Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2016: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

Present:	Chief	Scott McLeod
	Deputy-Chief	Muriel Sawyer
	Councillors	Cathy Bellefeuille
		Corey Goulais
		Jason Laronde
		June Commanda
		Rick Stevens
	Director of Administration	Freda Martel
Regrets:	Councillor	Brian Couchie (personal)
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Nashkawa (personal)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

   The following additions were made to the agenda:

   - Item 6(a) Fisheries – Regulation & Moratorium
   - Item 6(f) Cell Phone Service
   - Item 6(g) Bait Licensing - Meeting Request

   MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille
   SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve the Council Agenda of April 5, 2016 with additions.
   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 MARCH 22, 2016:

   - Item 3(a) Change "Muskegowuk Council" to read "Mushkegowuk Territory".
   - Item 3(a) Change "council" to read "Council"
   - Item 9(a) Change "Chief and Council have agreed..." to read "Chief and Council has agreed.."
   - Item 9(b) Change "with Public Works" to read "to Public Works"
   - Item 11(a) i Change "Peter Beaucage conducted a Pipe Ceremony" to read "Elder Peter Beaucage conducted a Pipe Ceremony signifying a mutually agreed upon working relationship."
   - Item 11(c) Change "language" to read "Language"
   - Item 11(e) Change "that Economic Development department is now providing evaluation..." to read "the Economic Development department is now providing an evaluation process..."
   - Item 12(a) Change "BCR was signed in support..." to read "A BCR was signed in support..."

   MOVED BY June Commanda
   SECONDED BY Cathy Bellefeuille to approve the Council Minutes of March 22, 2016 as amended.
   CARRIED.

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

(a) FISHERIES – REGULATION & MORATORIUM

Chief Scott McLeod informed Council that in reviewing the Fisheries Regulations he noted that this document is to be reviewed on a yearly basis and if it is not, it goes back to the previous set of rules. Last year, a moratorium on spearing was put in place for all NFN users. As NFN's goal is to have better control on commercial gill netting, he asked the Natural Resources Manager to put together recommendations on this year's moratorium and whether spearing would be allowed for subsistence fishers as he had inquiries by members as to whether they would be allowed to spear this year or not. The Natural Resources Department provided options for Council's consideration on this in the form of a Briefing Note dated April 5, 2016, along with a recommendation on the dates for the fishing season. Council was informed that there are two decision required as follows:

(1) To amend the regulations concerning the fishing season; and,
(2) To allow or not to allow spearing during the moratorium.

Clint Couchie, Natural Resources Manager presented the recommendations to Council. He informed Council that in reviewing the Fisheries Law there were two items that came up over the past couple of years; one was changing the date for the moratorium and the other is the spearing. Under Fishing Season, he informed Council that due to the current ice conditions and the now re-freezing of the lake, the department's recommendation is to have the regulations amended to state that *"no person shall set or lift any net from April 1 till 5:00 pm on the Friday of the Victoria day long weekend. Chief and Council reserve the right to life the closed season if evidence becomes available that demonstrates the spawn has ended."* In regards to the issue of subsistence spearing, he informed Council that the Natural Resources Department does not have data on how much walleye is being harvested by spearing as those numbers have never been monitored. It was suggested that perhaps a survey could be made available for people to report their numbers. Chief McLeod informed Council that if spearing is allowed for subsistence purposes this year, it would provide an opportunity to gather some of this data as the Natural Resources Department will have Conservation Officers out on the lake during this time.

Each Council member was provided an opportunity to speak to the issues presented, and concerns were expressed on having to address these issues so close to the moratorium date, and it was felt that problems could arise from not having a clear process in place for those who do not follow the regulations, and also in determining a subsistence fisher versus a commercial fisher. Council was informed that the number of fish set out in the regulation determines a subsistence fisher ie: 20 fish per boat would be a subsistence fisher, anything over and above that would be considered a commercial fisher. Discussion took place about spearing being a traditional activity, and allowing members to pass this on to their children.

Chief McLeod requested a show of hands to vote on changing the Fishing Season in the regulations for this year to read "April 1 till 5 pm on the Friday of the Victoria day long weekend". Council voted in favour to remain status quo and leave the dates as April 1 to May 15 as noted in the regulations. Chief Couchie requested a show of hands vote on whether or not to allow spearing for subsistence purposes during this year's moratorium. Council voted in favour to remain status quo and not permit spearing until such time that numbers show improvement.

(b) DAVEDI CLUB ORDER OF MERIT DINNER

A request was submitted to Council to purchase tickets to attend a dinner event being hosted by the Davedi Club where George Couchie would be presented with an Order of Merit on April 30th, 2016.

