



Council Minutes

Waabagaa Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon), Niizh-giizhgat (Tuesday) 19, 2021
Tuesday, October 19, 2021: Virtual On Line Meeting : 6:30 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Deputy-Chief	Michael Sawyer
	Councillors	Daniel Stevens
		Jane Commanda
		Joan McLeod-Shabogesic
		June Commnada
		Rick Stevens
	Chief Executive Officer	Brendan Huston
	Recorder (Dir of Admin)	Freda Martel
	Moderator in Training	Tyson Dunlop
	Moderator	Kimberly Salvaneschi
	Guests	Alyssa McLeod
		Arnold May
		Brady Penasse
		Geraldine McLeod
		Joanne Giblouleau
		Yvette Bellefeuille

1. Meeting commenced at 7:54 pm with an Opening Miigwechiwin by Councillor Jane Commanda.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Amendments to Agenda:

- Addition – Item 6(c) Health – Vaccinations
- Defer – Item 9 (a) (iii) - RBC Resolution #1947

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Daniel Stevens to approve the Council Agenda of October 19, 2021 as amended.

Carried.

3. Disclosures of Conflict:

None.

4. Council Travel:

Travel is not permitted at this time due to Covid.

5. Adoption of Council Minutes of October 5, 2021:

Moved by June Commanda

Seconded by Michael Sawyer to approve the Council Minutes of October 5, 2021 as presented.

Carried.

6. Delegations/Presentations:

(a) Long Term Care

A briefing note was submitted to Council on behalf of members to have funds allocated to engage a private consultant to lead the development and business plan for a Long-Term Care Facility for Nipissing First Nation. Council agreed to proceed with getting costs for a consultant; once costs are received, this will be brought back to the Council meeting for review. It was suggested that with additional ANGA funds this could possibly be covered under that stream of funding, as well it was recommended that the Home Care Program be involved in this projects consideration.

(b) PEACE School

A request was submitted by a member in regard to using the current daycare building in Duchesnay as a place to develop a holistically operated school on Nipissing First Nation. Council was also provided with a Briefing Note from the Economic Development Department in regards to the establishment of PEACE School on Nipissing First Nation, which is a business venture. The Economic Development Department is waiting on additional information for this business proposal in accordance with the Business Licencing process. In regard to the rental of the former daycare building, the member will be informed that this is currently not available for rent. Council was informed that if the proposal is approved under the Business Licencing process, other possible areas to operate this business could be considered.

Moved by Michael Sawyer

Seconded by Joan McLeod that for health and safety reasons, NFN is not in a position to accommodate requests for the rental of the former daycare building in Duchesnay.

Carried.

Council suggested that a communique be sent out to the membership informing them that the former daycare building is not available for rent or use at this time. The matter concerning the assessment of this building was deferred to the next Council meeting.

(c) Health – Vaccination

Councillor Rick Stevens informed Council that 3rd dose vaccinations for seniors and vulnerable persons have started to take place and vaccinations for children ages 5-11 will be coordinated once vaccines are received. Clinics for children will be held in the gym and children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. As more information is received, Council will be informed.

7. Unfinished Business From Last Meeting:

(a) Beaucage Park Update

As a follow-up from a previous Council meeting, Brendan reviewed a memo submitted by Cameron Welch, Director of Lands and Natural Resources regarding the closure of Beaucage Park. Council was informed that assessments were conducted on the entry to the park and natural hazards. Based on these assessments it is recommended for liability reasons that the park remain closed until such time a proper plan can be put in place to upgrade and modify the park.

Brendan confirmed with Council that this is an interim recommendation until a proper plan is in place. It was suggested that this can be done in two phases; Phase 1 being the reduction of liabilities and Phase 2 being how this property can be utilized to accommodate community use in the long term. Council was also informed that another project that was being considered for this area was the roundhouse project.

8. Reports:

(a) Chief's Report

- i. **Chiefs of Ontario (COO)** - Chief McLeod informed Council that he has been attending regular meetings with the COO office to receive updates on COVID in the province. He also meet with Minister Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development, Mines and Natural Resources and Forestry and leadership of the COO.
- ii. **Long Term Care** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended a meeting with Phil Goulais, Claire Campbell and Brenda Restoule regarding long term care.
- iii. **APS PGA (Police Governing Authority)** - Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended Board meetings with the PGA. Along with regular board meetings he also sits as a member on one of their committees.
- iv. **OFNLP (Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership)** - Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended the annual meeting of the ONFLP. Covid had a huge effect on gaming revenue.
- v. **Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO)** - Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended a meeting with Tom Mungham, of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission on the Cannabis Agreement which is close to being finalized.
- vi. **Fowler Construction Company** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended a meet and greet meeting with Fowler Constuction Company to introduce Mill and Pave and get information on potential highway projects.
- vii. **2013 Land Claim Settlement Trust** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended meetings as a member of the 2013 Land Claim Settlement Trust Board.
- viii. **Performance Review** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he conducted a performance review with Strategic Advisor, Dwayne Nashkawa which he will share with Council.
- ix. **APS** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he had a meeting with Dwayne Nashkawa and Brendan Huston regarding the APS matter that was addressed earlier on.
- x. **Truth & Reconciliation Day** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended the walk and conducted interviews and presentations in regard to Trust & Reconciliation Day.

