

**Matachewan First Nation
Chief and Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2013
Start: 4:15pm**

Present: Chief Elenore Hendrix
Councillor Gail Brubacher
Councillor Richard Wincikaby
Councillor Leahan Parrott

Conferenced: Councillor Jean Lemieux
Councillor David Flood

Absent: Councillor Real Boucher

Agenda approved with changes (*Finance added to agenda*) (*Employee concerns added to agenda*)

Chief and Council approved increase to casual employee for use of truck to haul firewood for Elders.

Band Manager to forward via email MTO letter to Chief and Council.

1. Road Project/Waste Management

A. Technical Advisor called in at 4:45pm - updated Chief and Council on Road Project – design complete – tender documents were completed – NOHFC holding \$897,000 for this project – Band requires ½ million to match – MTO committed \$50,000 for road work – these dollars may be used for bigger road project – Technical Advisor offered 3 options:

- Seek funding from AANDC
- Can claim design costs for project
- Send dollars back

Chief and Council discussed different options - Chief/Council agreed to move forward with this project which needs to be completed by December 2013 – Do not forward documents until Councillor Wincikaby will meet with MTO.

Action: Technical Advisor will send tender package (3 competitive bids) and re-engage Genivar

Action: Band Manager will look for Genivar documents and map

Action: Councillor Wincikaby will meet with MTO next week regarding MTO funding

Action: Councillor Flood to work with Councillor Wincikaby to invite province to top up \$\$\$'s where AANDC reduced

Action: Council to send letter to LP regarding direction to release the \$1M

B. Waste Management – Technical Advisor offered 2 options:

- Issue new study for new landfill – cost \$15 – 20,000 – cost of construction of new landfill - \$100,000
- Or go into discussion with Township of Matachewan to do garbage collection – lock gate and close dump (issue at hand).

Action: Chief/Council will take under consideration
For the time being, dig another hole

2. **Community Flag** – requested by Pow Wow committee – create flag with MFN logo – Chief and council approved.
3. **Fednor/MNDM** – both organizations would like to present to Chief/Council.
4. **Staff Request** – retreat –
Action: Band manager to provide Chief/Council with possible agenda and cost.
5. **Elder Firewood vs Oil** – Discussed on reserve member options.
6. **Elk Lake School Request** – requesting donation for school trip to Polar Bear Heritage Park
Chief/Council approve \$300 donation
7. **Culvert at Log building** – community asking for a bridge to be built due to the monies that are spent repairing road every year – would be cost saving in the long run – suggested that may need to have engineer look at it
Action: Councillor Flood and Councillor Wincikaby will look into this.
8. **Plow Blade update** from Band Manager
Action: Band Manager to bring to Chief/Council package for plow/grader – warranties, service agreement.
9. **Band Manager’s request regarding School Bus Driver**
Action: Band Manager to look into budget and provide report to Chief/Council
10. **Traditional Coordinator program update .**
Dollars left in Budget and program ending in June. CHR to develop a list with Elder for programming material.
11. **Band Member Requests**
 - Housing dollars for off reserve – Band manager to forward CMHC contact info for off reserve housing
 - Loan request for laser eye surgery – denied as is cosmetic
 - Cemetery – Council agrees that MFN should have a cemetery
Action: Band Manager to respond to member’s letter
Action: This to be put on agenda for community meeting in June
Action: Councillor Boucher to go with one of our Elders to check area suggested
 - Request for medication to be covered –
Action: Band Manager to talk to the CHR to look into options
12. **Eco Centre seeking rep for BOD** – Councillor Flood offered to sit on the Board.
Council approved

13. In Camera-Personnel

14. Community Meeting Date – June 8 @ 11am with light lunch provided

15. Website notices/updates – notices need to be approved prior to being put on website – notices need more info – time/date not enough – need more explanation for each eg - community consultation – difference between information session and consultation needs to be clarified – notice to staff and community needs to be 10 days in advance of each meeting unless urgent then 5 acceptable with rational.

16. OFNLP AGM – Chief Hendrix to attend

17. Portfolio updates

- Elder Committee Update– Councillor Lemieux, Action: Councillor Lemieux will circulate TOR to Chief and Council
- Councillor Parrott – Education
- Councillor Wincikaby – Roads/Economic Development (*will step out if bidding on project*)
- Gail Brubacher – Health
- Real Boucher – Community Wellness
- David Flood – Lands/Resources
- Elenore Hendrix – Housing with full Council
- All Council – TLE

Action: Band Manager to ensure Chief/Council receives copies of all policies (HR, Transportation, etc.)

Action: Chief/Council would like minutes

Action: IBA Coordinator to arrange tour for Chief/Council at AuRico

18. Housing – letter from community member presented to Council

Action: Band Manager to respond to community member.

Chief/Council will act as housing committee for present – committees need to be struck

Chief/Council will review housing application before approving to put on website for community member access.

19. Band Full Service Legal Firm – Ongoing

20. Governance Project – Consultant to work on the project

Action: Band Manager to contact Mattagmi for info on Harmony program

21. MFNLP – strategic meeting date tentative for June 24, 2013

22. Other Business:

- Town of Matachewan : Road contract
- Update on housing rentals

23. In Camera

– Council adjourns at 8:45pm

Next Meeting Wednesday May 29 @ 4:30pm