

**Council Minutes
Regular Session**

May 04, 2021: On-Line Teams Meeting: 7:30 pm

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

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 7:01 pm.

Carried.

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

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Michael Sawyer to adjourn from the committee of the whole at 8:01 pm.

Carried.

1. OPENING MIIGWECHIIWIN: (June Commanda)

The meeting commenced at 7:14 pm with opening prayer given by Jane Commanda.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Council Agenda of May 4, 2021 as presented.

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

Rick Stevens has a conflict with item number 9. (a)i. – Incidental Cabin.

4. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

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

5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2021

Change item 7(a) to read "Chief McLeod informed Council that he has been meeting with the Union of Ontario Indians and Laurentian University to discuss the possibility of an acquisition of a charter under the Anishinabek Education Institute."

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Michael Sawyer to approve the Council Minutes of April 20, 2021 as amended.

Carried.

6. REQUESTS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Healing Lodge – Letter from a Member

Deferred to after the member has a meeting with Brendan, Kimberly L and Freda on May 12, 2021. Item will be added to the next Council meeting and the member is agreeable to this.

(b) Hospital Activity Book – Sponsorship Request

This is an annual donation of \$350.00, to support the creation of the Children’s Activity Book.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve a sponsorship donation to the Hospital Activity Book in the amount of \$350.00.

Carried.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

(a) National Drinking Water Class Action

A Briefing note was provided from Dwayne and Brendan indicated that nothing has changed since the last update and it is recommended that NFN opt into this claim. This claim goes back to the late 90’s and more specifically for NFN, the boil water advisory from 2007 to 2015.

Moved by Rick Stevens

Seconded by Michael Sawyer to participate in the National Drinking Water Class Action Claim.

Carried.

8. REPORTS:

(a) Culture and Powwow Committee Minutes of April 14, 2021

Meeting minutes were submitted with the following recommendations:

Drum- Burning Plains (NFN members)

Head Dancers: Tory Fisher & Tamara Fisher

M/C: Bob Goulais & Perry Mcleod Shabogesic

Elder-Virginia Goulais (Carol Guppy if Virginia is unable)

Theme -lets Be Strong Minded (nishnaabemwin)

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by June Commanda to accept the minutes from the Culture and Powwow Committee of April 14, 2021, as presented, with recommendations.

Carried.

(b) Finance and Audit Committee Minutes of March 10, 2021

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Michael Sawyer to accept the minutes from the Finance and Audit Committee Minutes of March 10, 2021, as presented.

Carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) BCR’s / Agreements to be signed:

i. Incidental Cabin

BCR#1931

Moved by Brian Couchie.

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve and authorize signing of the Incidental Cabin BCR #1931, as presented.

All in favour.

Carried.

ii. Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund

BCR#1932

Brendan provided an outline of the briefing note provided by Tammy Saulis. It is recommended that Chief and Council approve Option #1 to utilize NFN's Trust Income Revenue bank account to pay BMO the additional \$703,500, to assist in the cost of the strange three litigation process. Once these monies are returned at the end of the settlement the funds will be returned to the Trust Income Account.

Moved by Brian Couchie.

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve and authorize signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund BCR #1932, as presented.

All in favour.

Carried.

(b) Policies

i. Non-Commercial Harvest Policy

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Corey Goulais to accept the Non-Commercial Harvest Policy as presented.

Carried.

ii. Chief and Council Livestream Policy

Brendan provided an overview of a new Livestream Policy submitted by the policy committee. This would allow for community members to observe Council meetings online. Included in the policy is a new Issue Request Form. Community members wishing to be added to the agenda will need to submit this request from seven days prior to a Council meeting to be approved for addition to the agenda. This will enable better management of questions and concerns brought forth by the community.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Corey Goulais to accept the Chief and Council Livestream Policy as presented.

Carried

iii. Economic Partners Board Appointment

Brendan advised that Tom Lambert has stepped down from his board position with Economic Partners. It is recommended that Kenneth Hazel, the current Economic Development Officer be appointed to this board.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Michael Sawyer to approve the appointment of Kenneth Hazel to the Economic Partners Board, as recommended.

Carried

10. STANDING UPDATE ITEMS:

(a) Annuities Claim

The appeals case has been completed. Closing arguments were made last week. It could take approximately 6 months to receive this decision.

(b) Cannabis

Nothing new to report.

(c) ANGA Implementation

Chief indicated that there is nothing to report at this time. We are still in communication with UOI/AN ROJ Team regarding the implementation. It is going to take time to get it implemented but we are over the majority of the hurdle.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS:

(a) Powwow 2021 Budget

Brendan advised that he has reviewed the budget for the upcoming virtual pow wow and that it is in line with the previous year. Councillor Rick inquired if a motion is required to approve the budget. Brendan advised that the Pow Wow budget was already approved with the 2021-2022 budgets and that a further motion is not required. Brendan further advised that he will provide the budget as an information item at the next meeting. Brendan assured Council that the administration and the Pow Wow committee will continue to provide oversight on this budget.

(b) Waubetek Board Letter

Brendan advised that Tom Lambert has stepped down from his board position with Waubetek and that a posting has been distributed to solicit applications from the region to fill this board seat. A support letter or BCR from the respective communities' leadership is required as part of the application process so we may be receiving these requests prior to the application deadline of May 17th.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn the NFN Council meeting of May 4, 2021 at 9:02 pm.

Carried and Adjourned