



Matachewan First Nation Chief and Council Meeting MINUTES

Date and Time	November 14, 2023 @ 6:00 pm
Location	Log Building and Zoom
Chairperson	Melanie Boucher
Council Present	Adrian Boucher, Melanie Boucher, Elenore Hendrix, Chelsea Daley
Council Regrets	Stan Fox, Clara Hanson
Council on Zoom	Lulu Jobson, Rachel Batisse, Tommy Fox
Recorder	Marilyn Groulx, Delta Flood
Staff	
Guest(s)	Jason Batise, Cathy Yandeu
Related Documents/Reports	

Item #1 – Welcome and Call to Order	
Lead(s):	Acting Chief Melanie Boucher
Discussion:	Opening Prayers by Melanie
Outcome:	Meeting opened at 6:15 pm

Item #2 – Beaverhouse Letter	
Lead(s):	Jason Batise
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a media blast regarding getting new founding members for Beaverhouse First Nation (BFN). • This may create a Challenge as our members may leave our FN through transfers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions arise as to what band members migrating means to MFN in terms of traditional land/space/consultation/economic opportunities. • His advice is that MFN might want to get legal council as to what all transfers along with a band member and the repercussions. (Specifically, regarding Traditional Land Use data) • He also advises working with BFN to find out what they are asking for including what they are seeking in asking for member transfers as BFN should be able to reach official status without our members as there are unintended consequences or other consequences to allowing members to transfer to BFN. (Especially when the members are founding members of MFN) • 6.1b of Indian Act is where they are petitioning from - • Section of act regarding funding going with them by order of the Minister. • Councilor– was this notice of band creation and members list also posted by BFN? Answer - Jason was asked to share with Council and he did. • Councilor – in past discussion Chief Wabi explained some people joined other First Nations as BFN didn't have a recognized First Nation at the time. (Wants to bring people home) • Jason is wondering who the people who were scripted into other bands are – not that it is necessary for him to know. It's a delicate situation as it will have to go back to a point in time (1906) and possibly research historical records which will then be exposed. • Councilor – confirmed Council invited Jason to speak to letter. • He is not accusing Beaverhouse First Nation of anything, just suggesting that MFN does their due diligence regarding any repercussions. • Councilor – suggested possibly having Beaverhouse FN come and present the letter and their wishes at next meeting.

Outcome:	Request Beaverhouse FN present the letter and their wishes at next meeting.
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Break 6:30 to 6:35

Item #3 – Minutes Approval	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	A Motion to adopt minutes was discussed with Tom Fox and Elenore Hendrix stating they would abstain as they needed more time to review the minutes. Dates of Minutes to approve: October 10, 2023 October 30, 2023
Outcome:	Adoption of minutes will be held off until the next Chief & Council meeting

Item #3 – Agenda Changes	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	Motion to approve Agenda changes
Outcome:	MOTION #2023-12-01 MOTION to approve agenda changes. MOTIONED by Chelsea Daley SECONDED by Elenore Hendrix All in Favour MOTION CARRIED

Item #3 – Wood Delivery	
Lead(s):	Cathy Yandean – Lands & Resources Coordinator
Discussion:	Cathy sent the Band Manager a list of members who already had wood delivered as well as some wood put in at the holding place on the Rez. She is asking that a policy as to how the wood is delivered outside of area agreed, to camps, trailers for the future to eliminate confusion. She is hoping C&C can direct who is getting wood delivered (suggests elders, health issues, no transportation) and receive backing from C&C to avoid unnecessary confrontations. She also suggests looking at the agreement with Interfor to discuss options as to what we can do with the wood as it can be transferred into finished product. Councilor asked if there was a lot of concerns when the wood was only stockpiled, and people came up to get the wood. Answer - no, some process changes happened later with regards to our elders, unable bodied, and those with no transportation. Cathy suggested getting people to cut and deliver wood. Council was concerned about liability issues. The Band Manager stated that if they are hired, they should be covered by our policies. Councilor stated that a lot more dialog is needed and they would like to meet with Cathy to go over agreements. Cathy stated she is willing to meet whenever and will have everything ready.
Outcome:	

Item #3 – Timmins Land - Housing	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	Mushkegowuk Council sent a letter to MFN requesting to build housing on Timmins ATR land. The Band Manager had explained to them that the land is currently zoned for commercial use only and we were not ready but would bring the request to C&C. (There were previous discussions during C&C meetings where it was stated land was to be for business only).

Outcome:	Chief and Council approve Band Manager's response.
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Item #3 – OPP Request	
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Lead(s):	
Discussion:	The Band Manager had a meeting with an OPP officer who was asking that all or some of our Council members attend their Tree of Hope lighting ceremony. The Band Manager would like to inform him that some council will be attending, and some staff have already said they will go. Chelsea and Tom will go with possibly Melanie (depending on her travel dates).
Outcome:	Band Manager will confirm with OPP of those attending.

Item #3 – OFNED	
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Lead(s):	
Discussion:	Lulu wanted a discussion regarding OFNED, but it has already been seen to.
Outcome:	

IN CAMERA – 8:30 PM
