NIPISSING FIRST NATION A-Kii, Bemaadzijik, E-Niigaanwang The Land, The People, The Future

Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2019: Council Chambers Garden Village: 7:00 pm

Present:	Deputy-Chief	Muriel Sawyer
	Councillors	Brian Couchie
		Corey Goulais
		Jane Commanda
		June Commanda
		Michael Sawyer
		Rick Stevens
	Recorder/Dir. of Admin.	Freda Martel
	Guests	Brenda Restoule
		Ephrem Commanda
		Nola Goulais
		Rachelle Quenville
		Tracy Favreau
		Zachary Lacelle
Regrets:	Chief	Scott McLeod (AFN Cannabis Summit, Vancouver)
	Chief Executive Officer	Dwayne Naskawa (AFN Cannabis Summit, Vancouver)

1. Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.

2. Adjournment To The Committee Of The Whole:

   Moved by Jane Commanda
   Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn to the committee of the whole.
   Carried.

   ** Meeting adjourned to the committee of the whole at 7:02 pm **

3. Committee Of The Whole:

   (a) Niijaansinaanik Child & Family Services

   Council was provided with an update on issues regarding Niijaansinaanik Child & Family Services Agency and unanimously supports the Chief and Dwayne Nashkawa, Chief Executive Officer, in the decision regarding NFN's participation with this agency.

   (b) Trust Board 2013 – Member Position

   Council agreed that there is no conflict to a board members position on the Trust Board and their employment with Peace Hills Trust.

   (c) Trust Settlement Payout

   Council was informed that the Chief had received a special request. No additional information was brought forward therefore, this request was deferred.

   (d) Speeding In Community

   Councillor Corey Goulais informed Council of individuals working for local businesses speeding in the community. He informed Council that he contacted a local taxi business to report one of their drivers during the pow wow, and lately it is noticed that there are a lot of dump trucks speeding through the community. Council discussed ways to deter speeding in the community and suggested that permanent markings for crossings be put on the roadways. As this is a police matter, the APS will be notified to monitor the roadways for speeding.

4. Adjournment From The Committee Of The Whole:

Moved by Rick Stevens
Seconded by Corey Goulais to adjourn from the committee of the whole.
Carried.

** Meeting adjourned from the committee of the whole at 7:29 pm **

5. Adoption of Agenda:

Addition to agenda:

- Item #9 (e) Lands Advisory Board Report.

Moved by Brian Couchie
Seconded by Rick Stevens to approve the Council Agenda of September 3rd, 2019 with addition.
Carried.

6. Disclosures of Conflict:

None.

7. Council Travel:

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

8. Adoption of Council Minutes of August 6, 2019:

- Item #8 (c) (ii) change "use of companion dogs" to read "use of service dogs"
- Item #8 (c) (iii) delete motion – change to read "Deferred to next Council meeting"

Moved by Brian Couchie
Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Council Minutes of August 6, 2019 as amended.
Carried.

9. Presentation / Delegations:

(a) Cannabis Store

Zachary Lacelle informed Council that he has met with Michael Harney, Economic Development Manager to obtain a Small Business Licence for his proposed cannabis store and inquired as to whether Council had any questions for him. Council was informed that his business will be situated in the Bineshii Commercial Park and he has met with the Economic Development Department to apply for a Business License. He was informed by that department that there is a 28-day notice period to the community, which is the standard process for all new businesses. He informed Council that the building will be in compliance with codes of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission. For the time being, he is only permitted to purchase from approved places under the Ontario Government but he would like to be able to purchase directly from First Nation suppliers, which Chief Scott McLeod is working on.

(b) Miller Quarry – Noise Complaint

A letter of complaint was submitted by a member regarding the noise and vibration from the crusher at the Miller Pit during the night. Council was informed that Cathy McLeod, A/Lands Manager has sent an Amending Agreement to Jodie Geisler, Operations Manager at Miller, which specifies times for crushing from 7 am to 7 pm. The response will be brought back to the next Council meeting.

