

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28 2017

- 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 Schell and Councillor Lane, Carried.
- IV. Adoption of January 31, 2017, Minutes:** Moved by Councillor Schell Seconded by Councillor Decaire, Carried
- V. Old Business/Follow Up**

Fire Suppression Update – The fire protocol was discussed, Wahta is only supposed to call the Bala Fire Dept. for buildings. The MNR is supposed to be called for forest/brush fires. Training is available. Scott Aubichon will be putting out further information on this.

Status Cards Update –The older laminated cards will not be in existence much longer and all applications must be made in person or online and only Ottawa will issue the cards. Ottawa are the only ones certified to authenticate real birth certificates etc. in time they may allow First Nations to take on that role. They said they are making the online process easier and faster.

MRP (Matrimonial Real Property) Provincial Court Decision – There is a tenant occupier in court with the CP holder. The judge has used the MRP into effect even though the separation occurred before the MRP came into effect. Chief and Council did request a legal opinion and they believe that the judge did inappropriately use MRP in this case which could be precedent setting and should be concerning to Wahta Mohawks and all First Nations. A motion to intervene by Falls Law as a friend of the court is requested to bring clarity to the judge on the proper use of MRP as it could affect the whole membership. Motion deferred.

VI. New Business

Tobacco Quota Applications – The gov't is unhappy with inequitable pricing in regards to on reserve gasoline and tobacco. They want to offer FN Councils to police the cigarette sales and get a price per carton on quota. This was rejected by AIAI. There would need to be something to help a replacement economy to cigarettes.

Chief and Council are not tax collectors nor do they police cigarette sales. The situation is the same for gasoline regarding tax free sales and tax submissions.

Sovereign Wealth Fund / Hydro One – First Nation have shares set aside by Hydro One, they will be part owners as dividends come in they will be used to pay for shares similar to the OLG casino money sharing. It is being called the Sovereign Wealth Fund. The deadline to decide is December 2017. More meetings on this will be taking place, more information on the infrastructure of hydro and the details of the agreement still unknown. Premier Wynn has been discussing a First Nations hydro rate possibly eliminating the delivery charge.

Hydro Rates Motion – Motion to support hydro rate that does not include delivery charges by Hydro One. A First Nations hydro rate would apply to all members no matter where they reside. Moved by Chief Franks, seconded by Councillor Schell, Councillor Decaire, Councillor Greasley and Councillor Lane, carried.

VII. Motion Summary:

Fibre 02.16.09 – Motion to accept a proposal from McPhee and associates for fibre optics planning study as part of the economic development initiative at a cost of \$25 000. Moved by Chief Franks seconded by Councillor Greasley, carried

Housing 02.16.10 – Motion to accept the recommendation of the proposal evaluations and award the request for proposal to Neeghan Burnside under the INAC housing fund. Moved by Councillor Greasley, seconded by Chief Franks, carried.

VIII. Questions/Comments

Councillor Lane indicated there may some mineral claims within the ATR process and it should be taken into consideration when completing the ATR process.

Councillor Greasley stated for the record that Councillor Lane has not met weekly with Chief and Council for 11 months.

IX. Next Meeting Date: March 28 2017

X. Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Councillor Greasley, seconded by Councillor DeCaire and Councillor Schell, carried.

XI. Closing:

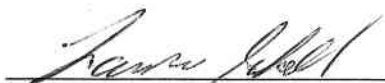
**Adoption of the Minutes of
Community Meeting**



Chief Philip Franks



Councillor Teresa Greasley



Councillor Lawrence Schell

Councillor Mike DeCaire

Councillor Stuart Lane