- xi. **Community Safety and Policing Act** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he met with Lawyer who is working with Julian Falconers, Negotiator with the NAPS and Treaty 3 regarding the Community Safety and Policing Act. He informed Council that policing at NFN is currently being funded under a program funding agreement and Dwayne is looking into whether it would be in NFN’s interest to opt into the Community Safety & Policing Act which provides more funding.
- xii. **APS** – Chief McLeod informed Council that he attended a meeting with APS where a legal matter was resolved.

(b) Chief Executive Officer’s Report

Brendan Huston submitted a written report that included the following:

- i. **Covid-19** – Council was provided with a brief covid-19 update on the number of vaccines given since February 2021. Council was informed that 84.5% of staff submitted disclosures to date 84.5%, of this Council was informed that 18 disclosure forms are outstanding. Council was also informed that the Community Health Nurses have completed the mandatory training for influenza vaccines; it is anticipated that these vaccines will be made available soon.
- ii. **Christmas Break** – Council was informed that offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 22 to Tuesday, January 4 for Christmas Break this year.
- iii. **Chief and Council Strategic Planning Prep** – Brendan provided an overview of preparations that have taken place and gave a brief summary of the agenda for the upcoming Council Retreat.

9. **New Business:**

(a) BCR/Agreements Signed:

- i. Highway 17 Project Traffic Management #1945

An inquiry was made as to whether a legal opinion was received on the wording of this agreement. Council was informed that a legal assessment was not received, but this is the standard wording for the traffic management plans.

Moved by Michael Sawyer

Seconded by Daniel Stevens to approve Council Resolution #1945 in support of the Traffic Management Plan for the Hwy 17 project.
Carried.

- ii. Canada Mortgage & Housing New Apartments #1946

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Daniel Stevens to approve Council Resolution #1946 in support of an application to CMHC to construct new apartment units.
Carried.

A copy of the Apartment Selection Policy will be provided to Council for their information.

iii. Request for Property Extension Lot 56 Duchesnay #LNS2526

Moved by Michael Sawyer
Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the extension of Lot 56 Duchesnay by 10 feet to accommodate a ramp.
Carried.

It was suggested that the remainder of Lot 56-2 be retained by NFN for future community usage ie: playground.

iv. HONI Contract #LNS2527

Moved by Joan McLeod
Seconded by June Commanda to enter a contract with HONI for bushing in Commanda and Beaucage.
Carried.

Council was in favour of the agreement but due to timeframe, where project will commence on October 25th, they wanted to be sure that NFN member businesses will be considered for work with this project.

(b) NFN Q-1 Unaudited Financial Statements

Moved by Michael Sawyer
Seconded by Daniel Stevens to approve NFN Q-1 Unaudited Financial Statements as presented.
Carried.

An inquiry was made as to whether a presentation from the Finance Department will be coordinated with Council, as other departments had done for the orientation sessions. Brendan informed Council that a presentation with Administration and Finance can be coordinated. In regards to financial statements an inquiry was made with regards to the liabilities and inter-fund transfers as noted in the year to year comparisons. Brendan informed Council that the differences in these year to year comparisons are as a result of covid, which affected programming and deferral revenues.

Moved by June Commanda
Seconded Jane Commanda to appoint Donna Dodgson as the Chair and Michael Sawyer as Vice-Chair of NFN's Finance & Audit Committee.
Carried.

(c) Kings Hwy 17 – Phragmites Project MTO

A Briefing Note was submitted to Council from Curtis Avery, Environmental Officer that Brendan reviewed with Council. The briefing provided an overview of a plan for rehabilitation work on portions of King's Highway (Hwy 17) to rid and prevent further spread of phragmites, which is an invasive species. This would involve spraying herbicide that contains glyphosate. An inquiry was made as to whether there will be a cleanup of herbicides afterwards. Council was informed that the chemical is sprayed directly on the leaf of the plant and the level of chemical is very low in comparison to aerial spraying. An inquiry was made as to whether the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) was picking up the costs for this project. Brendan will follow up with the Lands Department and report back to Council.

Moved by Rick Stevens
Seconded by June Commanda to approve the Phragmites Project in principle and enter into a working agreement with the Ministry of Transportation.
Carried.

(d) Remembrance Day 2021

Moved by Jane Commanda
Seconded by Michael Sawyer to approve the recommendation of the Remembrance Day Planning Committee to host a virtual ceremony for 2021.
Carried.

(e) Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Michael Sawyer
Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Terms of Reference for the Lands and Bylaw Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Economic Development Committee as presented.
Carried.

10. Standing Items:

- (a) Annuities Claim – no update.
- (b) Cannabis – no update.
- (c) ANGA Implementation – no update.

11. Adjournment:

Moved by Rick Stevens
Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn this meeting.
Carried.

** Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. **