



**Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2020: Virtual Meeting – Teams – 7:00 pm**

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chief</b>	<b>Scott McLeod</b>
	<b>Deputy-Chief</b>	<b>Muriel Sawyer</b>
	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Brian Couchie</b>
		<b>Corey Goulais</b>
		<b>Jane Commanda</b>
		<b>June Commanda</b>
		<b>Michael Sawyer</b>
		<b>Rick Stevens</b>
	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	<b>Brendan Huston</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Freda Martel</b>
<b>Special Advisor</b>	<b>Dwayne Nashkawa</b>	
<b>Communications Officer</b>	<b>Genevieve Couchie</b>	

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1. Meeting commenced at 7:07 pm.

2. Adjournment to the Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Muriel Sawyer

Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn to the committee of the whole.

Carried.

**\*\* Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:07 pm \*\***

3. Committee of the Whole:

(a) Trespass Matter

Council was informed of a matters concerning an individual known to reside on NFN was in support of issuing a trespass for community safety purposes. Council Resolution #1918 was approved.

4. Adjournment from the Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Rick Stevens to adjourn from the committee of the whole.

Carried.

**\*\* Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:12 pm \*\***

5. Adoption of Agenda:

Addition:

Item #6 (a) Peace Hills Trust

Change "Adoption of Council Minutes of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020" to read "Adoption of Council Minutes of November 3, 2020"

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Rick Stevens to accept the Council Agenda of November 17, 2020 as amended.

Carried.

6. Delegations / Presentations:

(a) Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA) – Communication Plan

Brendan Huston informed Council that an internal committee met to discuss the ANGA and discussion took place with regards to Nipissing specific messaging and key messages. Genevieve Couchie prepared a Communications Strategy and spoke to having a positive shift with messaging and critical changes to the communications to better inform debendaagziwaad. Chief Scott McLeod informed Council that communications needs to be direct and an easier read than what was made available in the previous vote.

(b) Donation Request – Joy Project

A donation request was submitted by Krystal McNeice on behalf of the Children's Aid Society of the District of Nipissing towards a Joy Project campaign to provide gifts for children.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Joy Project campaign hosted by the Children's Aid Society of the District of Nipissing.

Carried.

(c) Peace Hills Trust Donation

Deputy-Chief Muriel Sawyer informed Council that Peace Hills Trust is providing a donation to Nipissing First Nation in the amount to of \$5,000.00. Council accepted the donation and provided some suggestions on where these funds can be directed to. Brendan Huston will prepare a report outlining options for the next Council meeting.

(d) Petition – New Road – Duchesnay / Yellek

A petition was submitted to Council expressing concern regarding the proposed road connecting Duchesnay and Yellek. Dwayne Nashkawa informed Council that the proposal was to locate this secondary road, which would be used as an emergency access and connect the two communities, on the CN railbed. Federal and Provincial funding was approved for this project. Councillor Brian Couchie informed Council that some of the concerns is the current use of the railbed by recreational vehicles, the concern being with a new roadway usage will increase, and some members understood that this access was only going to be a single lane access. A concerned resident also suggested that the emergency access be moved to another location closure to the Miller Building. Council that this project is still in the detail design stage and there is time to provide additional information on this project and consult residents. Council agreed that it is important to continue with community consultations for these type of projects.

7. Unfinished Business from Last Meeting:

(a) Assisted Living Project

Dwayne informed Council that he received a report back from the consultant today and he will review and provide an update for the next Council meeting.

8. Reports:

None.

9. New Business:

(a) Briefing Note LNHL 2022

Council was provided with a briefing note to update and provide recommendations for hosting the on the LNHL in 2022. Council as informed that the committee met with the LNHL Executive and NFN was given the first opportunity to host this tournament. Following this meeting the LNHL Planning Committee met and came up provided three options for Council's consideration. Council agreed with Option #3 as recommended by the committee which was to re-host the LNHL in 2022 and research a fundraising campaign for the purpose of offsetting any deficits from 2020 tournament that was cancelled and securing funds for the 2022 LNHL.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by June Commanda to approve Option #3 and host the LNHL in 2022.  
Carried.

