



# Matachewan First Nation Chief and Council Meeting MINUTES

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>October 30, 2023 @ 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	Log Building and Zoom
<b>Chairperson</b>	Melanie Boucher
<b>Council Present</b>	Adrian Boucher, Melanie Boucher, Elenore Hendrix, Tommy Fox
<b>Council Regrets</b>	Chelsea Daley
<b>Council on Zoom</b>	Clara Hanson, Lulu Jobson, Rachel Batisse, Stan Fox
<b>Recorder</b>	Marilyn Groulx, Delta Flood
<b>Staff</b>	Rose Thomas, EDO
<b>Guest(s)</b>	Lorne Flood – Band Member, Ritchie Millen – Band Member
<b>Related Documents/Reports</b>	

<b>Item #1 – Welcome and Call to Order</b>	
<b>Lead(s):</b>	Acting Chief Melanie Boucher
<b>Discussion:</b>	Opening Prayers by Ritchie Millen
<b>Outcome:</b>	Meeting opened at 6:18 pm

<b>Item #2 – Questions from Band Member</b>	
<b>Lead(s):</b>	Ritchie Millen
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Bulletin Board has not been updated lately. – Receptionist to rectify.</li> <li>• Spuds &amp; Ritchie are now elders and would like to make sure they hear anything concerning elders.</li> <li>• It was explained that the \$500 disbursement for seniors as per the late Chief Jason Batisse was for those on pension - 65 and up. He was upset as the age the age of elders keeps going up as we are not white. A Councillor tried to explain that it's 60 for other programs just not this specific disbursement but Ritchie left. Rose Thomas informed that the AFN recognizes elders as those over 65, speak their language, and practice the culture: all others are considered seniors.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome:</b>	N/A

<b>Item #3 – Housing</b>	
<b>Lead(s):</b>	Rose Thomas – EDO
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>Rose gave the Council some documents including a quote. C&amp;C said we will not take out a loan to create house but have not decided whether or not to go forward with housing.</p> <p>Rose said an application was put in to CMHC per direction of a Councillor. She had asked for more direction for the application, but was only given directions for a ground floor, 2 bedroom house. Modular houses were looked into, but they kept upping the price with delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Councillor said that without community engagement we don't know what we need to help the community. If we are going to build houses for people, they need to be built right.</li> <li>• The new Housing Intern can send out a survey to see what is needed by membership.</li> <li>• Another Councillor said that Rose needs clarity as what to do and would like to see at least 1 home going up next year.</li> <li>• It was noted that having members take a personal mortgage and resale of homes has been very successful vs rental houses.</li> <li>• Priority is families with Status children, and it was noted that Elders may only want to rent.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rose clarified that ISC would put a percentage of the amount needed into infrastructure with lots of hoops to go through in order to access it.</li> <li>ISC has funding for a Housing Officer (4 years), CMHC's youth intern is up to three years with reapplication.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome:</b>	<b>MOTION #2023-11-01</b> MOTION to apply for Housing Officer through Indigenous Services Canada. MOTIONED by Elenore Hendrix SECONDED by Lulu Jobson All in Favour MOTION CARRIED

<b>Item #4 – Two Concerns from Band Member</b>	
<b>Lead(s):</b>	Lorne Flood
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>His first concern is his safety and the safety of others regarding a certain dog on the reserve. He has been dealing with the dog since last fall where it comes into his yard and jumps on the window and door as well as it would run into the yard to attack Lorne's dog. Lorne tried getting the owner to manage the dog, but it's not helping. If someone else was in the yard with Lorne's dog, they could be hurt in a dog fight. Nobody is looking after the dog, who was a good dog, but he's getting rough. Normally dogs are not a problem, but this dog is now attacking.</p> <p>Lorne is not sure how to address the issue. At one time they culled the dogs when they were packing and attacking, but he does not like that solution.</p> <p>A letter was sent to the owner in the past and he pretty much laughed.</p> <p>A Councilor suggested a letter be sent to the owner, C&amp;C and the NAPS Officer regarding the aggressiveness of the dog and community safety.</p> <p>Lorne's other concern was regarding the request for a letter for him to take care of forestry on his trap ground during a prior C&amp;C meeting. Forestry operations just recently finished a cut on his trap ground after meeting with others (L&amp;R &amp; Councilor) but not Lorne.</p> <p>A Councilor considers this an in-camera discussion. Lorne said that this is something that our people in the past looked after, which was taken away by the government.</p> <p>Lorne said that Truth and Reconciliation makes it so that the process should be coming back to having the trappers as part of the process of forestry operations. If it is affecting him, it's probably affecting other trappers. He knows the portfolio holder tries to reach out to support the trappers but is not sure what happened there.</p> <p>A Councilor stated we met with Tammy Mizetti regarding the Forest Management Plan with whole community but was not sure where the invitation was sent to. They also stated Lorne had said he did not have to go out on the land as he knows what's out there. (Lorne also said he stated if you are coming to do something on my trap ground then to let him know).</p> <p>During the ground inspection, the Councilor questioned if the area will be cut whether we wanted it to or not. Operations stated it would be.</p> <p>Letters of trapper support had been sent out previously.</p> <p>Lorne stated the letter was good, but forestry companies didn't comply; he suggests to let companies know they can't move forward without trapper's involvement.</p> <p>We are sterilizing the land with all the cutting.</p> <p>There was a BCR discussed on May 30, 2023 Council meeting regarding TFAI to talk with Lorne Flood before any cutting which came back with need for re-wording and never was signed.</p> <p>Tom stated he will gladly set up a meeting with Georgia Pacific and Interfor with Lorne regarding cutting. TFAI will have to listen to Lorne to keep certification.</p>
<b>Outcome:</b>	Marilyn to send a letter to dog owner copied to C&C and NAPS officer regarding the aggressiveness of the dog and community safety.

**IN CAMERA – 8:30 PM**