

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 2014

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor, Councillor Stuart Lane, Councillor Mike DeCaire, Councillor Lawrence Schell and members.
- II. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Dan Stock gave the Thanksgiving Address.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor DeCaire, Seconded, by Councillor Schell. Carried.
- IV. Adoption of October 28th, 2014 Minutes**
Adopted with noted corrections / additions
- V. Actions Arising**

Old Business / Follow Up

Land Claim Update: Chief Franks spoke with Phil Healey a week ago, Healey is leaving Aird & Berlis and would still want to represent Wahta. It is uncertain if Healey is joining another firm or starting his own. Chief Franks will contact Healey for discussion about this and also Aird & Berlis for more information. Aird & Berlis still have the Wahta Mohawks Land Claim file. The documents need to be submitted by the end February. There was more discussion regarding costs, Chief Franks will speak further to Healey and Aird & Berlis.

Bala Falls Portage: Wahta's position remains with the issue of duty to consult. Wahta's concerns have been received by different departments within the governments. The letters have been read but it's been difficult to get meetings with the provincial and federal government officials to clarify the definition of duty to consult and our concerns regarding this. There have been no trespassing signs posted at the site, Chief Franks thinks that Wahta may have been too late getting involved and that the dam will be built.

Pioneer Solar System: The position is to reapply next year and be prepared, there is a 20 day turn around, and this was not enough time to build roads etc. There has been a couple meetings with Pioneer, Wahta inquired about the life of the motors that move the panels, some of the other equipment is guaranteed for 20 years but the motors are not.

Rental Units Septic System: A new system has been successfully installed and the tenants are happy. A member said that Council was told about this and it had been

reported two years ago, Chief Franks does not know why there was a delay but it was reported to this Council in August or September and the repairs were made.

Nursing Station Update: Chief Franks met with Dana regarding the terms of funding from the Family Health Team, an agreement has not been issued due to recent administration changes with the Family Health Team, Dana has spoken to the Huntsville office and is now waiting for the agreement. Dana has been working on a renovation proposal for the building, she is waiting on quotes and will then present the proposal to the Trust for funding. The Trust will first be presented the proposal for funding for the renovations. Chief Franks stated that Wahta has been funding the NP Station and that the trust may fund the renovations.

There was a discussion about government funding and that the funding must be used before year end or there are claw backs. Chief Franks said that Wahta is fortunate to have funds for programs such as the Health and Wellness Conference and that there are other reserves that cannot afford these kinds of programs. Recently council approved expenditures to increase the post-secondary budget by 228,000.00, Wahta is applying for funding to try and accommodate all those on the list.

Chief Franks announced that the Finance position has been filled after going through the hiring process, Alice Murphy has joined Wahta Mohawks, Wahta will still use KPMG for audit purposes.

New Business:

Administration Code: Chief Franks said as indicated in previous meetings that legal advisor Mr. Herbert and Bob Antones came in to review the codes, Chief Franks again clarified that they did not influence them. A draft consultation plan was introduced, as of today the consultation plan is being worked on so that Wahta can move forward with the code and other things. It will be after Christmas before it gets out to the members. Chief and Council are asking for community input. Scott Aubichon is working on the consultation plan now, this plan can work for everything and all situations.

A member asked about costs regarding Bob Antones and Chief Franks response was that consultation fees usually run approximately \$1200.00 a day but we will have the actual costs when the invoice comes in from Antones.

Councillor Lane brought up a question regarding the consultation plan and if people don't participate but disagree. Chief said that the consultation plan should record contact with the members and that they have been consulted, it will be more than just a package sent in the mail but will include further contact, the initial consultation plan is a draft but didn't go into the "how's" and methods of delivery, whether internet, members that live here or away, etc. this is being worked on so everyone is reached.

Chief Franks acknowledged Bill Hay and asked what he wanted to discuss. Bill Hay brought up the internet service, the hiring of Jason Polzer (I.T.) and issues pertaining to the non-use of internet from his business. Chief Franks said he thought there was a problem with it but wasn't sure exactly what it was and that he isn't at the building much. Council has not discussed this. Bill Hay said there is an unpaid invoice owing to his company Indignet, Chief Franks said he would note this.

Dennis Stock asked about an issue regarding steps, Chief Franks responded indicating that there is funding for these kinds of problems and that there is a process to obtain help with this.

A member inquired about the apartment that was Bob Schell's, there is someone that is interested in renting the apartment, Chief Franks said he would look into this.

Dan Stock brought up a letter and asked if Council had approved it, Chief Franks said that Council had discussed it. Council discussed the situation with respect to reports from the lawyer, the past court case, reference materials and framed it into a way describing the situation that entails three different parties. Dan Stock said he wanted to know who wrote the letter. Chief Franks said that it was probably Karen Commandant and Councillor Greasely that gathered the information and facts. Chief Franks and Councillor DeCaire seen the draft, Councillor Schell had not seen it but it was written before he was on Council. There was a disagreement on the accuracy of this letter. Chief Franks said this was based on the Falls Group legal advice.

A member asked about status and why his children are eligible for status and not membership and different variances on status approval, after much discussion and an explanation of determining membership and status, Chief Franks suggested the appeals process and directed the member to inquire about this by contacting Karen Sahanatien.

Dan Stock inquired about the date that Karen Commandant was appointed as Senior Administrator, Chief Franks will have the office look at this.

Chief Franks said that the minutes will not be on the website until it is set up with a secure log in area for the members to view them, for now there are hard copies available, he also added that minutes are not available until they are approved and signed by Council. Chief Franks said that there are digital recordings of all the meetings but that there may not be one from the first meeting. The member's portal should be available soon

Chief Franks said a meeting with Hydro One was postponed but will be rescheduled to discuss the in kind donation and relations between Hydro and Wahta.

VI. Next meeting: Next meeting will be posted.

VII. Motion to adjourn: Moved by Councillor DeCaire. Carried.

VIII. Closing: Dan Stock did the closing.

Adoption of the Minutes of November 25th, 2014

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Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Teresa Greasely

Councillor Lawrence Schell

Councillor Mike DeCaire

Councillor Stuart Lane