

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday January 31 2017

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Lawrence Schell, Councillor Mike DeCaire, and members.
- II. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Schell, Seconded by Councillor Decaire, carried.
- IV. Adoption of November 22 2016, Minutes:** Moved by Councillor Schell Seconded by Councillor Decaire, carried.
- V. Old Business/Follow Up**

ICG Survey – Councils decision has been not to continue with the farming due to total losses at 4.7 million. Projections for this year are also estimated at losses at over \$300 000. Due to an election, the final decision will be made after March.

Additions to Reserve meeting – There is a great deal of technical requirements for returning the lands to reserve status, the last activity was in 2013. There are numerous technical issues such as permits, easements, surveys, provincial and federal approvals, hydro surveys, hunt camps, cottagers, service roads agreements, environmental cleanup and assessments depending on what the land is being used for. This process generally takes a minimum of five years, there is some funding available and will require a project manager to oversee the plan.

VI. New Business

LHIN Meeting Report – Local Health Integration Network held it's annual meeting. Chief Franks discussed our relationship with LHIN and the importance of maintaining our own programming and health services to the community and be vigilant in maintaining that First Nations funding. They are requesting a meeting regarding a proposal for a youth treatment centre.

Fire Suppression – MNR is requesting a meeting regarding forest fire protocol on Feb 15. They want to go over the changes made to fire prevention and service to our area. Fire fighters come from Peterborough now instead of Parry Sound. Chief and Council are invited to attend.

Treaty Forum – A one day treaty forum will be held in Hamilton Feb. 21 for anyone wishing to attend. The forums talk about many of the treaties including the pre-confederation treaties, Williams Treaties etc. There is ongoing discussion about what the treaties mean to us today and how we can best apply them.

Glen Orchard Aboriginal Resource Centre – Terry Sahanatien has been hired for approx. 10 sessions at Glen orchard to help our students with educational experiences in a long house environment as well as deescalate any difficulties with the use of drumming, singing and traditional teachings. Parents and children of non-native students are welcome also to build bridges, communication and learn more about the culture. Expansion is in the works to build an outdoor classroom. A recent presentation was made where tobacco ties were given to explain the program, it was well received. This program is funded by the Ministry of Education. A letter of tanks will be sent to Glen Orchard acknowledging their efforts.

I. Motion Summary

- a. Family Wellness - 12.07.02 (2016)**– Chief and Council agree to support CHC Family Wellness Coordinator financially until funding is available through AIAI retroactively in 2017. Moved by Councillor Greasley, seconded by Councillor Decaire and Chief Franks, carried.
 - b. Indiginet - 01.18.02** – Chief and Council do agree to continue to offer free access for Indiginet Tower Lease up to August 2018 in lieu of payment for invoice #21634. At such time the lease will be renegotiated. Moved by Councillor Greasley, seconded by Councillor Decaire, carried.
 - c. RFP Housing - 01.25.04** – Motion to appoint Councillor Greasley to assist in the selection of submissions for request for proposal regarding the 20-year
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housing needs assessment. Moved by Councillor Schell, seconded by Councillor Decaire carried

II. Questions/Comments

General Meeting Agenda Feb 18 2017 9AM

Fishing Derby Feb 18 2017

Long Term Care Info Feb 18 2017

VII. Next Meeting Date: Feb 28 2017

VIII. Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Councillor Decaire, Seconded by Councillor Schell
IX. Closing

**Adoption of the Minutes of
Community Meeting**



Chief Philip Franks



Councillor Teresa Greasley



Councillor Lawrence Schell



Councillor Mike DeCaire



Councillor Stuart Lane