(c) Rail Safety Week

Council was in agreement to support Rail Safety Week to be held from September 23 to 29, 2019.

(d) Indigenous Nursing Home

Brenda Restoule informed Council that she and Phil Goulais met with Chief Scott McLeod and were informed that support was received unanimously from the Chiefs of Ontario to have an indigenous nursing home in our area. She requested to have a committee established to work on this, and requested that a Special Council Meeting be coordinated to discuss moving forward on this project. Councillor Corey Goulais informed Council that funding should be made available under the Truth & Reconciliation funding for a nursing home, as this members don't want to go off reserve to access nursing home services. Freda Martel will coordinate a meeting and follow up with Brenda.

(e) RRAP – Housing Repairs

A band member inquired about the housing RRAP program for their home. Council was informed that the repairs have been completed based on recommendations but now the house does not qualify and there are no funds available. Council was informed that the house has been renovated and is off the grid.

(f) Off Reserve Housing Renovation Loan

A band member inquired as to why renovation loans are not available to members who reside off reserve. Council informed the member that loans are made available to NFN members who reside on reserve as they cannot use their homes as collateral to get loans, where members who reside off reserve could use their home to access loans. As well, at this time there is no program in place to offer housing loans for off reserve members, but this is something that has and will continue to be discussed.

10. Reports:

(a) Culture & Pow wow Committee Minutes of July 22, August 6, August 12 and August 20, 2019

Moved by Brian Couchie
Seconded by Michael Sawyer to approve the Culture & Pow Wow Committee Minutes of July 22, August 6, August 12 and August 20, 2019 as presented.
Carried.

(b) Health & Social Services Committee Minutes of June 5 and July 3, 2019

Moved by June Commanda
Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Health & Social Services Committee Minutes of June 5 and July 3, 2019 as presented.
Carried.

11. New Business:

(a) Resolutions Signed:

(i) Community Recreation Activator Funding Support #1882

(b) Policies:

(i) Human Resource Management Policy

Council was in agreement to amend the hiring process. Re-wording will be brought back to the next meeting for Council's consideration along with other amendments to this policy.

(ii) Honorarium Policy

Moved by Corey Goulais
Seconded by Brian Couchie to approve the Honorarium Policy as presented.
Carried.

(iii) Status Card Process

Moved by Corey Goulais
Seconded by Michael Sawyer to approve the process for issuing status cards at NFN as presented.
Carried.

(iv) Funeral Assistance and Internment Policy

Moved by June Commanda
Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Funeral and Internment Policy as amended.
Carried.

(v) Cigarette Quota Policy

Moved by Rick Stevens
Seconded by Corey Goulais to approve the Cigarette Quota Policy as amended.
Carried.

(vi) Nbisiing Bus Lines

Moved by Rick Stevens
Seconded by Jane Commanda to approve the Nbisiing Bus Lines Policy as amended.
Carried.

(c) Housing Replacement Reserve Fund

Moved by Corey Goulais
Seconded by Michael Sawyer to approve an expenditure in the amount of $28,500.00 from the housing reserve fund budget for renovations to units 56, 62, 73, 85, 89 & 95 Sage Road and 42 Cranberry Crescent.
Carried.

(d) War Memorial Cenotaph Project

A briefing note was submitted to Council regarding the project to replace the War memorial cenotaph in Garden Village. Council requested that other Wars be included on the cenotaph, as well, the years of service for each veteran and that families be listed together.

Moved by Jane Commanda
Seconded by June Commanda to proceed with the War Memorial Cenotaph Project as presented and with additional recommendations.
Carried.

(e) External Boards

Council requested that members sitting on external board representing Nipissing First Nation submit reports to Council on their board business.

12. Standing Items:

(a) Annuities Claim – no additional information.
(b) Cannabis – Chief Scott McLeod and Dwayne Nashkawa, CEO are attending a summit with the Assembly of First Nation in Vancouver and will report to Council.

13. Adjournment:

Moved by Rick Stevens
Seconded by Brian Couchie to adjourn this meeting.
Carried.

** Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm **

** The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Garden Village. **