

**Council Minutes**  
**Regular Session**  
**March 2, 2021: On-Line Teams Meeting: 7:30 pm**

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

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*Closed Session:*

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

*Moved by Brian Couchie*  
*Seconded by Michael Sawyer to adjourn to the committee of the whole at 7:05 pm.*  
*Carried.*

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

*Moved by Jane Commanda*  
*Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn from the committee of the whole at 7:53 pm.*  
*Carried.*

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**1. OPENING MIIGWECHIIWIN: (June Commanda)**

The meeting commenced at 7:53 pm with opening prayer given by June Commanda.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA MARCH 2, 2021:**

Addition of:  
9 (a) i.- BCR #1925 Funding Application and briefing note  
9 (d) - Bell Tower Proposal  
11 (a) - Letter from a member  
Defer:  
All of section 8. Reports, to the next council meeting.

*Moved by Brian Couchie*  
*Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Council Agenda of March 2, 2021 as amended.*  
*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 FEBRUARY 16, 2021:**

*Moved by Brain Couchie*  
*Seconded by Corey Goulais to approve the Council Minutes of February 16, 2021 as presented.*  
*Carried.*

6. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S):**

(a) **Committee re-assignment**

During discussion Council agreed that the Citizenship Committee should have more than one Council member attend the meetings, with one acting as the Chair. The Chief encourages all Council to attend these meetings whenever possible. Administration to forward meetings dates to Chief and Council.

8. **REPORTS:**

(a) **Chief's Report** - deferred

(b) **CEO Report** - deferred

(c) **Unfinished Business Report** - deferred

(d) **Manager Reports** - deferred

(e) **Staffing HR Report** - deferred

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) **BCR's / Agreements signed:**

i. **Briefing Note and BCR**

**#1925**

Council reviewed a briefing note provided by Freda Martel outlining information on funds available with Indigenous Service Canada, under Governance Development, Professional and Institutional Development Program. Council agrees to apply for this funding with BCR #1925.

(b) **Education – KEB/AES Appointment**

Council reviewed a briefing note provided by Nancy Allaire recommending that Chief and Council appoint the Director of Education as the REC rep, (a position vacated by the passing of Deputy Muriel Sawyer) for the interim.

*Moved by Mike Sawyer*

*Seconded by Rick Stevens to appoint Nancy Allaire, Director of Education as the REC rep as recommended.*

*Carried.*

(c) **Beautification Program Direction**

Council reviewed a briefing note provided by Brendan Huston, CEO and Dwayne Nashkawa, Strategic Advisor providing direction options for the current Beautification Program. After review Council agrees to proceed with option 3 as outlined: Hybrid Model, which would involve splitting the beautification crew into two parts:

- Status Quo seasonal crew (A Crew) targeting the unemployed & OW clients consisting of approximately six (6) workers.
- Longer term seasonal maintenance crew consisting of four staff (4) and a supervisor.

Based on evaluation each year, the individuals who succeed on the A Crew would be provided an opportunity for "promotion" to the B Crew based on vacancies in the (B) Crew. This provides incentive as workers would have an opportunity to achieve longer term employment and would retain experienced staff that were successful in their position.

Timeframe & Reporting:

- Implementation: Fiscal Year 2021-2022
- Council Reporting: via Beautification Program Report and updates as necessary via Department Monthly Reporting

In addition, as per the recommendation, council agrees that an Internal Oversight Committee with representation from Social Services, Employment & Training, Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration be created to:

- Implement of the program.
- Support program planning and oversight.
- Monitor the program and address program challenges (employment and quality control) as they occur with input from supporting department programs and services.

*Moved by Rick Stevens*

*Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Beautification Program 2021 Direction, as recommended.*

*Carried.*

**(d) Bell Tower Proposal**

Brendan informed Council, that he was contacted by Bell to support their application to the Universal Broadband Fund – Mobile LTE Project. If successful a tower would be installed in Garden Village providing wireless connectivity.

Council agrees to send a letter of support.

**10. STANDING UPDATE ITEMS:**

**(a) Annuities Claim**

Nothing new to report.

**(b) Cannabis**

Nothing new to report.

**(c) ANGA vote**

The vote is complete. The unofficial results are 314 Yes, 173 No. Official results are expected to be announced on March 9<sup>th</sup>, with the agreement to take affect April 1, 2022.

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**(a) Letter from a member**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Moved by Brian Couchie*

*Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn the NFN Council meeting of March 2, 2021 at 8:36 pm.*

*Carried and Adjourned.*

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

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