

**Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: Tuesday Sept. 29 2015**

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Lawrence Schell, Councillor Mike DeCaire, Councillor Teresa Greasley, and members.
- II. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Lawrence Schell, Seconded by Councillor Mike DeCaire. Carried.
- IV. Adoption of August 25, 2015, Minutes:** Moved by Councillor Lawrence Schell, Seconded by Councillor Mike DeCaire
- V. Actions Arising:**

Council will read and approve the Iroquois Caucus Free Trade Agreement as well as the Iroquois Caucus Consultation and Accommodation Policy

**Old Business/Follow Up**

**Land Claim** – stated that we did enter into an agreement with Healy and that he is not to charge for extra disbursements not already agreed upon. Chief Franks also stressed that Healy spend more time on our case and report to us on a monthly basis. Healy obtained a 3 month extension which will expire the end of November.

**Jury Duty** – The court office in Barrie has a list of members obtained from INAC but this list does not contain addresses. This court office would like to obtain addresses for jury duty. They asked if they give us the names of randomly picked potential jury members would be provide the address of that person(s). It was discussed that council is not comfortable releasing addresses and it is against administrative policy and against freedom of information. Councillor Schell suggested an option may be to provide members via the newsletter the Barrie court contact information and if they choose to be on the jury roll they can add their name and address to the as their own choice.

**New Business:**

**Councillor Position** - Chief Franks stated that there is an MCR resolution in place to fill a need to improve communications and correspondence between Chief and Council members and staff. The Community Sustainability plan states that councillors become more involved in effective communication and that it is within budget. Chief Franks stated that he is not able to be full time and that this position will also alleviate the responsibility of administration. Previous councils have been remunerated for work that goes beyond weekly meetings as required and it was stated by previous council that they were going to

implement this in the next council term and they also identified a need for this position and a thorough job description. Councillor Greasley will be responsible has agreed to work 2 days a week and fulfill this job description. Councillor Schell asked if that would also involve some outside travel which Chief Franks said she would, particularly if Chief Franks cannot attend.

**End of Life Needs Assessment** – The North Simcoe Palliative Care Network has been funded and is conducting a First Nations study on how they can better help palliative care patients through expansion of existing and/or new hospice locations. The study consists of 4 First Nations communities; Moose Deer Point, Wasauksing, Christian Island and Wahta. They will be conducting surveys to collect data, we have yet to be informed exactly how that will take place. Chief Franks stated that council has agreed to be part of the study but informed the North Simcoe Palliative Care Network that Wahta would like to have their own palliative care within Wahta. It was mentioned that the biggest expense is to employ 24 hour care.

**Small Communities Fund (communal water system)**- Chief Franks stated that this is for a small area water system (water treatment plant), a study was done in the past but INAC at that time stated that Wahta needed a backup source in case of failure, it would also be very costly at that time. Recently certain areas have been identified in which a preliminary study will be conducted to see if this is a possibility in the future.

**Iroquois Caucus Update** – The Iroquois Caucus met here at Wahta on Set. 22 and 23. Only Tyendinaga did not attend due to a funeral. One of the main issues was the tobacco issue, arrests have already been made under Bill C10 and more are imminent. Two people from other communities have already been charged transporting tobacco and another charged with failing to charge GST on cigars. Other locations selling cigars are now being charged GST by the wholesalers. It has been requested the Iroquois Caucus act as an intervener on their behalf and they have taken the position that it is still our right to sell tax free tobacco products. Councillor Schell stated that there is a grey area on this, particularly cigars.. Iroquois Caucus has also drafted a Free Trade agreement and would like council to sign it. Councillor Schell asked if we support Iroquois Caucus financially, Chief Franks stated that a yearly fee is paid of \$10 000 to support the Iroquois Caucus and its initiatives. Chief Franks added the Iroquois Caucus Free Trade Agreement as well as the Iroquois Caucus Consultation and Accommodation Policy which includes duty to consult needs to be signed. This has been added as an action arising and requested council look at it so that we can respond as they would like the communities to be respond as soon as possible.

**ICG Development Corp** – Chief Franks referred to the ICG presentation at the general meeting and also stated the justification on why the Economic Development officer thought a board was necessary. Councillor Schell said it was premature to make that decision

because the future of ICG is not certain and will still be at a financial loss as the price of berries has not risen much and that it is important that council should sit on the board as well. Councillor DeCaire stated that there will be 2 councillor positions on the board and they would rotate among terms. Chief Franks stated that it will require people with business experience and require remuneration and that Lance DeCaire will need direction on this. Councillor Greasley stated that the changing of council hurts the business and this is the main reason to implement a board and that if it is a low year for berries this will reduce storage costs in the event of a surplus. It was stated that berry harvesting starts Thursday Oct.1.

**Cultural Centre Committee:** - A member had a concern that they were not properly informed or felt there was transparency of the formation of the new committee and a registration period was not granted therefore the committee was formed before they had a chance to respond. A question was raised for councils mandate on this. Chief Franks explained that there had to be an advisory body from Cottage Country Health Team and the existing program head of depts. within Wahta and that council saw this to be the responsibility of the administration. An explanation and apology was provided and it was stated that more effective communication was needed on this issue but there was no purposeful intent.

**VI.** Next Meeting: Tues. October 27 2015

**VII.** Motion To Adjourn:

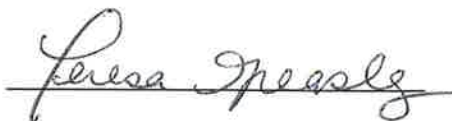
**VIII.** Closing:

### **Adoption of the Minutes of**

### **Community Meeting**



Chief Philip Franks



Councillor Teresa Greasley

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Councillor Lawrence Schell



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Councillor Mike DeCaire

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Councillor Stuart Lane