

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15 2015

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Lawrence Schell, 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 December 15, 2015, Minutes:** Moved by Councillor DeCaire Seconded, by Councillor Lane
- V. Old Business/Follow Up**

Hydro Brushing Update - The second hydro contract will commence in the spring this will include the debris clean up along Rd.38. The excess money from the hydro brushing contract goes to maintenance expense. Contracts will go out again in the spring and final numbers will be available then. Chief Franks did a review of how the lots were assigned. Full report and figures provided at next general meeting.

Hydro Payout Discussion - It was asked the status of the excess hydro money cash given out. A comment was made that seniors should get more. It was stated that this money is still in the general account and will be brought to the community as to what should be done.

Hydro Mediation Update – Discussion of the amendment, specifically the 1.5 million worth of in kind services in 3 areas; distribution station with residual benefits (this remains in question) , 3 phase power and in kind service which includes outside contacts from hydro. The intent of the agreement is in question. The distribution station has not started and mediation will follow in 2016.

Cultural Centre Finances – Certain cost overruns were discussed such as excavation, tile beds, electrical and interior costs. Only the Trust portion of it was discussed, the total costs were not yet calculated. It was discussed how many quotes were obtained for each job. It was requested the administrator attend meetings. It was asked who is responsible for expenses and contracts, it is a combination of the committee, maintenance and administration. There was discussion regarding micro managing vs. reporting. Some felt more reporting was required.

It was asked that issues be requested to be put on the agenda ahead of time.

Email addresses are on the website and will be put in the newsletter.

Land Claim Update – Amendment is complete for submitting to the courts, the courts will decide if there is a case or not and if a settlement could be reached or if it will go to court. This will be submitted this week.

VI. New Business:

2016 Census – A census program was discussed to get correct population numbers for Stats Canada. It will provide temporary jobs for approx. 2 members. There is no penalty for not participating, it is voluntary. They did say the numbers were very small so numbers may be suppressed. Some members did not agree that it was necessary.

Aboriginal Community Energy Plan – A grant for assessing an energy plan within the community was discussed. This will look at our energy consumption and formulate a plan to save on energy and opportunities for generating energy. Councillor Schell stated they may acquire unnecessary information on this community. 29 communities are already involved. It was felt that in principle it is a good idea to help the community as long as it is not intrusive.

It was confirmed that there is an emergency preparedness plan in place and this plan can include if needed, services from Muskoka Districts plan. Outside services in the area that also service Wahta were discussed.

Appeal Board – Will be looked at more closely to include a board of people that does not include council members. Council will not be able to override any decision made. Preliminary discussion on possible member qualifications and working with other FN communities on a rotating basis.

A member requested personal employment information and was advised to continue to work with the HR dept. The request will be forwarded to HR.

ICG Visit update by Councillor Schell - \$100,000 worth of equipment repair is needed. A new Bombarier machine is \$21 000. A decision needs to be made if this cost is justifiable. 42 000 pounds were produced this season. There was general discussion about selling the berries, there currently is a sales person selling to retail outlets. Current prices have dropped significantly; it was asked what the main issues are causing a low yield. The general meeting will include a final report.

A request was made to fix the Senior unit's road (Wahta Rd.5), it has numerous potholes.

There was discussion about the dump and people not putting the proper trash in the proper area.

It was asked about a rebate for a stair ramp.

There was a discussion about 2 beaver damns in the area that need to be taken out.

The gravel will be utilized spring 2016. Larger boulders may be needed to prevent vehicles from entering the area.

VII. Next Meeting: January 26 2016

VIII. Motion To Adjourn: Moved by Councillor DeCaire Seconded, by Councillor Schell

IX. Closing:

Adoption of the Minutes of

Community Meeting

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Chief Philip Franks

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Councillor Teresa Greasley

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Councillor Lawrence Schell

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Councillor Mike DeCaire