

# Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

- I. **Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor, Councillor Stuart Lane, Councillor Lawrence Schell and members.  
**Regrets:** Councillor Mike DeCaire
- II. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
- III. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Schell, Seconded, by Councillor Lane. Carried
- IV. **Adoption of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Minutes:** Moved by Councillor Schell, Seconded, by Councillor Lane. Carried
- V. **Actions Arising:**

## Old Business / Follow Up

**Land Claim Update:** Chief Franks missed an email from Phil Healey, a conference call is planned for tomorrow with Healey and Council. The email did inform Wahta regarding Healeys' costs and that the higher the settlement the costs will decrease his percentage. Councillor Schell said that he would like the opinion of another lawyer, Councillor Lane added that Healey already knows the file and that there would be additional costs to seek another lawyers opinion because they would have to familiarize themselves with the file. The end of February is the deadline to approach the courts on this matter.

**Website Update:** Councillor Greasley updated everyone on the website, registration information is available on the website and it also went out in the newsletter, members can now access community meeting minutes, BCR's, calendar of events etc. The website is updated monthly.

**Final Draft- Violence Against Women:** Deferred until next meeting.

## New Business:

**Tobacco Allocations:** The allocation agreement is the same as the previous one with the same guidelines that retailers must meet. The allocations are down approximately 47 cartons from last year. There was a motion to agree to the 2015 MOF tobacco allocations, but this was deferred until tomorrow evening when Councillor DeCaire is present. The applications for allocations will be going out soon.

**Georgian Bay Tax Bill:** The tax bill that Wahta receives for the property that was purchased has to be in a trustee's name, it cannot be in Wahta Mohawks. There was some discussion that once the land claim goes through that the taxes that were paid could possibly be reimbursed. The bill is currently in the names of Councillor Lane and Shirley Hay.

**Trap Lines:** There was a notice in the recent newsletter regarding the vacant trap lines, and contact information for Scott Aubichon to apply.

**General Meeting for March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** There is a general meeting scheduled to discuss and present information concerning the state of ICG, budgets, expenditures, economic development, infrastructure, education, the strategic plan, etc.

**Consultation Plan:** Chief Franks briefly explained the consultation plan and that it is a policy which explains how consultation will be carried out, there are different levels of consultation dependant on the impact to membership, and an example of a high level consultation would be membership. More information is on the Wahta Mohawks website. Chief Franks also asks that if anyone needs further explanation to please not hesitate to call for further information.

**Hydro:** There was a meeting with Hydro and discussions concerning real estate leases, monies and payments, and the in-kind donation of 1.5 million dollars from hydro. Chief Franks explained that these funds could not be allocated where Wahta directs them and that the agreement that past council signed allows hydro to direct where the funds will be used. Hydro wants to use these funds for a distribution line near 12 Mile Bay Rd. to improve service and also upgrade the lines coming into the community with 3 phase hydro, there was also talk of a transfer station at Foots Bay. There was discussion that Hydro is using these funds for work that would be done anyway. Councillor Lane said that Hydro told him that there would be residual benefits but hydro was not clear on what they would be. As asked, Hydro said they will put together a package with any documents they have regarding themselves and Wahta. There will be another meeting soon.

**Church:** There was some discussion about that lack of activity at the church, currently there is not a board, and some questions were asked, such as would it be possible to allow other denominations to have services there and does that effect the United Church? What does the community want to do? Chief Franks suggested taking this to the general meeting.

**Status Cards:** Chief Franks said there has been a problem with status cards, some people were able to go to Moose Deer to renew their cards but they are not doing now, they are out of cards, Rama no longer does it and so the only option is to go to Toronto. Chief Franks is sending a MCR which states, pursuant to the Indian Act that AANDC is responsible for the maintenance of the registrar and identification of who is entitled to be a registered Indian. Wahta is insisting that AANDC carry this out by sending someone here to renew cards. Chief Franks will find out what the advantages vs disadvantages would be if Wahta did their own cards.

**VI. Next meeting:** March 31, 2015

**VII. Motion to adjourn:** Moved by Councillor Schell. Carried.

**VIII. Closing:**