



Council Minutes
Regular Session

Nmebin Giizis (Suckerfish Moon), Niizh-giizhgat (It is Tuesday) 19, 2022
Tuesday, April 19, 2022: On-Line Teams Meeting: 7:00 pm

Present:	Gimaa (Chief) Giigdonini/Giigdonini-kwe (Councillors)	Scott McLeod Brian Couchie Jane Commanda June Commanda Joan McLeod-Shabogesic Rick Stevens
	Emyaa'wsed (CEO) Eniigaazid Enookiwaad (DOA) Guests	Brendan Huston Freda Martel Anna McLeod Arnold May Darlene McLeod Shirley Restoule
Regrets:	Aanke Gimaa (Deputy-Chief) Giigdonini (Councillor)	Michael Sawyer Tyeler Commanda

1. Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm with an Opening Miigwechiwin by Giigdonini-kwe Jane Commanda.

Gimma Scott McLeod welcomed Brian Couchie as a member of Council and Giigdonini Brian Couchie read his Oath In Office.

2. Adoption of Agenda of April 19, 2022:

- Item 9 (e) Governance Minutes of April 12, 2022 – deferred.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Council Agenda of April 19, 2022, as amended.

Carried.

3. Disclosures of Conflict:

None.

4. Council Travel:

Council provided updates of their Council business travel that will occur prior to the next Council meeting.

5. Adoption of Council Minutes of April 5, 2022:

Item 8 (a) change "tow" to read "two"

An inquiry was made regarding the timeline for funding for the APS building. Brendan informed Council that the funding that was originally available to construct this building is not enough due to growth of detachment needs and current building costs, therefore, the APS representatives are seeking more funding for this project and there is not a confirmed timeline as of yet for construction.

Moved by Jane Commanda

Seconded by Joan McLeod-Shabogesic to approve the Council Minutes of April 5, 2022, as corrected.

Carried.

6. Delegations / Presentations:

None.

7. Unfinished Business From Previous Meeting:

- (a) Adoption of Council Minutes of March 15, 2022

Moved by Joan McLeod-Shabogesic
Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Council Minutes of March 15, 2022, as presented.
Carried.

8. Reports:

- (a) Gimaa (Chief) Report

Governance Meetings – Gimaa Scott McLeod informed Council that he has been attending the Special Council Meetings on Governance.

Invitations – Gimaa Scott McLeod informed Council that he received invitations to attend political meetings and announcements from NDP and Liberal, both of which he was not able to attend.

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) – Gimaa Scott McLeod informed Council that he has been attending Chief's meetings with ISC over the past couple of weeks.

Anishinabek Nation – Gimaa Scott McLeod informed Council that he has attended meetings with the Regional Deputy Grand Council review committee to prepare for the Annual meeting that is scheduled to take place in June. As well, he informed Council that once information is received for this meeting and the Assembly of First Nations and Chiefs of Ontario meetings, the information will be forwarded to Council. Registration and travel arrangements can be coordinated with Kimberly Salvaneschi.

Anishinabek Nation Governance Authority – Gimaa Scott McLeod informed Council that he attended the ANGA virtual signing ceremony and has been attending meetings the working group meeting along with Dwayne Nashkawa, Strategic Advisor.

Office Hours East End – Gimaa Scott McLeod informed Council that regular monthly office hours will be coordinated at the east end of the community for members who wish to meet with him in person.

- (b) Emyaa'wsed (CEO) Report

Debendaagziwaad (Citizenship) Committee – Brendan informed Council that the core principles were presented at the March 31 meeting and a consultation plan is being developed.

Drinking Water Class Action – Council was informed that the claim period for the drinking water class action began on March 7, 2021, and will close in March 2023. The BCAR and settlement agreement will be brought back to Council once it has been reviewed by legal counsel. Communication materials have been distributed the membership concerning this action.

NFN Miller Steering Committee – Council was informed that the Yellek-Duchesnay road project is winding down due to half-load restrictions but will commence again in early May. A job fair is being planned for May 10 for NFN-Miller projects.

Governance Planning – Brendan informed Council that he has been providing technical support to the Chief and Strategic Advisor. They have been working on a briefing for a consultation framework for the next meeting. The law/policy registry spreadsheet was presented.

Human Resources Management Policy – Council was informed that the feedback period from staff is now completed, and this policy will be reviewed by the Policy Committee and brought back to Council for approval.

Crisis Control Group – Brendan informed Council that the mask mandate was lifted on April 4 except for the Health Centre, Ojibway Women’s Lodge and Daycare Centres. Indoor events will commence in May. The Garden Village fitness centre will not be re-opening until another space becomes available, due to the condition of the current building. In regard to employee workplace wellness, Brendan advised that the RFP for this work has been completed and a consultant will be appointed in the coming weeks.

9. New Business:

(a) Bingo Supplies and Budget Closure

Council was provided with a memo from Cameron Welch, Director of Lands and Natural Resources regarding the bingo supplies and budget closure for NFN bingo’s. After a review of the operations over the past decade and in consultation with former Economic Development Manager Mike Harney and Strategic Advisor, Dwayne Nashkawa, the recommendation was not to resume bingo operations but have the supplies re-distributed to other NFN programs to host bingos or other events under their programs for social well-being. With this recommendation the budget for this ledger would be closed. Council was informed that when bingo was making a profit, the profit was enough to cover the hydro and provide funding for charities, but this has not been the case in recent years of bingo operations.

Moved by Joan McLeod-Shabogesic

Seconded by Brian Couchie to close the ledger for the bingo operations and disperse supplies to departments to engage the community in social non-gambling events.

Carried.

(b) Sundown Ridge – Improvements

Council was provided with a memo from Brendan Huston, Cameron Welch and Chris Bellissimo, Housing Manager to provide options for use of the improvements at Sundown Ridge. In consideration of NFN low number of housing units available for rent especially at the east end of the community and plan to finance this purchase, Council was provided with two options for consideration:

Option #1 – Market Rents – to charge market rents on units and offer long terms and short terms rentals.

Option #2 – Market Rent / Partial Subsidized Unit – to charge market rents on some units and self-subsidized rent on a couple of the units.

The recommendation was to go with Option #1 as this provides the financial viability to repay the mortgage, more housing for east end, as well provide enough funds for contingency for emergency repairs and longer-term capital repairs. In regard to the selection of tenants, Council was informed that this would be based on a point system and would be developed in a policy document.

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve Option #1 and charge market rents on the units at Sundown Ridge.

Carried.

(c) Appointment of REC #3 Representative

Moved by Joan McLeod-Shabogesic

Seconded by Jane Commanda to appoint Daniel Stevens as NFN's REC#3 representative effective June 17, 2022.

Carried.

(d) Kinoomaagewin Aanke Giigdownin (Education) Minutes of February 28, 2022

Deferred to next Council meeting.

(e) Special Council Minutes – Governance – April 12, 2022

Deferred to the next Council meeting.

10. Standing Items:

(a) Annuities Claim – Gimaa Scott McLeod informed Council that Ontario has agreed to come to the table to discuss a settlement out of court.

(b) Nbisiing Governance – Gimaa Scott McLeod informed Council that “Nbisiing Governance” is in reference to our (NFN) own governance. As reported earlier in the meeting by Brendan a briefing and consultation framework are being worked on.

11. Information Items:

Council was provided with the Unfinished Business Report, Monthly Department Reports and HR Staffing report.

12. Adjournment:

Moved by Brian Couchie

Seconded by Jane Commanda to adjourn this meeting.

Carried.

** Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm **