Nipissing First Nation Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2013: Council Chambers, Garden Village: 7:00 pm

PRESENT:	CHIEF	Marianna Couchie
	DEPUTY CHIEF	June Commanda
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Dwayne Nashkawa
	COUNCILLORS	Doug Chevrier
		David Commanda
		Brian Couchie
		Arnold May
		Darrell McLeod
		Rick Stevens
	RECEPTIONIST CLERK	Elaine Commanda
	GUESTS	Fred Bellefeuille
		Brian Young
		Lorie Young
		Joel Girard

1. **ADJOURNMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY: Darrell McLeod to move to the committee of the whole.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:02 p.m. **

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

(a) LEGAL MATTER

Council was updated on the legal matter court costs and payment plan.

(b) CAS MATTER

Council was updated on a child welfare matter.

(c) CHI-NAAKNIGEWIN (CONSTITUTION)

Council confirmed that the Chi-Naaknigewin vote would follow the electoral code rules requiring a simple majority of those who vote.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

MOVED BY Doug Chevrier
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to adjourn from the committee of the whole.
CARRIED.

** Adjournment from the committee of the whole at 7:41 p.m. **

3. **DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT:**

Chief Couchie declared conflict with Item 9. (e) Solar Project Tenders.

4. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL AGENDA OF DECEMBER 3, 2013:**

Add: Item 9(a): WAABNOONG BEMIJIWANG ASSOCIATION OF FIRST NATIONS

Change: Item 9 (a); (b); (c); (d) to read: Item 9 (b); 9 (c); 9 (d); 9 (e).

MOVED BY Arnold May
SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept the Council Agenda of December 3, 2013 as amended.
CARRIED.

5. **COUNCIL TRAVEL**:

Councillors provided updates on their Council business travel that will occur before the next Council meeting.

6. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2013:**

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to accept the Council Minutes of November 5, 2013 as presented.
CARRIED.

7. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

(a) YOUNG FORESTRY PROPOSAL

Young's Forestry presented a forestry management proposal to Council. A public notice will invite feedback and additional information will be developed and submitted to Council in January 2014 prior to any decisions being made.

(b) ANISHINABEK POLICE SERVICES

A/Sergeant Naveau and Council discussed having a lockdown drill at N'bisiing Secondary School with dates to be determined. Council will be updated prior to any drills taking place.

Council also discussed regular updates with the APS. NFN administration and APS will schedule meetings for January, April, July, and August and then determine if a special meeting is required. Council was informed that from the APS perspective the Per Capita Distribution (PCD) went very well. APS was thanked for their support throughout the PCD process.

(c) SANTA CHRISTMAS PARTY – DONATION REQUEST

MOVED BY Rick Stevens
SECONDED BY Arnold May to approve the request of up to $500.00 to support the Children's Christmas Party to be held on December 14, 2013 at the Nbisiing High School. George Couchie is to work out the final costing details with Freda Martel or Dwayne Nashkawa

CARRIED.

(d) 2013 CHRISTMAS RADIO STATION GREETING

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY June Commanda to approve NFN 2013 Christmas Greetings & New Year advertising with Rogers in the amount of $399.00; and to have an Ojibway language speaker to make the announcement.
CARRIED.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:**

(a) BASKETBALL NETS – YELLEK PLAYGROUND

Deferred.

(b) RECREATION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Deferred.

11. REPORTS:

(a) CHIEF'S REPORT

i. APS POLICE CHIEF PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

Chief Couchie with Councillor Chevrier met and completed a Performance Appraisal for the APS Police Chief. Improvements to service were suggested in several areas.

ii. BILL C -10: CONTRABAND TOBACCO ACT

Chief Couchie reported to Council that she was seeking clarification on what the government considers as "contraband" tobacco, and may be writing to Nipissing MP Jay Aspin would help to get more details.

iii. TRANS CANADA PIPELINE

Council was informed that an incorrect statement made by Trans Canada Pipeline at a public meeting indicated that NFN is in support of their project. NFN will send a wide response in regards to the incorrect statement.

iv. PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION

Chief Couchie informed Council that it was nice to receive thank you notes from the membership about the Per Capita Distribution.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i. ELECTRONIC SIGNS

MOVED BY Brian Stevens
SECONDED BY Doug Chevrier to approve the amount of $22,560.00 from Enhancement Funds for the purchase of four electronic signs to be set up across Nipissing First Nation territory to keep staff informed of community issues. CARRIED.

ii. COURT MATTER

Dwayne informed the Council that a court matter has been settled under NFN's insurance policy.

iii. RFP FOR SOLAR PROJECT

Council was informed that the NFN Solar Project proposals have been reviewed and staff are proposing to have both proponents to work together on the project to maximize community benefit and employment opportunities and lower risk on the project. Mike Harney is the project manager for this project.

iv. FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Dwayne provided Council with an update on the construction of the Duchesnay Fire Hall. He also informed Council that recruitment for volunteers is underway.

Council was informed that the Jocko point Fire Hall will come under NFN by April 1, 2014.

Council was informed that a posting for an Emergency Services Manager position has been posted for January 2014.

v. NEW AANDC AGREEMENTS

Dwayne informed Council that the AANDC Agreement will be renewed in April 2014, and a briefing will be provided to Council early in the New Year.

vi. NEW HIRINGS

Louise Penasse- Front Line Worker, Ontario Women's Lodge (contract)
Darlene Gingras- Front Line Worker, Ontario Women's Lodge
Krystal McLeod- Home & Community Care Personal Support Worker
Tory Fisher- Cultural Events Coordinator
Scott Restoule- Nbisiing Secondary School Educational Assistant

(c) RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2013.

MOVED BY Arnold May
SECONDED BY David Commanda to accept the Recreation Committee Minutes of October 16, 2013 as presented.
CARRIED.

(d) GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP MEEETING OF NOVEMBER 20 & 21, 2013.

Deferred.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) WAABNOONG BEMIJIWANG ASSOCIATION OF FIRST NATIONS

Council discussed the economic potential for Post Secondary Family student residences business venture working with other Tribal Council First Nations. Council agree to have administration prepare a BCR to support a feasibility study for this business venture.

(b) BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS / AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED:

(i)	FNFMA Representative Appointment –	BCR #1698
(ii)	Renewable Energy Project Support –	BCR #1699
(iii)	2013 Boundary Claim Trust Authorized Expenditures –	BCR #1700
(iv)	Request to Withdraw Proposed Education Act –	BCR #1701

(c) Christmas Distribution Policy

MOVED BY Brian Couchie
SECONDED BY Darrell McLeod to accept the Christmas Distribution Policy as presented.
CARRIED.

(d) Land Claim Business Update – Promissory Note

Council was informed that NFN will receive a promissory note from the NFN Boundary Trust to be paid with the interest made and owing for 2013.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY Arnold May
SECONDED BY Brian Couchie to adjourn this meeting.
CARRIED.

** Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m. **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 in Garden Village. **