addition – Item 9 (a) Commercial Fisheries - Closing Date

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Council Agenda of September 15, 2020 with addition.

Carried.

6. Disclosures of Conflict:

None.

7. Council Travel:

None.

8. Adoption of Council Minutes of August 4, 2020:

Item #5(a) change "opium" to read "opioid"

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Brian Couchie to approve the Council Minutes of August 4, 2020 as corrected.

Carried.

9. Delegations / Presentations:

(a) Election Code Amendments

Council was provided with a draft workplan and timeframe for the approval of the amended NFN Election Code. Council agreed with the recommendation to proceed with this vote using an on-line and mail in ballot format. The vote count date is scheduled for November 30th, 2020.

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Brian Couchie to adopt the proposed timeline for the NFN Election Code amendment and vote date of November 30, 2020.

Carried.

(b) Miller Crushing

A letter was received from a member concerning noise from the crushing operation at the Miller Quarry. Council was informed that due to this concern in the past, concessions have been made, and hours of operations adjusted from 6 am to 10 pm.

(c) Prescribed Brushing & Spraying

Councillor Rick Stevens informed Council that he received complaints regarding prescribed pile brushing north of the reserve and arial spraying that took place between the two hydro lines by the MNRF. In regards the burning, the concern is that this creates a lot of smoke as the burn piles are left smoldering and the spraying is killing the leaf trees which the animals feed from; only needle trees are left. In addition to this, the spraying also impacts the medicines. Cameron Welch, Director of Lands and Resources will be requested to look into this with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and report back to Council.

(d) Chemical Spraying / Road Grading – Mooze Miikan

As a follow-up to concerns about the road condition past the DND site due to grading that took place, Jeff McLeod and Cameron Welch, submitted a report informing Council that the road is being repaired by the individual who graded the road and recommended that the individual be notified to bring road back to its original condition as soon as possible. In regards to the possible spraying along this roadway, Council agreed with the recommendation to have the Lands & Natural Resources Department take steps to determine the possible impacts from the chemical spraying. A follow-up report will be submitted to Council when findings are completed.

(e) Nipissing University: Summer Indigenous Institute

A request was submitted from Tanya Lukin-Linklater, Director of Indigenous Initiatives with Nipissing University to film a video project outdoors at Nipissing Secondary School over a weekend. It is anticipated that it would be a 2-day shoot. Council approved this request, and that Genevieve Couchie, Communications Officer, provide notification to the community.

10. Unfinished Business From Last Meeting:

(a) Speed Bumps – Garden Village

As a follow up from the last Council meeting, Patrick Stevens, Director of Community Infrastructure suggested increasing speed radar signs and increasing police patrols. Chief Scott McLeod and Dwayne Nashkawa will meet with APS to discuss options to deter speeding in the communities and enforcement. In the meantime, Council agreed to install speed bumps on the roadway in Garden Village.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Michael Sawyer to install speed bumps on the roadway in Garden Village as a measure to deter speeding.

Carried.

Councillor June Commanda opposed.

Councillor Rick Stevens opposed.

11. Reports:

(a) Chief's Report

- a. **Robinson Huron Annuities Value Mapping** – Chief Scott McLeod attended a meeting with the Robinson Huron Treaty. He informed Council of a values mapping project is taking place to strengthen our Robinson Huron Treaty mapping area. In order to commence with this work, promotion as well as consultations will be planned. Chief McLeod informed Council that a document that was created by Cheryl Recollet about protecting our inherent rights, which is a useful tool using original transcripts of the Treaty. This document is also translated into the language. He informed Council that this is where focus needs to be on Treaty Rights.
- b. **Annuities Claim** – Chief McLeod provided a brief update on the Annuities Claim informing Council that it will likely not be until next fall when proportion amounts are addressed. He informed Council that this will not be a quick process and he will continue to provide updates.

(b) Chief Executive Directors Report

- a. **Staffing Updates** – Council was informed of eight new hirings and one retirement.
- b. **Economic Development** – Council was informed that a job analysis will be conducted to possibly re-structure Economic Development. Dwayne will work on this with the new Chief Executive Officer.
- c. **APS Detachment** – Council was informed that a decision is required on the location of the new APS detachment. Council was provided with pros and cons and comparisons of 5 different possible locations, as well as APS calls for service in NFN communities. Based on this information Council agreed to have this building located at Jocko Point.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Brian Couchie to designate land at Jocko Point for the new Anishinabek Police Services building.

