

WAHTA MOHAWKS COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
August 26th, 2014

1. Call to Order- Chief Franks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to accept the Agenda – Mike DeCaire made the motion; Teresa Greasley seconded the motion

Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2014; Chief Franks read the meeting minutes aloud.

Councillor Lane had some questions pertaining to ICG cost of storage. Chief Franks clarified. Chief Franks explained the potential packaging, refrigeration and purchasing possibilities with Algoma which would significantly reduce freezer storage possibilities.

Councillor Lane asked for clarification regarding Wahta's costs to pursue land claim. Chief Franks deferred this to later in the agenda in order to complete approval of minutes.

2. **Motion to approve minutes of July 2014**- motion made by Mike DeCaire. Councillor Lane seconded the motion with minor typo corrections.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Iroquois Cranberry Growers – There is an agenda item pertaining to a motion to enter into an agreement with Algoma.

Bala Falls – An update is provided in the Council package.

INAC visit in Wahta. Representatives met with Administration

The development of Bob Antone doing a review of code had some delay. Will proceed one phase at a time. A legal review is being completed as well. Chief Franks has asked to move this process along due to the urgency of the matter.

Land claim: Further discussions with Lawyer to move forward however there is a need to obtain archival records from Administration office. There is a less than 6 month time frame to take this forward to courts and to the Government to consider.

Free trade agreement: The Nations involved will have another conference call after a list of items and services are compiled in each Nation.

Agenda Items:

Restricted Services Policy:

Council asked to consider the existing Restricted Services policy and put this into effect as it pertains to the Cease and Desist Letter and the members associated to the Fire be added to Restricted Services List immediately.

Councilor Karen Commandant- Resignation:

Chief Franks read aloud a letter from Karen Commandant regarding her resignation from council.

The Council Resolution MCR# 2014/15-75 was read aloud regarding the bi-election announcement for October 25, 2014 for the vacant position of Council. The appointment of Electoral Officer; Kelly Maracle from the Mohawks of Bay of Quinte and Matthew Commandant as Assistant Electoral Officer. Shirley Sahanatien, Lisa Smith, and Jaime Maracle have been appointed as the Appeal Board.

Iroquois Cranberry Growers Proposal:

Chief Franks read aloud Mohawk Council Motion #2014/15-75 regarding BERSs, KPMG/Algoma Orchard proposal and financial analysis to sell frozen product, juice, package and transport in the amount of \$250,000.00. The motion is to release the funds to ICG in the amount of \$250,000.00 and accept the proposal in principle. Specific terms of contract still need to be identified.

Iroquois Caucus:

Agreement to continue affiliation with the Iroquois Caucus and pay the 2014/2015 membership fees in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Pioneer Solar Update:

Discussion occurred regarding the potential project/partnership and potential upfront costs to Wahta Mohawk to move forward with this possibility. Council will need to carefully consider the possible percentage return vs the start-up costs to proceed.

Bala Falls Update:

There was supposed to be some consultation years ago, however it is believed that it was nothing more than a phone call. The feeling is that proper consultation did not occur as the plan to generate power has changed. The issue is that there wasn't consultation regarding this move as it pertains to the historic portage site. Thursday August 28 there will be a media event; Chief Franks and Council members to attend to address the lack of consultation. The event is open to attend to witness and or canoe the portage route.

New Business:

A question from a member to have a copy of minutes to be placed on the website. Once the meetings have been approved and typos are corrected the meetings can be added to the website.

A question regarding the Iroquois Caucus meeting in Wahta was raised. Councillor Greasley stated that there is no space to meet at this time.

A question regarding when a meeting with Chief Franks and the Fire will happen. Chief Franks stated that as soon as the report from Bob Atone and legal opinion is completed, and Council has had an opportunity to review this report this could be a basis for discussion.

Question was raised as to how the Wahta Community Fire had access to member's addresses. Chief Franks stated that this information did not come from the Administration office. The concern being that it is illegal for anyone not authorized to have this information.

An apology was made regarding the start time of this meeting. An error in posting the start time of the meeting was made.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.