

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 28th, 2015

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Lawrence Schell, Councillor Mike DeCaire, Councillor Teresa Greasley and members.
- 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 Greasley. Carried.
- IV. Adoption of June 30, 2015, Minutes:** Moved by Councillor Schell, Seconded, by Councillor Greasley
- V. Actions Arising:**
 - Status Cards
 - Communication Officer Position – There were three candidates but when contacted they were no longer available, the position will be advertised again.

Old Business/ Follow-up

- Land Claim
There was a proposal sent to the lawyer but there has been no response from him as of last Friday, July 24th. There was discussion over the time it takes Healey to respond because he has other cases. There is concern about the extension date and the need to move this forward, Chief Franks said that Healey will be here for the Sept. 26th General Meeting but he will try to contact him prior to then.
- Jury Duty- contact information will be in the newsletter
- Rogers Tower- There is a site assessment being completed at the potential site, located near the cranberry marsh. A member asked if an agreement has been made with Rogers, Chief Franks said that there has not been an agreement at this time as the location is still being assessed. A member enquired if there has been environmental study, Chief Franks will look into this but it's unlikely as a site has not been approved.

New Business

- Audit- The audit will be presented at Sept. 26th, General Meeting – Last week Chief and Council met to review the audit with the Auditors. Chief and Council approved the audit with a minor change of a heading. There was nothing outstanding that the auditor had to bring forward and it will be submitted prior to the deadline and uploaded to Ontario Reports for AANDC. In January of 2016 AANDC will be posting a score card for all First Nations, Chief Franks has concern that it is viewed as a comparison, and discussed how last year Wahta Mohawks was reported as not having the audit submitted by the deadline when in fact it had been. This process is new, Chief Franks spoke to other Chiefs about this, it was suggested that First Nations hold back the audit, there was further discussion around the negativity regarding the scorecard and possibly writing a letter to AANDC to communicate Wahta Mohawks concerns.
- Sound System – There was some discussion about different sound systems available. Councillor Greasley said that there was a sound system that had already been purchased and if it's used properly it may be sufficient. Councillor Greasley will look into this further.

- Citizenship Consultation – Chief Franks said that Council is going to consider a contract position for this and that there are funds of approximately \$80,000.00 available, which would also include supports for this community project.
- Student Nutritional Program – MCR 2015/2016-17 was read, Chief and Council approved and support the Student Nutrition Program (2015-18) to the Ministry of Children & Youth Services with services to be based from the Cultural Healing Centre. Wahta will receive transfer payments to develop and deliver Nutritional Services for the students, funding is provided for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school year and Wahta Mohawks agree to fund the SNP for the 2017-2018 school year.

VI. Next Meeting: August 25th , 2015

VII. Motion To Adjourn:

VIII. Closing:

Adoption of the Minutes of July 28th, 2015

Community Meeting



Chief Philip Franks



Councillor Teresa Greasely



Councillor Lawrence Schell



Councillor Mike DeCaire



Councillor Stuart Lane