Carried.

- d. **First Nation Finance Authority – Interest Relief** – Council was provided with a Briefing Note from Tammy Saulis, Chief Financial Officer, recommending that Council select Option #2 and have the interest of approximately \$63,000.00 applied to NFN’s loan account. Council was in agreement and signed Council Resolution #1913.
- e. **Cannabis Stores Safety Standards** – Council was informed that all three cannabis stores have passed the community safety standards as outlined by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. The test was done by having mystery shoppers attend the shops to ensure regulations are being followed. Dwayne informed Council that a Special Council meeting will be coordinated to discuss other items regarding cannabis.
- f. **Bineshii Building Lease Application** – Mike Harney, Economic Development Manager, submitted a Briefing Note recommending the lease of a unit at the Bineshii Building to Duane Linklater, a local artist and member of the Moose Cree First Nation. Chief McLeod informed Council that he received a call from a member who is interested in a possible office as well. Council was informed that there are two units available at this time. Council agreed to approve the recommendation and lease one of the units to Duane Linklater.

(c) Debendaagziwaad Committee Minutes of August 14, 2020

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to approve the Debendaagziwaad Committee Minutes of August 14, 2020 as presented.

Carried.

12. New Business:

(a) Council Resolutions / Agreements Signed:

- i. Land Allotment – Gerald Stevens #LNS2476
- ii. Land Allotment – David Stevens #LNS2477
- iii. Land Allotment – Crystal Head #LNS2478

- iv. Land Allotment – Mary Jane Stevens-Foisey #LNS2479
- v. Land Allotment – Angus Chevrier #LNS2480
- vi. Land Allotment – Allen Penasse #LNS2481
- vii. Land Allotment – Elaine Commanda #LNS2482
- viii. Land Allotment- Karen Commanda #LNS2483
- ix. Land Allotment – Diane Lachapelle #LNS2484
- x. Land Allotment – Rebecca McLeod #LNS2485
- xi. Land Allotment – Sherry Peason #LNS2486
- xii. Land Allotment – Sarah Gilbank #LNS2487
- xiii. Land Allotment – Shelley Commanda #LNS2488
- xiv. Land Allotment – Meriza George #LNS2489
- xv. Land Allotment – Allen Commanda #LNS2490
- xvi. Land Allotment – Bruce and Theresa Commanda #LNS2491
- xvii. Land Allotment – Blaze Watech-McLeod #LNS2492
- xviii. CMHC New Housing Project Section 95 Phase 11
- xix. CMHC Renewal Section 95 Phase 8

(b) Policies for Approval

i. Seniors Minor Repair Grant Policy

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by June Commanda to approve the Seniors Minor Repair Grant Policy as amended.

Carried.

ii. Employment & Training Unit Program & Policies

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Employment & Training Unit Program & Policies as amended.

Carried.

iii. Medical Health Fund Policy

Moved by June Commanda

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to approve the Medical Health Fund Policy as amended.

Carried.

(c) Shoreline Development

Cameron Weltch provided a Briefing Note on a business licence request that was forwarded to the Lands and Natural Resources Department to address shoreline and habitat. Based on their review, a recommendation was made to put this request on hold until all information is received. This recommendation was approved by Council.

(d) Christmas Distribution

Council was provided with a Briefing Note prepared by Tammy Saulis outlining options for Christmas Distribution 2020 concerning distribution amounts and distribution times, whether this be one or twice per year. Council agreed with the recommendation to increase shares from Trust Income and remain with one distribution date in November.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to increase Christmas Distribution Shares by \$70.00 per member from Trust Income and that this be distributed in November.

Carried.

(e) Commercial Fisheries - Closure

Council was provided with a Briefing Note that provided an overview of the 2020 Commercial Fishing season and recommended closure date of September 27th. Council was informed that the original date was September 9th, but due to the cancellation of the meeting, they are recommending the extension in order to notify the commercial fishers.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer that the Commercial Fisheries Season for 2020 close on September 27, 2020.

Carried.

13. Adjournment:

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to adjourn this meeting.

Carried.

** Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 at 7:00 pm **