

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday June 28 2016

- I. **Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Mike DeCaire, Councillor Teresa Greasley, and members and guest Kevin Deer.
- 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 April 26, 2016 Minutes:** Deferred, additions to be added.
- V. **Old Business/Follow Up**

Previous Minutes Updates April 26, 2016:

- AIAI general assembly conference was successful here at Wahta.
- The process is underway to have Waneek Horn-Millar consult with the community. She and her team will discuss how we want to identify blood quantum and/or continue to follow the Indian Act. Chief Franks confirmed the proposal will be shared with the community.
- ICG – A board will still be set up to separate itself from council and administration discussions are ongoing. Tim Thompson mentioned that a board should not have only two families.
- Land Claim – There is a jurisdictional issue whereas Ontario now has to be part of the process and Phil Healy may have to rewrite the statement of claim. He is not yet clear on where the case stands and has not provided further information.
- **Hydro Mediation Update** – It was agreed to give 1.5 million of in kind services which included 3 Phase power, distribution station and consulting services. Upon further talks with hydro it was stated by Councillor Lane that this list was supposed to be open to other needs of the community as they arise. They did not agree and talks broke down which lead to the recent mediation.

Mediation day was May 25 2016 with Justice Colin Campbell, retired Judge. During the pre meeting they stated the mediation is over and asked where we can make movement, an agreement was reached. The following points were made:

- Wahta will obtain BCR allowing for Twelve Mile Bay and consent to DX permit.
- Wahta will prepare map of reserve showing location of 16 lot subdivision, planned water treatment facility, and commercial development area along the service road as soon as possible.
- Formalize process for customer connections specific to large customers on Wahta reserve and specifically identifying the feasibility of the following customer connections/in-kind services:
 - 3 areas of possible subdivision, the units, Strength property and Lyla Lane
 - water treatment plant
 - three phase power
 - commercial site on highway
 - collaboration on future projects/needs
- Parties understand that in-kind services need to be within regulatory framework and ensuring Hydro One and Wahta meet the regulatory requirements

Geraldine Fox asked if it was extra cost for this, Chief Franks said that further meetings will determine the assessment of costs incurred by Hydro for these items. Geraldine Fox asked if there was an advantage to the distribution station for Wahta, Councillor DeCaire stated that there may be fewer hydro outages but that it is really not an advantage, it is something that Hydro wants.

Council would like things that are advantageous to Wahta which is not 3 phase at this time. This is only required for factories.

Glen Jones asked what needed to be signed, Chief Franks stated it is a Mohawk Council Resolution to allow the Distribution station.

VI. New Business

Motion Summary

- **May 4 2016**

Motion #1: Chief and Council are in agreement with consensus to award the Roads Improvement Project to Sahanatien Haulage at the rate of 9.15/ton as per tendered up to a maximum of \$137 250. Motion moved by Councillor DeCaire, seconded by Councillor Lane, motion carried.

Motion #2: Motion to accept the 2016/2017 education budget. Council agrees to review the education policy adjustments and make recommendations to the Education coordinator. Moved by Councillor DeCaire seconded by Councillor Greasley. Carried

Motion #3: Motion to pay the yearly payment of \$10 000 to Iroquois Caucus. Moved by Chief Franks seconded by Councillor Lane. Carried

- **May 18 2016**

Motion #1: Motion made by Councillor DeCaire to accept the updated Education budget and approve funding of additional applicants. Seconded by Councillor Lane. Carried.

Motion #2: Motion to donate \$1000 to the Francis Pegahmagabow life size sculpture of this war hero in Parry Sound sponsored by Wasauksing First Nation. Carried by consensus

- **June 22 2016**

Motion #1: Motion to present the Community Development process at the June 28 public meeting which includes membership consultation, communication consultation and community issues mediation and development. Carried by consensus.

VII. New Business Continued:

Francis Pegahmagabow Donation – Council approved a \$1000 donation to the life size statue of Francis Pegahmagabow war hero, highly decorated by the military but not recognized once he returned home to Wasauksing. He was a leader in his community and Chief for quite some time. The statue was erected on Aboriginal Day June 21 2016 at the Stockley Centre in Parry Sound.