(b) Waubetek Business Development Corporation

A letter was submitted by Waubetek informing Council of the North East Region seat which is up for renewal. Council agreed to re-appoint Thomas Lambert to this board.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by June Commanda to nominate Thomas Lambert as the North East Region representative on the Waubetek Business Development Corporation, and with this appointment the requirement to submit quarterly reports to Council.  
Carried.

(c) Economic Partners Sudbury East-West Nipissing

Brendan informed Council that due to Michael Harney's retirement, this has left a vacant seat on the Economic Partners Sudbury East-West Nipissing Board, and recommended that Thomas Lambert be appointed to this board.

Councillor Jane Commanda inquired as to the status of the hiring of the Economic Development Manager. Brendan informed Council that he is working on an option for Council's consideration and this will be presented at the Strategic Planning Session.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to appoint Thomas Lambert as Nipissing First Nations representative on the Economic Partners Sudbury East-West Nipissing Board.  
Carried.

(d) Director / Officer Change OMIBUS Resolution of Shareholders

Brendan informed Council that due to Michael Harney's retirement a change in directors is required. This corporation oversees the NFN Solar GP Inc, Nipissing (CK Solar Projects) GP Inc, Bineshii Projects GP Onc as well as Nipissing (Commyty Developments) GP Inc. It is recommended that he take on this role. Dwayne informed Council that Chief and Council members cannot on this corporation in order to provide protection to Council with NFN operations.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to appoint Brendan Huston as a Director for NFN's Corporate entities.

Carried.

(e) Marriage Solemnization

Dwayne prepared a memo providing background information on changes to the Marriage Act, that now permits First Nations to appoint and recognize Marriage Officiants to perform marriages and have these registered with the province. In order to move forward with this this initiative, it was suggested that NFN seek advice from traditional knowledge carriers concerning this process. Deferred.

(f) Policy Amendments

Freda Martel provided an overview of amendments to the Nbisiing Bus Lines policy with the addition of section that addresses walking distances to schools and bus stops, the Post Secondary Assistance Policy with the addition of a Computer Loans program for students, and the Hall Rental Policy with the addition of liability certificates and rights to cancellations.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Brian Couchie to amend Nbisiing Bus Lines Policy, Post Secondary Assistance Program Policy and Hall Rental Policy as presented.

Carried.

(g) Appointment of Ratification Officer

*Councillor June Commanda declared conflict.*

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Rick Stevens to appoint Laura Commanda as Ratification Officer for the Anishinabek Nation Governance Vote and Nipissing First Nation Election Code Vote.

Carried.

Brendan informed Council that a Youth Intern position will be posted for the Deputy-Ratification Officer.

10. Standing Items:

- (a) **Annuities Claim** – Chief Scott McLeod informed Council that he received information today which he will share with Council via email or provide an update at the next Council meeting.

- (b) **Cannabis** – Dwayne informed Council that meetings have taken place with a couple of vendors and these went very well and he will provide a complete report for the next meeting. He also informed Council that NFN’s laws, safety and security provisions are in good standing.
- (c) **Staff Updates** – none.
- (d) **Election Code** – Brendan informed Council that a zoom consultation session is planned for November 25<sup>th</sup>. He will forward information to Council on this session.
- (e) **Council Strategic Planning Session** – Due to the COVID restrictions for in-person meetings now in place, Brendan informed Council that the sessions that were planned this weekend will be postponed and recommended that three two hour sessions be held. Council was in agreement with this change and the preference would be that these sessions be held during the day. Brendan will provide a new dates for these sessions.

11. Adjournment:

Moved by June Commanda  
Seconded by Muriel Sawyer to adjourn this meeting.  
Carried.

\*\* Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm \*\*

\*\* The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm on-line \*\*

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