

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday Feb. 23 2016

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Mike DeCaire, Councillor Teresa Greasley, and members.
- II. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Greasley, Seconded by Councillor DeCaire. Carried.
- IV. Adoption of January 26, 2016, Minutes:** Deferred
- V. Old Business/Follow Up**

Hydro Payout Update – Aiming to get payout by March 31 2016, everyone who got a cheque in the past will get a cheque again. The administration fee was lowered from \$20 000 to \$10 000. Less than 1% of total amount.

FNMHF – This is the replacement of the Ministerial guarantee program through AANDC. Wahta Mohawks was awarded 5 million through the credit enhancement fund. A bank now needs to be identified although BMO, Scotia Bank and TD are possible candidates. Agreement templates still need to be looked at by a lawyer. Council must identify the needs of the community and determine what types of loans/mortgages will be supported. Some possibilities could be such things as long term care facility, rent to own housing, subsidized housing, or individual mortgages. Chief Franks stated Rama had issues with people not paying.

AIAI Update

Tobacco - The tobacco quotas are coming up. Wahta takes the lesser agreement that gives council less authority. Certain responsibilities still remain such as not selling to minors but we are not policing who sells to native vs. non native people. AIAI did a review of the tobacco allocation system, still not completed but some upcoming changes are that people that sell out of their house cannot get quota. People also cannot sell their quota. March 31 2016 Tobacco Application deadline is in the newsletter; applications are at the front desk of band hall.

Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs –AIAI Chiefs are looking into signing an working relationship agreement. Gov't would like to look at treaties, review them and how the treaties apply to modern times but this was rejected by AIAI.

AIAI Health Social Advisory Board – this has been reorganized so that it is more effective, the main goal will be to discuss non insured health benefits and child welfare. If anyone has any complaints about non insured health benefits, please contact health dept. The Federal gov't spent 91 million dollars to fight tobacco but have shortages in child welfare

Loreen Downey mentioned some diabetes medication was not covered that should be.

Education – Since 1987 post secondary education has declined, AIAI said they would like to meet with the ministers in Ottawa and lobby for improved education. Status people cannot leave Canada and get equal access to education. They would like to start talking to the teacher's union in Ontario to get more FN teachers and assistants into the classrooms. There is some resistance from teacher unions. Amy Davidson mentioned that the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund has funds available for education as well. Residential school survivors will be given preference

Mother Risk program – Over 90 000 hair tests thought to show drug or alcohol use were flawed. An inquiry will look into if anyone had their children removed as a result of the test.

Status Cards – Iroquois Caucus will be sending out a letter on behalf of Chiefs to the minister stating that we should never have an expiry date on status cards and also make it easier and more accessible to get status cards. An expiry only makes sense if it is a child. Karen Sahanatien has offered to assist with online applications. Expired cards need a new picture and passport, it takes about 4-6 weeks.

VI. Questions/Comments

Phone Scam – Loreen Downey mentioned there is a CRA calling scam going around that is threatening people that their bank account will be shut down.

Names - A request was made by Shirley Hay to list names of people that have questions/comments in the minutes, Chief Franks said they would consider it.

Walkways - Loreen Downey mentioned their driveways were not shovelled in front of the door for 2 weeks and there is an accumulation of ice. One of the sanders was broken, staff do rotate shifts. Amy Davidson asked if that dept. can have separate hours different from admin based on needs of the community

Wheelchair access – Dennis Stock asked about when he will be compensated for his stair lift.

ICG Questions - Shirley Hay asked if ICG rent space for the store here at Wahta and if commission is paid? Everything sold goes back to ICG, commission or rent is not paid from sales at the Wahta location.

VII. Next Meeting: March 29 2016

VIII. Motion To Adjourn: Moved by Councillor DeCaire, Seconded by Councillor Greasley

IX. Closing:

Adoption of the Minutes of

Community Meeting



Chief Philip Franks



Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Lawrence Schell



Councillor Mike DeCaire

Councillor Stuart Lane