

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: October 25 2016

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Mike DeCaire, Councillor Teresa Greasley, Councillor Lane and members.
- II. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Decaire, Seconded by Councillor Greasley. Carried.
- IV. Adoption of September 27, 2016, Minutes:** Moved by Councillor Decaire Seconded, by Councillor Greasley
- V. Old Business/Follow Up**

Land Claim MCR – An MCR has been submitted and will be issued to the lawyer so that the ATR (Additions to reserve) can proceed. MCR included in following pages

MRP Decision - Surveys and meetings were held to discuss creating our own MRP law. Over half of the respondents had concerns of how it would be done fairly. Staying within the Federal law is an option and does give rights to spouses. Creating our own law has been put on hold as there does not seem to be a large degree of interest. Motion 2015/16-46B will be rescinded as a MRP law will not move forward at this time.

VI. New Business:

Ontario First Nations Economic Forum/Ministers Meeting - Chief Franks and Councillor Greasley attended the AEDF Conference on how to keep community businesses sustainable. Many speakers reiterated that band councils should not oversee band businesses but there should be diversification into other areas of business. A meeting with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs was held to start an Economic Development Study. We came away with some key contacts and a commitment to get a study started and how Wahta can develop more economic planning.

Strategic/Capital Plan FNIIP – The Council Community Strategic Plan has been updated for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 fiscal years. It will be presented in more detail at upcoming general meeting.

AANDC requires an annual capital plan and asset reporting in which First Nations report on the condition of all assets including community buildings, roads and bridges, lands, and the general state of repair required. This assessment determines how our INAC operation and maintenance funding will be utilized and establishes priorities on those projects. Any further capital projects must be requested on a project by project basis. The following are some areas where additional funding is being applied for or has been already approved:

Immediate Needs Fund – Approved \$330 K: This funding is for capacity development including, housing policy and housing authority development including staff training opportunities;

Small Communities Fund Approved 2,333K Total 3.5M: for water treatment plant in core area including distribution to Seniors, request INAC 1,300K FNIIP potential

Water Distribution – FNIIP Application Phase 2 and 3 of water distribution to extend it beyond the core area. To East Boundary – 6.48M, to West Boundary – 2.48M

Clean Water Wastewater Fund – Review water treatment plant at administration to bring it to a drinking water standard and/or feasibility re: water treatment plant. Approved – 115K

Landfill Study – Landfill study needed to determine the current status of the Wahta landfill. Waste Transfer Station study including decommissioning our landfill, reaching a possible municipal type service (MTSA) agreement with District of Muskoka.

Community Comprehensive Plan - INAC Request 250K - Update to 1994 study, nothing has been done 25 years later. The new project would look at all the community needs including capital.

Subdivision Surveying – Approved: 90K Surveying of Strength property and senior's units to add additional lots in the core area. The plan is for another 24 lots which must include electrification, sewer, water etc. INAC Request – 1.5M

Administration Building Roof - INAC Request: 500K Repair of the band hall roof, there are now class C estimates being sought. Areas along the roof are breaking down, once this happens it can affect the integrity of the structure of the building, it must be addressed through infrastructure funding.

Recreation Centre - INAC Request: \$1M - There is a need for a place for the Youth for a recreational activity for the community. the balance would need to be supported on a 50/50 basis and could be funded through Culture and Recreation and/or Trust or Trillium Foundation by proposal.

Cultural Museum –INAC Request: 500K Build upon our own collections of artifacts, this includes proper ventilation at CHC funded through Tourism, Culture and Recreation. Work with Woodland Cultural Centre.

Internet Connectivity Study – INAC Request 500K This project will look at our internet options and specifically fibre optics options. There may be an accessible fibre optics trunk line in the area. Improved internet connection is a key infrastructure investment for community development.

LTC Needs Assessment – A contract has been entered to perform a Needs Assessment and the project coordinator will be present at the next general meeting. This study is to see what the community long term health care needs are, what do people want to see implemented and how that would take place. We will be looking

for members to sit on the Advisory group. Currently there is funding application through AIAI for increased nursing in home care for the community

LHIN – 180 K, A proposal to fund a new position of Health Coordinator, a new disability van and commercial dishwasher was submitted to the LHIN to support health programming needs in the community.

Chief Franks explained the LHIN/Local Health Integration Network distributes health money to our area and assesses where the needs are. Representatives of the LHIN met with Chief and Council and the Aboriginal Liaison. We discussed our long-term care needs and that we wish to have these under our own control. Chief Franks explained they have a new initiative calling “Putting Patients First” but it may overlap with the funding that comes directly to First Nations communities and have been working with the Chiefs of Ontario. Aboriginal communities need to continue to ensure and determine and control how the funding flows for First Nation communities.

VII. Motion Summary

10.05.03 CFO Position – Council is taking the recommendation from the HR dept. for the CFO position to be filled by the current CFO. Moved by Chief Franks, seconded by Councillor Decaire and Councillor Greasley, carried.

10.19.04 MRP - Motion to rescind MCR 2016/16-46b regarding drafting an MRP law due to lack of participation and feedback. Issue deferred. Moved by Chief Franks, seconded by Councillor Decaire and Councillor Greasley, carried.

VIII. Questions/Comments

Reminder for the upcoming general meeting this Saturday for the land lottery, strategic plan and ICG update.

IX. Next Meeting Date: November 29 2016 (changed to Nov 22 2016)

X. **Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Councillor Decaire Seconded, by Councillor Greasley

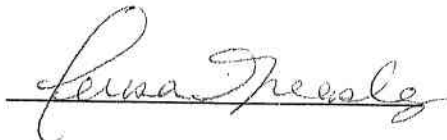
XI. **Closing:**

Adoption of the Minutes of

Community Meeting



Chief Philip Franks



Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Lawrence Schell



Councillor Mike DeCaire

Councillor Stuart Lane