



**COUNCIL AGENDA  
REGULAR SESSION**

**Waabagaa Giizis (September, Leaves Changing Colors Moon)  
Niizh-giizhgat (It is Tuesday) 7, 2021.**

**Zoom: 7:30 pm**

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Present: Gimaa (Chief)	Scott McLeod
Aanke Gimaa (Deputy Chief)	Mike Sawyer
Giigdonini/Giigdonini-kwe (Councillors)	Daniel Stevens Jane Commanda Joan McLeod-Shabogisic June Commanda Rick Stevens Tyeler Commanda
Emyaa'wsed (CEO) Strategic Advisor	Brendan Huston Dwayne Nashkawa
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Online Guest Speakers	Hugh Martel

Regrets: None

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*Closed Session:*

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

*Moved by Mike Sawyer.*

*Seconded by Tyeler Commanda to adjourn to the committee of the whole at 7:09 pm.*

*Carried.*

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

*Moved by Daniel Stevens.*

*Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn from the committee of the whole at 7:28 pm.*

*Carried.*

**1. OPENING MIIGWECHIWIN:**

Opening prayer given by Mike Sawyer at 7:05 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

*Moved by June Commanda.*

*Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Council Agenda of September 7, 2021, as presented.*

*Carried.*

**3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:**

Tyeler Commanda declared conflict with item 9(a)ii APS New Building Land Designation BCR.

**4. COUNCIL TRAVEL:**

None.

**5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

N/A

**6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS:**

**(a) Member Request regarding Martial Arts Program**

A summary was provided regarding a member request to have the fee waved for the rental of the gym to offer martial arts classes. Further details were requested regarding the proposed classes and fees associated. Council deferred this item to the next meeting date of September 21, 2021.

*Moved by Mike Sawyer.*

*Seconded by Jane Commanda to defer the member request to the next Council meeting of September 21, 2021.*

*Carried.*

**(b) The Hospital Activity Book Request**

A request from the Make-A-Wish foundation to purchase an ad in the Hospital Activity Book. Council was informed that this has been approved historically.

*Moved by Tyeler Commanda.*

*Seconded by Joan McLeod-Shabogisic to approve the purchase of an ad for \$239.00. in the Hospital Activity Book.*

*Carried.*

**(c) Waubetek Charity Gold Classic Request**

A request letter was submitted by Waubetek for a donation to their 2021 Charity Golf Classic. Council was informed that this has been approved historically for \$500.00.

*Moved by Daniel Stevens.*

*Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the donation of \$500.00 to the Waubetek Charity Gold Classic Golf Tournament.*

*Carried.*

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

N/A

**8. REPORTS:**

**(a) Finance and Audit Committee Minutes of July 13, 2021**

The minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee of July 13, 2021, were reviewed by council. During discussions and referencing "Roberts Rules" for meetings, council decided that because Rick Stevens attended this meeting and remains on council, the minutes can be put forward for approval.

Councillors Daniel Stevens, Joan McLeod-Shabogisic, and Tyeler Commanda abstained from voting.

*Moved by Rick Stevens.*

*Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Finance and Audit Committee Minutes of July 13, 2021, as presented.*

*Carried.*

**(b) Culture & Powwow Committee Minutes of July 19, 2021**

The minutes of the Culture and Powwow Committee minutes of July 19, 2021, were reviewed by council. During discussions and referencing "Roberts Rules" for meetings, council decided that because Jane Commanda attended this meeting and remains on council, the minutes can be put forward for approval.

Councillors Daniel Stevens, Joan McLeod-Shabogisic, and Tyeler Commanda abstained from voting.

*Moved by Jane Commanda.*

*Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the Culture and Powwow Committee minutes of July 19, 2021, as presented.*

*Carried.*

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

i. **Veteran Affairs**

**BCR #1941**

A BCR is required to apply for the Commemorative Partnership Program Community Engagement Funding. This funding provides \$2000.00 to go towards the Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

*Moved by June Commanda.*

*Seconded by Tyler Commanda to approve the signing of BCR #1941 to apply to Veterans Affairs Canada for funding under the Commemorative Partnership Program as presented.*

*Carried.*

ii. **APS New Building Land Designation**

**LNS BCR #2519**

A briefing note and BCR was submitted by the Lands Department to designate Lot 74 on Jocko Point Road as lands set aside for the new Anishinabek Police Station detachment and Firehall.

*Moved by Joan McLeod-Shabogisic.*

*Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the signing of LNS BCR #2519 as presented.*

*Tyler Commanda abstained from the vote.*

*Carried.*

iii. **Cannabis Information Sharing Protocol**

A briefing note and agreement were submitted to council for review.

