

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: January 26 2016

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Teresa Greasley, Councillor Lane and members.
- II. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Lane, Seconded by Councillor Greasley. Carried.
- IV. Adoption of December 15, 2015, Minutes:** Moved by Councillor Greasley Seconded by Councillor Lane, Carried.
- V. Old Business/Follow Up**

Human Rights Tribunal – Canadian Gov't has been proven to be discriminatory against First Nation Communities in their funding for child welfare services. This can lead to positive improvements. This has been mostly a Federal gov't issue instead of provincial.

Land Claim Update – the lawyer has given suggestions for the claim settlement to start at 150 million spread over a time period of approx. 6 years. Chief Franks reiterated that we did not have adequate representation and the government was working against us instead of for us. This settlement amount is only a preliminary suggestion; Phil Healy will be in attendance for the general meeting to answer any further questions.

Hydro Update – Mediation will address the 1.5 million of in kind services and the 3 areas of the amendment agreement. According to Councillor Lane this was not supposed to be written in stone and should have been flexible and based on good will and the spirit of friendship and cooperation, instead it has been looked upon strictly as a business contract. If mediation is not successful then it will go to an arbitrator. Hydro has not made any further comments about the amount of compensation Wahta has received to date, it was suggested that Wahta receives more than many other reserves.

VI. New Business:

Portfolios – 5 areas identified within the portfolio system, each councillor can get ongoing reports from admin and staff within these areas. Council can meet every month or when reports are submitted to discuss with all of council any issues from each dept. area. This will serve to identify areas of weakness such as staying within budgets and meeting budgets. The purpose of this is to improve communication and have more reporting to admin/council. Council will also be more informed of the hiring practices and be on the hiring board for that area.

One recent example was Councillor Schell looking at more efficient ways to deal with snow plowing. Some comments were made about the times the snow plow drivers are going out and if they should have to wait or go out as needed. Chief Franks reminded everyone that maintenance is still an under funded dept. and costs, wages etc. need to be considered. Councillor Lane suggested council should be full time to take on portfolio roles and he does not want to be delegated to a certain area. Chief Franks stated that roles and responsibilities are set out and have to be followed and council needs to be aware and self governing of anyone on council that over extends, this document is critical. Councillor Greasley stated that it is a more productive way to communicate more effectively. It was suggested that goals need to be set out in order for it to be achievable and be linked to a political action plan. One member suggested that having a council member available to employees was a benefit and agreed with this system and that it has been implemented in the past.

Strategic Plan Update – Council met recently to update the 5 year plan, as soon as one year is over another year is added. Certain areas that need work are membership, election and referendum codes. Money has been set aside for this, the job has been posted to for 2 rounds now without success, it has been suggested to approach it as a contract job. Economic development was discussed to keep development going although no additional larger projects will be undertaken with only one year left in term. A board of directors is still being implemented to oversee band business such as ICG. It was asked if we evaluate

ongoing items within the strategic plan and it was stated that council recently spent time working on evaluating the latest plan and it will be updated and available on the website.

VII. Questions/Comments

It was asked what the final budget was for the Cultural Centre is, Chief Franks stated that the final numbers will be presented at the general meeting from finance. A number of budget overruns were listed such as heat ventilation, electrical, asbestos issues etc. These will be covered from general funds. Full information will be included at the general meeting including contractors, amounts paid, budgets etc.

Councillor Lane asked what the duties are for Councillor Greasley's job description are and mentioned he does not receive activity reports

VIII. Next Meeting: Feb. 23 2016

IX. Motion To Adjourn: Moved by Councillor Greasley Seconded by Councillor Lane, Carried.

Adoption of the Minutes of Community Meeting



Chief Philip Franks



Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Lawrence Schell

Councillor Mike DeCaire

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Lane', written over a horizontal line.

Councillor Stuart Lane