

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: July 26 2016

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Mike DeCaire, Councillor Teresa Greasley, Councillor Lane and members.
- II. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor DeCaire, Seconded by Councillor Greasley. Carried.
- IV. Adoption of June 28, 2016, Minutes:** Moved by Councillor DeCaire Seconded, by Councillor Greasley
- V. Old Business/Follow Up**
Old gas tank is being looked into by lands staff and environment contacts.

The OPP does not inform Chief and Council about any on reserve activity they may be planning. Councillor Lane stated that they may contact Chief and Council during the operation but not before.

Shirley Hay mentioned that if the community was informed then they may have had a say with the Medical Marijuana store then it could have been stopped by Council. There was some disagreement on this point. Councillor Greasley stated that council was given very little notice by the store owner themselves and he was inclined to do it anyway even though it went against the criminal code.

Councillor Lane stated that the OPP does not necessarily have to have jurisdiction on territory and a by-law could be enacted through a referendum to prevent situations like this. Chief Franks stated that by-laws have to be vetted through Indian Affairs and felt if they go against the criminal code this can't be achieved. Councillor Lane mentioned it could be constitutionally challenged the same as the tobacco law.

Motion to pass April 26 2016 minutes with additions added. Moved by Councillor DeCaire, Seconded by Councillor Lane. Carried.

ICG Cranberry Forum Sept 17 2016

Sept. 17 2016 was suggested as a date for upcoming forum. Tim Thompson requested statistical information such as inventory, sales, costs be available for this forum. Gerry Fox asked if some of these reports can be highlighted and employees such as Matthew can attend with their thoughts. Councillor Lane asked for an upcoming harvest report, Lance DeCaire agreed he would provide this.

Hydro Mediation Summary

Our lawyer has not received a draft permit from hydro. They are drafting the lease agreement of 12 Mile Bay Distribution Station but does not need to be done by the end of July now. They are also obtaining MNR consent for the lease agreement. The lawyer feels that things are moving along and we can meet with them again without the mediator. We have sent them hydro areas in need on reserve and are waiting to hear back. It was agreed that another meeting be scheduled with Hydro and/or our lawyer. Councillor Lane stated that the Distribution Station will improve our service.

VI. New Business:

INAC New Funding

Regarding funding under the Immediate Needs for Housing fund, an MCR was done to support administration's proposal to try and boost our housing dollars. They will be ranked in order of need and our chances may not be high in comparison to northern reserves.

McMaster Lake Property

This property is held in trust by Shirley Hay and Stuart Lane and we are paying taxes on it as it is not considered reserve lands. The options are to change name to someone else or put it in trust to MFP corporation. Councillor Greasley stated that even if it is in trust with a corporation it will still need to identify specific shareholders. Another idea is to change names in trust every council term. It is part of the land claim area that is not yet settled. The value was determined by an assessment.

Needs Assessment Proposal

A Needs Assessment request has been made to assess community needs for long term care, assisted living etc. It would be utilizing the Lakehead University Policy Palliative Care Framework for First nation communities. Glen Jones asked if Health Canada would do it for free or charge Wahta Mohawks. Health Canada is not directly involved, the bulk of it comes from Ontario and the LHIN network. This process would help us determine our needs and possibly how the funding may work. Gerry Fox mentioned the cost of operating the building would be a big issue and the number of beds filled needed could be problematic.

Woodland Cultural Centre

They have a Save the Evidence campaign going on for such things as a new roof which will cost over 2 million. The next phase is to restore the building through fundraising as well as Ontario has committed 1.4 million.

During the time of construction, they will not be doing tours, although one is taking place for members Aug. 12 2016. Janice Montour executive Director may be meeting with council to update Chief and Council on Woodland Cultural Centre activities. Shirley Hay asked about WM giving a donation. Glen Jones asked if the Wahta Trust can consider a donation but Chief Franks stated that it may not be in the realm of the trust rules. Chief Franks stated that we already have involvement and they may not ask member communities for a donation.

Motion Summary:

July 6 2016 Motions:

07.06.04 – Motion to move forward with an email service provider that can send monthly newsletters as part of the initiative to eliminate the number of costly mail outs and switch to email delivery. Moved by Councillor Greasley, seconded by Chief Franks, carried by consensus.

07.06.05 – Motion to approve two renovation grants for a maximum of \$26 300 per applicant as per the policy from housing retained earnings. Moved by Councillor DeCaire, seconded by Councillor Greasley, carried by consensus.

VII. Questions/Comments

Shirley Hay asked about our District Rd. 38 that it is very narrow with people on bicycles and asked if we can put in a riding and/or walking lane for safety and enjoyment. Councillor Greasley said she would contact Muskoka Lakes Township to inquire about this.

Tim Thompson mentioned his road Wahta Rd. 2 is dangerous, Chief Franks stated that letters have been sent to the cottage owners and maybe another letter needs to be sent out. It was agreed that it was mostly visitors or young people that are hard to get to slow down.

Dennis Stock inquired about getting reimbursement for the lift installed at his home. Chief Franks stated you cannot have it done first before you get the approved paperwork. Shirley Hay suggested Council pay half the cost through the home renovation grant policy.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: August 30 2016

IX. Motion To Adjourn: Moved by Councillor DeCaire, Seconded by Councillor Greasley. Carried.

X. Closing:

Adoption of the Minutes of

Community Meeting

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Chief Philip Franks

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Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Lawrence Schell

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Councillor Mike DeCaire

Councillor Stuart Lane