Nipissing First Nation and the Government of Ontario have made significant progress toward completing negotiations and began the drafting of a Cannabis Agreement to harmonize NFN's Cannabis Law and regulations with those of Ontario. NFN has had Legal Counsel during this process. Key elements of this agreement include:

- A protocol with the alcohol and Gaming Commission permitting inspectors to enter NFN territory to inspect stores and work with retailers to ensure compliance.
- A Data Sharing Protocol with the Ontario Cannabis Store to facilitate the timely exchange of information and better understanding of sales and customer traffic data.
- Preferential pricing for vendors on reserve through the OCS. This will be captured in the commercial agreement between vendors and the OCS. NFN may choose to take up some of this markdown with a community benefit fee.
- Elimination and reimbursement for existing NFN retailers of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Licensing and Authorization fees.

The recommendation is to authorize Chief McLeod to sign the protocol agreement.

*Moved by Jane Commanda.*

*Seconded by Mike Sawyer to authorize Chief McLeod to sign the protocol agreement as presented.*

*Carried.*

iv. **NFRM Agreement of Understanding**

After discussions with Hugh Martel, NFN's Forestry Coordinator, Council decided to defer this item pending legal consultation to ensure our position on various forestry practices is not compromised by this agreement. Council also requested clarification as to why this agreement is dated 2019. It was noted that we were only recently notified of the renewal agreement.

*Moved by Mike Sawyer.*

*Seconded by Jane Commanda to defer the NFRM Agreement of Understanding pending a review from legal counsel.*  
*Carried.*

**(b) Appointment to Nipissing University Board of Directors Recommendation**

A Briefing note provided by the Director of Education, Nancy Allaire was provided with recommendations to continue Fran Couchie’s appointment as the NFN Board member at Nipissing University and as a Regional Education Council 3 representative (RE#3) for NFN. It is also recommended that Nancy Allaire continue as a NFN REC3# representative.  
 A letter is to be sent to KEB Director of Education confirming the appointments if approved.

*Moved by Mike Sawyer.*

*Seconded by Jane Commanda to confirm the appointment of Fran Couchie and Nancy Allaire as presented.*  
*Carried.*

**(c) Committee Portfolio Assignments**

The Committee Portfolio assignments were presented to council for final approval. They are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Councillor(s) Assigned</b>	<b>Resource Staff</b>
Culture & Language	Jane Commanda	Glenna Beaucage
Education	Deputy Chief Michael Sawyer	Nancy Allaire
Economic Development	Joan McLeod	Ken Hazell
Housing & Planning	Tyler Commanda	Housing Manager
Lands & Bylaw	Tyler Commanda	Cathy McLeod
Natural Resources	Daniel Stevens	Jeff McLeod
Social & Wellness	Rick Stevens	Kimberly Lalonde Debbie McLeod
Finance & Audit	Chief Scott McLeod Deputy Chief Michael Sawyer Rick Stevens	Tammy Saulis Brendan Huston
Citizenship	Chief Scott McLeod	Dwayne Nashkawa Brendan Huston
Anishinaabemiwin Translation	June Commanda	Glenna Beaucage
Pow Wow	Joan McLeod	Glenna Beaucage
Policy Review	June Commanda Joan McLeod Rick Stevens	Freda Martel
Membership	June Commanda Deputy Chief Michael Sawyer Rick Stevens	Lee McLeod- Faubert
Research	Jane Commanda Daniel Stevens	Cameron Welch

*Moved by Jane Commanda.*

*Seconded by Daniel Stevens to accept the Portfolio assignments as presented.*  
*Carried.*

**(d) Boundary Claim Trust Board Appointment**

Brendan provided a briefing regarding the process for evaluating applications received and summarized the review committee's recommendation for the Trust Board on-reserve seat appointment. It is recommended that Mikey George be appointed the “on reserve” seat with the NFN 2013 Boundary Claim Trust.

*Moved by Jane Commanda.*

*Seconded by Mike Sawyer to appoint Mikey George as the “on reserve” seat with the NFN 2013 Boundary Claim Trust as presented.*

*Carried.*

**10. STANDING UPDATE ITEMS:**

**(a) Annuities Claim**

The Federal Government is ready to move to the next phase, the Provincial Government is not. Awaiting a decision on their appeal.

**(b) Cannabis**

N/A - covered in item 9(a)iii

**(c) ANGA**

Receive approximately \$214,000 in pre-implementation funding.

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**(a) Thank-you Card**

Council received a thank you card from a member for sending birthday wishes.

**(b) Ontario Northland Letter**

Ontario Northland is looking to revitalize the northern passenger rail. A meeting to discuss this prospect is scheduled with Administration next Monday. More information to follow.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Moved by Jane Commanda.*

*Seconded by Mike Sawyer to adjourn the NFN Council meeting of September 7, 2021, at 8:43 pm.*

*Carried and Adjourned*

**\* The next regular scheduled NFN Council meeting is:  
Tuesday September 21, 2021, at 7:30 pm via Zoom\***