



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

Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021: Virtual Meeting: 7:00 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Councillors	Brian Couchie
		Corey Goulais
		Jane Commanda
		June Commanda
		Michael Sawyer
		Rick Stevens
	Chief Executive Officer	Brendan Huston
	Strategic Advisor	Dwyane Nashkawa
	Executive Assistant/RECORDER	Kimberly Salvaneschi
	Online Guests	None
Regrets:	Deputy Chief	Muriel Sawyer

Closed Session:

****ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE****

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn to the committee of the whole at 7:10 pm.

Carried.

****ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE****

Moved by Mike Sawyer

Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn from the committee of the whole at 7:21 pm.

Carried.

1. OPENING MIIGWECHIWIN: (JANE COMMANDA)

The meeting commenced at 7:22 pm with opening prayer given by Jane Commanda.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by June Commanda to approve the Council Agenda of February 2, 2021 as presented.

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT

None.

4. COUNCIL TRAVEL

Travel is not permitted at this time due to Covid-19.

5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Corey Goulais to approve the Council Minutes of January 19, 2021 as presented.

Carried.

6. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

(a) Little Lakes Road Gate

Background: During the closure of the gate at Duchesnay Falls last March, visitors to the falls were utilizing the access on Little Lakes Road, causing concern to residence in the area. This property is owned by Canadore College. Discussions took place with Administration and Canadore College regarding these concerns, and a gate was decided upon. The purpose of the gate was not to restrict member access to this area, but to deter people from using this area as an alternative route to the falls.

During discussions Council agrees that the gate is troublesome to members who have camps down that road. Brendan will investigate and report back to Council.

(b) Playground Equipment

A request to add Teeter Totters to the NFN playgrounds was brought to Council.

Council agrees that new equipment should be added to these areas once Covid-19 restrictions allow. Brendan to investigate options and budgets.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(a) Enforcement - Powers of Authority Update

Dwayne informed Council that work is ongoing. A meeting is scheduled with Assistant Deputy Minister, and a more detailed brief will be provided near month end.

8. REPORTS

(a) Council Governance Strategic Planning Session Notes December 2020.
Council reviewed the Governance Strategic Planning Session Notes of December 2020.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the Strategic Planning Session Notes of December 2020, as presented.

Carried.

(b) Special Council Minutes of January 5, 2021

Councillor Corey Goulais expressed concerns that the minutes did not accurately reflect the conversation. He requested that #3 of the 10 am January 5th, 2021, minutes be reviewed and revised for approval, at the next Council meeting.

(c) Special Council Minutes of January 5, 2021

Deferred to next Council meeting.

(d) Special Council Minutes of January 22, 2021

Council reviewed the Special Council Minutes of January 22, 2021.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Special Council Minutes of January 22, 2021 as presented.

Carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

(a) BCR's / Agreement(s) Signed:

None.

(b) Finance & Audit Committee Member Selection

A Briefing note was provided to council outlining the results of the posting for a Finance & Audit Committee Member. (off reserve seat)

After review of the two applications received, a recommendation to appoint Donna Dodgson as the off-reserve representative of the Finance & Audit Committee. It is noted that both are excellent candidates, however Ms. Dodgson scored higher as she has direct experience with First Nation organizations, including the 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Board.

A Finance & Audit Committee meeting has been scheduled for February, if Council approves the recommendation, Ms. Dodgson will be invited to participate in this meeting.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the appointment of Donna Dodgson to the Finance & Audit Committee, Off-Reserve member, as recommended.

Carried.

(c) Relocation of Powwow Grounds

Council reviewed a briefing note provided by Glenna Beaucage regarding the NFN Powwow. The brief outlines the rationale behind the desire to move the Powwow to a permanent location in Garden Village. During discussion Council agreed that a permanent location in Garden Village should be developed. The short term plan is to have the 2021 Powwow (Covid19 permitting) on the baseball field as it was in 2019. The use of the Traditional Grounds where the pow wow was usually held, will be referred to the Culture & Heritage Committee who will bring recommendations to council on the future use of this land, as well as a longer term plan for the location of future pow wows.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by June Commanda to approve the short term relocation plan for the 2021 Powwow and to develop a permanent relocation plan, as recommended.

Carried.

(d) Vaccination Plan

Brendan reviewed a Covid19 Vaccination Plan provided by Kimberly Lalonde.

This document will be forwarded to Council for future review.

Vaccinations will begin between February 5 and 12th, with a complete membership (those that request it) vaccination by the end of April, 2021.

(e) Election Code Amendment - Ratification Officer Vote Report

Deferred to next meeting.

10. STANDING ITEMS

(a) Annuities Claim

With restrictions imposed by the Covid19 pandemic, the court process has slowed. It is now expected that phase three of the process will not begin before 2022.

(b) Cannabis

No update.

(c) Staff Updates

Going forward a staff update report will be submitted to Council at the last meeting each month, for their information. This report to include extended sick leave for key employees.

- (d) **ANGA Vote**
Genevieve Couchie will be producing video messages from Council and NFN members, expressing their views on the importance of the upcoming vote.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- (a) **Managers Reports to Council**
Council was provided departmental operations report for their information.
- (b) **Business Arising from Previous Meeting(s) Update**
Brendan informed Council that this is a long standing document, provided to Council for their information. Brendan will be revising this template.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Rick Stevens to adjourn the NFN Council meeting of February 2, 2021 at 8:25 pm.

Carried and Adjourned.

****The next NFN Council meeting is scheduled to take place of February 16th, 2021, regular session begins at 7:30 pm. ****

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