OPP Update/ Medical Marijuana – Council met with the new community liaison officer to speak with them about their position on Medical Marijuana, traffic management and the recent robberies. There was a request for council support for the sale of Medical Marijuana. Council came to an agreement that we cannot support something that is against the criminal code at this time and will not provide the related Band Council Resolution. Medical Marijuana is not the same issue as tobacco and the law at this time is clear. There was recently an investment opportunity that was presented to council regarding growing medical marijuana but timelines prevented council from going through the Community Consultation Plan and

therefore the plan could not move ahead based on the timelines required. This issue needed to be presented to the community in detail prior to any agreement with an outside party.

There currently is no mechanism in place for members to acquire approval for opening a business, it was mentioned that one smoke shop may have sought permission years ago as a matter of courtesy. It was agreed there is no infrastructure to implement business and/or by law regulations. Some industries such as gasoline stations are already regulated.

Tim Thompson mentioned that community oversight was in place when the last council hired a by-law officer, there was some disagreement on this point. Chief Franks mentioned that it was a conservation officer which may not be the same thing and no one was necessarily upholding by-laws. Carol Holmes mentioned that depending on who is on council this could present unfair results to certain individuals through biased treatment.

Cultural Healing Centre Programming Update

- a. **Programming Date Change** – Councillor Greasley pointed out this is a 4 series workshop with one workshop being held in January at Red Leaves. The original date for the first workshop July 9 which has to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict.
- b. **4 Series Workshop** – For the past 12 years there was only one annual conference. A series will be held this time which will require ongoing participation. The first one is on Lateral Violence. The attendees and coordinators will be deciding upon the upcoming themes. Karen Commandant mentioned that Health Canada did not want to invest the \$80 000 per year expense and had to resubmit and reconfigure the series and implement a different approach to obtain funding. Millie Falconer asked why we have to attend two out of the three events. It was stated because they are related in a series and the intent is to have people move through the workshop topics and commitment to the process together as well as satisfying Health Canada requirements. It will be quarterly workshops that

require either a one day or two-day commitment. Glen Jones asked if the staff have done any evaluation follow up. Karen Commandant stated they have but those are only statistics and Health Canada wants to see more quantitative change. It was confirmed that the community is in crisis. Tim Thompson requested the full report from last conference completed by Jane Middleton Moz. It was stated that it was provided at the band office and can still be picked up. It was felt that there was not enough follow up on the issues of crisis in the community, Chief Franks stated that the upcoming workshops can deal with things that were identified by Jane Middleton Moz such as sexual abuse and that the ongoing community Unity process with Kevin Deer and Ed Conners are focusing on this as well.

- c. **Coordinators** – Kevin Deer spoke of the upcoming community unity process. Chief Franks stated that Council and Admin are in no way controlling the process. It is in the hands of the coordinators with council approval on budgets. Key groups were identified that they will have discussions with. Glen Jones asked what staff has to do with this. Chief Franks stated they do take some abuse and are also an important part of the community. Kevin Deer spoke at length about identifying his role in this process. His intent is to identify concerns with specific groups and have their points acknowledged and validated with the intention of leading to better understanding of each others positions and peace in the community.
- d. **Budgets** - \$80 000 was originally identified for membership consultation as well as \$20 000 for collection and assessment and \$20 000 for Ed Conners/Kevin Deere Peace Initiative. Chief & Council approved the budget of \$120 000 for all three initiatives. Funding can be used from OLG, Casino Rama, Hydro lease money etc as well as any other funding alternatives that can be utilized from future gov't funding sources.

VIII. Questions/Comments

Final total on Cultural Healing Centre totals will be provided at the July 15 2016 general meeting. The audit has been completed which will also be presented.

Giant gas tank rusting away down Moon River Rd.
Glen Jones mentioned to put NO Dumping signs

IX. Next Meeting Date:

July 26, 2016

X. Motion To Adjourn:

Councillor DeCaire moved to adjourn, 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