



**Council Agenda
Regular Session
Binaakwii Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon), Niizh-giizhgat (it is Tuesday) 5, 2021
Tuesday, October 5, 2021: Virtual Meeting: 7:30 pm**

Present:	Gimaa (Chief) Aanke Gimaa (Deputy Chief)	Scott McLeod Mike Sawyer
	Giigdonini/Giigdonini-kwe (Councillors)	Daniel M. Stevens Jane Commanda Joan McLeod-Shabogesic June Commanda Rick Stevens Tyeler Commanda
	Emyaa'wsed (CEO) Emyaa'wsenid Waadookaaged (EA)	Brendan Huston Kimberly Salvaneschi (RECORDER)
	Online Guests	Alyssa McLeod Anna McLeod Geraldine McLeod Joanne Gibouleau Tracey Larochelle
Regrets:		None

Closed Session:

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

Moved by Jane Commanda.

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

All in favour.

Carried.

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

Moved by Jane Commanda.

Seconded by Daniel Stevens to adjourn from the committee of the whole at 8:03 pm.

All in favour.

Carried.

1. OPENING MIIGWECHIWIN:

The meeting commenced at 8:03 pm with opening prayer given by Mike Sawyer.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Item 9. (d) was moved to closed session.

Moved by Daniel Stevens.

Seconded by June Commanda to approve the Council Agenda of October 5, 2021, as amended.

All in favour.

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:

Joan McLeod-Shabogestic declared conflict with items 9. (c)ii and 9. (c)iii

4. COUNCIL TRAVEL:

None

5. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021:

Rick raised concerns about the wording of item 9(h) – Landfill Site Tipping Fees. The minutes note that the Tipping fees were approved for members, however during discussions Council agreed that the approval of the charges was for nonmembers only.

Council approves the minutes, with the understanding that this change will be made to the minutes.

Change: "...Fees for nonmember residents and add fees for all site users including members for the disposal of mattresses..."

To read: "...Fees for nonmember residents and add fees for the disposal of mattresses..."

Moved by Daniel Stevens.

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the Council Minutes of September 21, 2021, as amended.

Carried.

6. DELEGATIONS /PRESENTATIONS:

None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS LAST MEETING(S):

(a) First Nation Forestry Agreement with MNRF.

Brendan provided an overview of and MOU between Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. and Nipissing First Nation. As requested at the last meeting this MOU was reviewed by legal counsel, and clause 3(g) was included stating "For greater certainty, this agreement does not include, nor shall it be deemed to include Nipissing First Nation Community support or consent to any form of aerial spraying as an approved activity for forest management."

Council approves the signing of this MOU, with some modified wording. In all instances where the agreement reads "...First Nation Community" to be changed to "... Nipissing First Nation Community"

Moved by Jane Commanda.

Seconded by Tyler Commanda to approve the signing of the MOU between Nipissing First Nation and Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. as amended.

Carried.

8. REPORTS:

(a) Special Council Minutes of August 26, 2021.

Change Item 4.f Other – Bride Project to read "Bridge Project"

Moved by Joan McLeod-Shabogestic.

Seconded by June Commanda to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes of August 26, 2021, as amended.

Carried.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) **BCR / Agreements Signed:**

(i) **True Self Application Support to Health Canada #1943**

Council was presented a BCR in support of the application from True Self to Health Canada under the Substance Use and Addiction Program for funding focusing on street outreach to citizens of Nipissing District who are victims of abuse, addiction, codependency, homelessness and/or mental illness.

Moved by Joan McLeod-Shabogisic.

Seconded by Tyeler Commanda to approve the signing of BCR #1943 as presented.

All in favour.

Carried.

(ii) **Appointment of NFN Rep - First Nation Finance Authority Representative #1944**

The appointment of a representative for NFN on the First Nations Finance Authority is required. This position is to be appointed by Council and is to be a member of Chief and Council. Former Councillor Brian Couchie was the representative for the past number of years.

Councillor Eric (Rick) Stevens is a member of NFN's Finance and Audit Committee and volunteered to assume this position.

Moved by Daniel Stevens.

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to appoint Eric (Rick) Stevens as NFN's representative to the FNFA and for the approval of the signing of BCR#1944 in support of this motion.

All in favour.

Carried.

(b) **Highway Signage.**

Council was presented with a briefing note from Cathy McLeod, Land Manager, regarding the NFN highway signs. NFN has four signs on Highway 17. One double sided sign in the community of VLA, and two signs near Duchesnay Creek one for eastbound traffic the other for westbound. These signs are extremally worn and have been in place for over 20 years. The recommendation is to replace these signs with new. Sample ideas were provided.

During discussions council agreed that these signs are a location marker and should not appear political in nature. They are in favour of the simple design. Council asks that the lands department come back with new samples, with no reference to the RHT, and to ensure that our current language speakers are consulted to ensure proper spelling and grammatical use of our language.

(c) **Business Licensing:**

(i) **Poly B Plumbing**

Jody and Paul Bosse have submitted a business license application to own and operate a plumbing contractor's business from their home office. All contract work is done at the client's location.

A notice was posted for 30 days to the community and no concerns were raised, and all license requirements have been met. Therefore, the recommendation is to approve the business license application of Poly B Plumbing.

Moved by Daniel Stevens.

Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the business license application of Poly B Plumbing as presented.

All in favour.

Carried.

(ii) Wolves Den Chip Stand.

Brian and Lorie Young have submitted a business license amendment application to own and operate a chip stand at the location of Wolves Den Gas and Convenience.

A notice was posted for 30 days to the community, no concerns were raised, and all license requirements have been met. Therefore, the recommendation is to approve the business license amendment to include a chip stand.

Moved by Tyeler Commanda.

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the business license amendment as presented for Wolves Den Gas and Convenience.

All in favour.

Carried.

(iii) Campground Application.

Council was provided a briefing note with an update on a Campground Business application. As of September 17, 2021, there are still several outstanding documents to be received before the licensing committee can make a recommendation.

The licensing committee will advise the client that they are open to receiving a new application that includes the missing documents and assessments.

Council agrees; no motion is necessary at this time.

(d) Cold Climate Greenhouse Project

Referred to in camera session.

(e) Advisory Committee Work Plans and ToR's

(i) Education

(ii) Social and Wellness

(iii) Culture and Language

(iv) Finance & Audit

Council reviewed the Workplans and Terms of Reference for Education, Social and Wellness, Culture and Language and the Workplan only for Finance and Audit (Terms of Reference will be submitted later)

Moved by Jane Commanda.

Seconded by Mike Sawyer to approve the Workplans and ToR's for Education, Social and Wellness, Culture and Language and the Workplan only for Finance and Audit as presented.

All in favour.

Carried.

10. STANDING ITEMS:

a. Annuities Claim Update.

None.

b. Cannabis.

None.

c. ANGA Implementation.

Job descriptions and structures are in place and pre implementation funding has been received.

11. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Moved by Jane Commanda.

Seconded by Rick Stevens to adjourn the regular council meeting of October 5, 2021, at 9:00 pm

All in favour.

Carried.

****The next regular NFN Chief and Council meeting is Tuesday October 19, 2021, at 7:30 pm via Zoom.****