



Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 29th, 2020: Multi-Purpose Building Duchesnay: 7:00 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Councillors	Brian Couchie
		Jane Commanda
		June Commanda
		Michael Sawyer
	Rick Stevens	
	Recorder/Ex. Assist.	Kim Salvaneschi
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa
Regrets:	Deputy Chief	Muriel Sawyer
	Councillor	Corey Goulais

1. The meeting commenced at 7:09 pm.

2. **ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn to the committee of the whole at 7:11 pm

Carried

3. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

(a) Trespass BCR - #1916 signed

A briefing note from Social Services was presented with a recommendation to issue a trespass notice.

During discussions Dwayne informed Council that Administration is finalizing a Public Posting Process to properly inform the community of those with trespass notices.

(b) Customary Care Agreement BCR - #1915 signed

A briefing note was provided by the Band Representative Program with a recommendation to support a family through a BCR in favor of a Customary Care Agreement.

(c) Housing Matter

A letter from a member was reviewed by Council regarding a housing matter. A letter will be sent to the member informing them of Council's decision on the matter.

4. **ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Michael Sawyer

Seconded by Rick Stevens to adjourn from the Committee of the Whole at 7:22 pm

Carried.

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Addition – Item 12(f) – Pandemic Pay Policy
Item 12(g) – Trespassers on Reserve
Item 12(h) – CMHC Loan Renewal

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by June Commanda to approve the Council Agenda of September 29, 2020, with additions.

Carried

6. **DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT**

None

7. **COUNCIL TRAVEL**

None

8. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2020**

A question was raised about a possible privacy issue with the posting members names with the Land BCR's. Dwayne will investigate and report back to Council.

*Moved by Jane Commanda
Seconded by Brian Couchie to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020 as presented.
Carried*

9. DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

(a) WNGH Run for Health - Request for Sponsorship

All monies raised go towards the purchase of hospital equipment.

*Moved by Rick Stevens
Seconded by Brian Couchie to approve a donation of \$500.00 to the WNGH Run for Health.
Carried*

(b) Couchie Memorial Drive -Salting

Councilor Couchie is requesting that Public Works investigate more suitable options for the maintenance of Couchie Memorial Drive during the winter months.

Dwayne will have the Public Works Manager investigate the matter and provide a briefing note with recommendations to Council for the next meeting.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING(S)

(a) Prescribed Brushing & Spraying.

Briefing notes provided by the Forestry Coordinator were reviewed. Council requests that the Lands and Natural resources Director take a firmer stance with the MNRF when dealing with "Crown" land. The spraying of leaf trees is affecting the animal population. It was also noted that the spraying that occurred on Mooz Miikan is still under investigation. Council recommends a notice to the public asking for assistance in locating the person(s) responsible.

Regarding the complaints of smoke and burning on NFN land. There is no evidence that any burning has taken place as of September 23rd, however it is noted that the MNRF have notified that prescribed monitored burning will commence on October 1, 2020 and will be completed by December 31, 2020.

11. REPORTS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Council Resolutions/Agreements for Signed:

a. Land Allotment - Lorraine Commanda	#LNS2458
b. Land Allotment - Robert L.Couchie	#LNS2459
c. Land Allotment - Yvette Lapointe	#LNS2460
d. Land Allotment - Connie Couchi	#LNS2461
e. Land Allotment - KellyMcleod	#LNS2462
f. Land Allotment - Michael & Zaccharia	#LNS2463
g. Land Allotment - Carolyn Stevens	#LNS2464
h. Land Allotment - Lawrence Lariviere	#LNS2465
i. Land Allotment - Evelyn Beaudette	#LNS2566
j. Land Allotment -Amanda Gardiner	#LNS2467
k. Land Allotment - Gertude Anna Goulais-Renaud	#LNS2468
l. Land Allotment - Samantha West	#LNS2469
m. Land Allotment - Debbie Stevens	#LNS2470
n. Land Allotment - Lorne Stevens	#LNS2471
o. Land Allotment - Patrick Stevens	#LNS2472
p. Land Allotment - Jennifer & Aaron Beaucage	#LNS2473
q. Land Allotment - James Stevens	#LNS2474
r. Land Allotment - Brian Stevens	#1914
s. Land Fill Upgrades	

(b) OFNLP2008 Call for Nominations

A letter from OFNLP regarding nominees for an OFNLP2008 representative on the OLG Board of Directors was provided to Council. At this time Council does not have a recommendation for a nominee, however Chief McLeod will keep Council apprised of the posting.

(c) Disposal of Fish

A briefing note was provided by Lands and Natural Resources regarding the issue of fish disposal when the land fill site is closed. A recommendation to have a containment bin installed at the main gate of the NFN landfill site that fisherman can access was reviewed. Concerns regarding the smell of the bin after a few days were raised. Council requests that this matter be investigated further, and a more detailed solution provided.

(d) Upcoming Events

Administration is wanting direction from Council regarding some of the regular upcoming events:

Council Retreat – During discussion it is decided that a local meeting is more appropriate during this time. The meeting will be held at the Community Centre in Duchesnay and will be postponed until January to allow the new CEO time to adjust to his role.

Remembrance Day Ceremony – Due to the Covid Pandemic most municipalities are cancelling or downsizing their events this year. Council has decided to follow suit. Chief and Council will have a small ceremony with a drum honor song. This will not be open to the public.

Annual Meeting – Due to the Covid Pandemic, Council decided to cancel this public open house meeting. However, Administration is asked to look at alternative methods of reporting to our members. IE. Zoom, FB live etc. Suggestions will be brought back to council.

Seniors Christmas Party – Due to the Covid Pandemic, Council decided to cancel this event.

Notices of all cancellations are to be relayed to the community as soon as possible, with it noted that more information will follow regarding details of alternative arrangements for each event.

(e) Scheduling Land Issues Meeting.

The lands department is requesting a date for a Land Issues Meeting. Council is suggesting the date of October 9th from 9-12 at the Duchesnay Community Centre.

(f) Pandemic Pay Policy

Council was provided with a new Pandemic Pay Policy, that clearly outlines what positions will qualify for Pandemic pay and how it is to be calculated.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Michael Sawyer to approve the Pandemic Pay Policy as presented.

Carried

It was noted that as this pandemic continues, changes occur regularly with the provincial regulations. To allow for smoother and quicker transitions Council authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to approve amendments to Pandemic Policies that align with the provincial regulations as needed.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Brian Couchie to authorize the CEO to approve amendments to Pandemic Policies that align with provincial regulated as needed.

Carried

(g) Trespassers on Reserve

Enforcement officers are doing what they can to prevent nonmembers from hunting on NFN land. This is an ongoing issue that is being monitored closely.

(h) CMHC Loan Renewal

Loan Renewal for 4 Scattered Sites in Garden Village was signed by Council.

- (i) **Business Licenses**
- a. **McLeod Barging and Construction**
Chief McLeod declared conflict.
Briefing note provided by Economic Development, recommending business license approval.
 - b. **Hughes & Sons Masonry**
Briefing note provided by Economic Development, recommending business license approval.
 - c. **Duane Linklater Artist**
Briefing note provided by Economic Development, recommending business license approval.
 - d. **Grizzly Auto Ridge**
Briefing note provided by Economic Development, recommending business license approval.
 - e. **Registered Massage Therapist**
Briefing note provided by Economic Development, recommending business license approval.
 - f. **Social Science Consultant**
Briefing note provided by Economic Development, recommending business license approval.
 - g. **T&MG Smox**
Briefing note provided by Economic Development. Council asking that the Business License Committee revise the briefing note and provide recommendations, for the October 6, 2020 Council meeting.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve business licenses for McLeod Barging and Construction, Hughes & Sons Masonry, Duane Linklater Artist, Grizzly Auto Ridge, Laura McNeil Registered Massage Therapist, Sarah Hazell Social Science Consultant.

Carried

- (j) **Standing Items**
- a. **Annuities Claim**
The matter is due before the Courts again January 11-22, 2021. Chief McLeod will plan to attend, noting that this decision is subject to change and will be reflective of the Covid Pandemic situation.
 - b. **Cannabis**
None, since last update.
 - c. **Employee Updates**
None, since last update.

13. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Michael Sawyer

Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn to the NFN Council meeting of September 29, 2020 at 8:21 pm.

Carried

**** The next scheduled NFN Council meeting is Tuesday October 6th, 2020, 7pm at the Duchesnay Community Centre****