

April 2017 Council Weekly Meeting Summaries

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – April 5 2017

In Attendance:

☒ P Franks ☒ L Schell ☒ B Commandant ☒ T Greasley ☐ L Strength-Fenton

Agenda:

04.05.01 ICG Meeting – Reviewed previous council decision to close ICG. Reviewed financials, price of berries etc. Exit plans were discussed such as how to liquidate equipment, potential lessees. Need detailed MCR and announcement to community.

04.05.02 CHC Basement Issue – Basement at CHC has leak that requires immediate attention, requires new ditching to reroute the water away from the playground. Current contractor to work on solution and repair

04.05.03 Hiring Board – Chief and Council felt that all of council should have more input into the hiring of new staff.

Motions:

04.05.03 – Motion to assign Chief and Council as the full hiring board temporarily, will act as hiring board to all job postings on a temporary basis. Motion carried by consensus

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – April 12 2017

In Attendance:

☒ P Franks ☒ L Schell ☒ B Commandant ☒ T Greasley ☒ L Strength-Fenton

Agenda:

04.12.01 Trapping Request – A letter was requested by a member for permission to trap on the reserve as well as to obtain a trappers license through the MNR.

04.12.02 Donation Request – Glen Orchard/South Simcoe Hospital/Dreamcatcher Fund/Parry Sound Hospital – Donations of \$500 each were approved for the four requests

04.12.03 Housing Coordinator Position – motion required see below

04.12.04 ICG Announcement and MCR – Announcement of ICG closure was discussed and drafts of both announcement and MCR read. Final letter will be sent to all members April 13, website and PR release to be completed April 18. Final draft of MCR to be signed April 19 2017.

Advertise in next newsletter selling off juice/food inventory at the admin building at a discount. Also advertise that buildings and land are available for lease.

Motions:

04.12.02 – Motion to authorize a \$500 donation to Glen Orchard Public School, Algonquin Health Centre, Dreamcatcher Fund and Parry Sound Hospital. Carried by consensus.

04.12.03 – Motion to approve Matthew Commandant to be moved internally to complete the Housing Coordinator contract position as per the HR policy as of April 17 2017. Carried by consensus.

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – April 19 2017

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☑P Franks ☑L Schell ☑B Commandant ☑T Greasley ☑L Strength-Fenton

Agenda:

04.19.01 Finance – Presentation on budgets, any additions or budget requirements for Strategic Plan needed. Recap meeting scheduled

04.19.02 Education – Budget requirements for education presented. See motion below

04.19.03 Gibson Lake Cottage Association – requested yearly access for annual picnic at the large island in south Gibson Lake, fireworks to be held at large island as well. Permission granted by quorum, send letter requesting cleanup of area as well as waterfront area.

04.19.04 Legion Donation/Military Recognition Service Book – A donation of \$500 will be made to the local Bala legion in place of the service book. See motion below

Motions:

04.19.02 Education – Council approves the education budget for 2017/18 in the amount of \$370 860 and that no more than \$117 533 be taken from audited education surplus funds to cover the deficit. Carried by consensus

04.19.04 Legion Donation – Motion to donate \$500 to the Bala legion. Carried by consensus

April 2017 Council Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday April 25, 2017

- I. **Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Lawrence Schell, Councillor Blaine Commandant, Councillor Teresa Greasley, Councillor Strength-Fenton and members.

II. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

III. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Greasley, Seconded by Councillor Commandant and Councillor Strength-Fenton. Carried.

IV. **Adoption of Minutes of:** March 28, 2017 Moved by Councillor Commandant, Seconded by Councillor Greasley and Councillor Schell. Carried.

V. **New Business:**

- **Gibson Lake** – Yearly request to host the annual picnic, permission was granted.
- **Donations** – Yearly donations made to two local hospitals, school and legion and Dreamcatcher Fund, motion included below. Chief Franks stated that a budget for donations should be set as requests have increased.
- **Economic Development Update** – Fednor has provided funding for a feasibility study to look at development for Hwy 400 and the cranberry Marsh interchange. Inquiries into renting ICG space are being looked at. A study of Raggid Rapids rd. upgrades and development opportunities as well. The development Board of Directors should oversee any business opportunities.
- **Iroquois Caucus Motion** – Yearly fee of \$10 000 requested. Such things as legal experts for help with special causes, travel. Councillor Schell stated there should be reporting on the issues they are working on. Stuart lane mentioned that the National Indigenous Medical Cannabis Association is seeking to regulate medical marijuana on their own territory.
 - **Motion** – Motion to renew the yearly fee of \$10 000 to the Iroquois Caucus. Chief and Council are also requesting more reporting from the Caucus. Carried by consensus.
- **Member Programming Request** – Kyla Holmes is requesting a language nest for pre-schoolers to support language development within a childcare environment. She is also requesting an updated fitness facility with trainers and updated equipment to focus on the health of the community. Councillor Schell stated the cost can be prohibitive. Chief Franks stated that some research should be done first in the form of a community meeting to assess the feasibility. There was some discussion on language initiatives and if there is any interest in the community for immersion and the pros and cons of immersion programs. Councillor Commandant stated that a letter be sent with the detailed request to administration.

VI. Old Business/ Follow-up

- **Oath of Confidentiality** – The current Oath is linked to the Human Resource Management Policy which is an employee policy. This is problematic as elected bodies are not employees and it binds council to administrative functions. Councillor Commandant stated he is not aware of what is in the policy. Chief Franks stated it needs to be looked at again, deferred.
- **Additions to Reserve meeting – LEDSP application (Lands and Economic Development Service Program)** – The application will work towards getting a coordinator that will oversee the process. ATR items were updated within the work plan such as surveys, environmental assessments, hydro permits. Work is ongoing.

VII. Motion Summary:

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VIII. Questions/Comments:

McMaster Lake – Tim Thompson asked what the status of McMaster Lake is. There was discussion on issues such as the legal state and liability of the land since it is still in the hands of provincial or federal control although it may be covered by Wahta's blanket insurance policy. Chief Franks stated that staff have been carrying out some workplans on healing and wellness programming in the area, he also stated that the recent purchases of bunkies were made as a result of AIAI money that came during the last month of the fiscal year. It was felt by some that Chief and Council should be more aware to properly consult the membership on what should take place at this location, especially surrounding healing and wellness issues. Stuart Lane would like his name removed from land.

Cultural Healing Centre – Tim Thompson stated that he inquired about booking the Cultural Centre, he stated that the response was he had to pay \$250 and it needs to be an approved activity. He asked if everyone is getting charged and why the activity should be approved. It was asked if there was a policy. Councillor Commandant stated that it was reasonable that there would be approved or disapproved activities. Chief Franks stated he will find out the specific policy.

ICG - Lance DeCaire stated that there may be an auction to dispose of equipment. Equipment and product will be for sale to the community members first. All money will go into the general revenue fund. Councillor Commandant stated that there is a chance that the buildings could be leased but the land is not properly surveyed which could be problematic. Lance DeCaire stated that the frost will eventually kill the vines and that MFP as well as the store will be closed. There was further discussion about the closure, Ryan DeCaire asked if the main reason for closing was the survey that went out to members, Chief Franks stated that it was not only that but the loss of revenue over time, the current price of berries, the business structure etc. Councillor Greasley stated that council run business is not a sustainable business model.

IX. Next Meeting Date: May 23, 2017

X. Adjournment

XI. Closing