



A-Ki, Bemaadzjik, E-Niigaanwang  
The Land, The People, The Future

## Council Agenda

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

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Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Deputy-Chief	Muriel Sawyer
	Councillors	Brian Couchie
		Corey Goulais
		Jane Commanda
		Michael Sawyer
	Chief Executive Officer	Brendan Huston
	Strategic Advisor	Dwyane Nashkawa
	Executive Assistant/RECORDER	Kimberly Salvaneschi
	Online Guests	Fred Bellefeuille
Regrets:	Councillor(s)	June Commanda (Personal)
		Rick Stevens (Personal)

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### ***Closed Session:***

#### **1. ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

*Moved by Brian Couchie*

*Seconded by Corey Goulais to adjourn to the committee of the whole at 7:05 pm.*

*Carried.*

#### **2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

##### **(a) Land Purchase**

Council discussed commencing action on the purchase of a parcel of land.

#### **3. ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

*Moved by Corey Goulais*

*Seconded by Michael Sawyer to adjourn from the committee of the whole at 7:19 pm.*

*Carried.*

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### ***Regular Session:***

#### **1. OPENING MIIGWECHIWIN**

The meeting commenced at 7:20 pm with opening prayer given by Michael Sawyer.

#### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Addition:

Item 9. (a) k. - Hydro One Contract

Move:

Item 9. (f) - Land Purchase to Committee of the Whole

Correction:

Item 5. - To read "...October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020"

*Moved by Jane Commanda*

*Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to approve the Council Agenda of November 3, 2020, as amended.*

*Carried*

#### **3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT**

None.

**4. COUNCIL TRAVEL**

None.

**5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

*Moved by Brian Couchie*

*Seconded by Michael Swayer to approve the Council Minutes of October 20, 2020, as presented.*

*Carried.*

**6. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS:**

**(a) NFN Election Code Vote**

An update was provided by Fred Bellefeuille via zoom, regarding the Election Code vote. Concerns were raised by members regarding the 100 km living radius required to run for election. The committee stands by this recommendation. The next step is to proceed to a vote. Genevieve Couchie, Communications Officer is to start circulating this information, in an effort to increase awareness and voting turn out.

**(b) Donation Request – Fundraiser**

A request was made by a member for a donation to a benefit raffle in support of Jean Lariviere.

*Moved by Brian Couchie*

*Seconded by Corey Goulais to approve a \$500.00 donation to a benefit raffle in support of Jean Lariviere.*

*Carried.*

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING**

**(a) Addiction Crisis – Community Effort – Update**

Council discussed the efforts being made by community members and the addiction issues within the community. These community members have made requests of council for monetary and or supplies support. There is concerns of liability and supports issues. Council agrees that discussions should take place between Dr. Brenda Restoule and the organizers of these events to ensure supports for those attending are in place and to get a better understanding of what is needed.

**(b) Assisted Living Project**

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

**8. REPORTS**

**(a) Chief's Report**

The Chief provided a verbal report on his online meetings, since his last update.

- LAB AGM - October 27 and 28
- AN Grand Council Assembly - November 3 and 4.

**(b) Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Brendan provided a written report outlining some key area's for discussion.

*Council planning session* – The recommended dates for the Chief and Council strategic planning session to occur is November 21 and 22, 2020. Council is asked to submit any items for the agenda to Freda Martel. After discussion, council agrees to the proposed dates.

*Economic Development, Transition and Vision* – Michael Harney, Economic Development Manager has retired after 10 years with NFN. Brendan outlined some of Michael's key achievements during this time. Council was informed that

administration is in the process of evaluating capacity needs to effectively address NFN's economic development goals and priorities. In the interim Thomas Lambert, Employment and Training Manager, will take on some of the Economic Development program workload until a clear direction has been decided.

*Christmas Break* – Council was advised on the upcoming Christmas Break which is normally proposed to align with the school calendar in this area. This year proposed Christmas Break Closure is December 21, 2020 to January 1, 2020. Council agrees with this timeframe.

*Outreach Program* – Council was advised that NFN has engaged Bev Bourget to assist with the program design. The Social Services and Health Team will be meeting to review the proposal received and to initiate the scope of work. The program will focus on acting in a responsive manner with practical support that aims to prevent issues from escalating.

**(c) Kinoomaagewin Aanke Giigdownin (Education) Minutes of October 5, 2020.**

Council was provided the minutes of October 5, 2020, for consideration and approval. There are two recommendations, they are as follows:

Nipissing University is requesting chief or Deputy Chief attend the grand opening of the NUSU Student Centre (date TBD), and to donate a piece of artwork for the new space to represent our students in the community.

It is recommend that Chief and Council sign a letter to urge Nipissing University to make Indigenization a priority, improve their relationships with First Nations, and to ensure that the incoming President have the skills and competencies to work with First Nation communities. This letter will be drafted by the Education Committee and the Director of Education.

*Moved by Brian Couchie*

*Seconded by Michael Sawyer to approve the Kinoomaagewin Aanke Giigdownin (Education) Minutes of October 5, 2020, as presented with recommendations.*

*Carried*

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Council Resolutions / Agreements Signed:**

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| a. Land Allotment – Lot 220 GV                           | #LNS2510      |
| b. Land Allotment – Lot 154 GV                           | #LNS2511      |
| c. Land Allotment – Lot 206 GV                           | #LNS2512      |
| d. Land Allotment – Lot 230 GV                           | #LNS2513      |
| e. Land Allotment – Lot 110 Yellek                       | #LNS2514      |
| f. Land Allotment – Lot 69 Yellek                        | #LNS2515      |
| g. Land Allotment – Lot 119 Yellek                       | #LNS2516      |
| h. Bineshii Business Park Infrastructure Funding Support | #1846 Amended |
| i. Cold Climate Greenhouse Project Funding Support       | #1912 Amended |
| j. Land Allotment – Lot 10 Meadowside                    | #LNS2496      |

**(b) Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement Ratification**

Council was provided with a letter from Anishinabek Nation, Ratification Vote Manager, Joe Endanawas, outlining the instructions for the upcoming ratification vote.

During discussions Council agreed that it is important to continue with the vote, that the agreement is a good one, and certainly better that what we are currently working with. It is a step in the right direction, towards self-governance.

Genevieve Couchie, Communication Officer to oversee this initiative and ensure communications with NFN members.

(c) **2021 Census of Population**

Council reviewed a letter received from Statistics Canada outlining plans for the 2021 Census. Council is in support and request that Brendan draft a response letter.

(d) **Land Purchase**

This item was moved to "Committee of the Whole".

**10. STANDING ITEMS**

(a) **Annuities Claim**

There is nothing new to report.

(b) **Cannabis**

This initiative falls under the job description of the Strategic Advisor, Dwayne Nashkawa. Dwayne provided an update on current policy and procedure, store operations and compliance. He was pleased to report that there have been no major issues. The next step is to continue talks with the government, for self-regulating and to engage the community on their thoughts moving forward. During discussions, it was asked where members can get information on medicinal cannabis. Dwayne directs members to their family physician and the Thunderbird Foundation.

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Brian Couchie*

*Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to adjourn the NFN Council meeting of November 3, 2020 at 8:50 pm.*

*Carried.*

**\*\*The next scheduled NFN Council meeting is to take place on Tuesday, November 17, 2020; Closed Session at 7pm, Regular session at 7:30pm\*\***

**\*\*All noted "written reports" have been filed in the central and electronic filing system. \*\***