MOVED BY Corey Goulais
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to purchase a table in the amount of $240., for tickets to attend the Davedi Club Order of Merit dinner.
CARRIED.

(c) SPANISH RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

A letter was received from Kimberly Smith on behalf of the Spanish Residential School Reunion committee for a monetary donation to the reunion taking place on June 24th, 2016. Council was informed that they are seeking a monetary donation to assist in covering catering costs. Approximately 90 members from NFN attended Spanish Residential School. This request was referred to the Budget meeting for Council's consideration.

(d) WAABNOONG BEMJIWANG ASSOCIATION OF FIRST NATIONS (WBAFN)

A memo from Irvin George, Executive Director of WBAFN was received informing Council of the option of allowing First Nations to appoint an Elder to attend WBAFN Board of Director meetings and or the rotating Council of Chief's meetings that are held throughout the year. Council agreed not to appoint one Elder but rather to have the option of selecting an Elder as required. Chief McLeod will contact Mr. George to inform him of Council's decision.

(e) ANISHINABEK NATION 7TH GENERATION CHARITY

A letter was submitted by Jason Restoule, Manager of the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity requesting a donation to the 18th Annual Anishinabek Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament on June 16th, 2016.

MOVED BY Jason Laronde
SECONDED BY Rick Stevens to approve a donation in the amount of $500., to the 18th Annual Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity Golf Tournament.
CARRIED.

(f) CELL PHONE SERVICE

Councillor Rick Stevens informed Council that at times no cell phone service or little cell phone service is accessible within the community in NFN. He inquired as to whether NFN could look into having another tower installed. This item will be referred to Patrick Stevens, Facilities Manager and Steve Commanda, Information Technology to look into and report back to Council.

(g) BAIT HARVESTING MEETING

Councillor Rick Stevens on behalf of the Bait Review Association with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry requested a meeting with NFN Council to discuss bait licensing. He informed Council that there are options for other individuals to opt

into bait harvesting however due to the area where bait can be distributed, this may not be feasible. Councillor Stevens will contact Chief McLeod or Dwayne Nashkawa to coordinate a meeting date.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:

(a) BUSINESS LICENSE LAW REVIEW

Michael Harney, Economic Development Officer provided a briefing note outlining issues in regards to the Business Licensing Law. He recommended that this Law be referred to the Economic Development Committee to review. Council was in agreement with this recommendation and requested that the Business License Law be reviewed in its entirety.

8. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief McLeod requested that his report as well as the Chief Executive Director's report be presented at the second Council meeting of the month, rather than at each meeting. Council was in agreement with this, however, if any urgent or important issues arise that they be reported sooner.

(b) CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REOPRT

No report was available however a report will be presented at the next Council meeting.

(c) COMMUNITY WELLNESS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2016

Item #6 – In regards to the recommendation to install basketball nets in the NFN gym in Garden Village and in the outdoor rink in Garden Village, this was deferred for funding and/or budgeting and planning purposes. This matter will be referred to Patrick Stevens, Facilities Manager.

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille
SECONDED BY Jason Laronde to approve the Community Wellness Committee Minutes of January 18, 2016 as presented.
CARRIED.

(d) COMMUNITY WELLNESS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Item # 5.5 – In regards to the recommendation for Council to consider a family trip to Canada's Wonderland, this item was deferred to the Budget Meeting.

MOVED BY Cathy Bellefeuille
SECONDED BY June Commanda to approve the Community Wellness Committee Minutes of February 24, 2016 as presented.
CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS/AGREEMENTS SIGNED:

i. Section 95 Housing Supporting Expression of Interest Application #1773

(b) ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING

Council scheduled Saturday, May 7th as to host the Advisory Council forum for the Youth, Women and Senior Councils.

(c) BUDGET MEETING

Council scheduled the Budget Meeting to take place on Monday, April 11 at 9:00 am.

(d) DOKIS FIRST NATION MEETING

Chief McLeod informed Council that a meeting has been scheduled to meet with Chief Denise Restoule and Council at their First Nation on April 20th at 10:00 am. Dwayne Nashkawa, Clint Couchie and Councillor Corey Goulais will be attending, and he extended the invitation to other members of Council. This purpose of this meeting is to update them on NFN fisheries Memorandum of Understanding. They will also take this opportunity to see the rink that they had built there and perhaps visit their hydro electric facility. Council will inform Freda if they wish to attend.

(e) CIGARETTE QUOTA

This will be presented at the Budget Meeting. Freda Martel informed Council that existing quota allocations where submitted to Massey Wholesale for April 1st in order that existing vendors received their quota for the month of April.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Muriel Sawyer
SECONDED BY Corey Goulais to adjourn this meeting.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016 in Garden Village. **