



Matachewan First Nation Chief and Council Meeting MINUTES

Date and Time	January 9 2024
Location	Community Center and Zoom
Chairperson	
Council Present	Alex Batisse, Mel Boucher, Chelsea Daley, Adrian Boucher
Council Regrets	Stan Fox
Council on Zoom	Elenore Hendrix, Clara Hanson, Rachel Batisse, Tommy Fox, Lulu Jobson
Recorder	Marilyn Groulx, Delta Flood
Staff	Brittney Smart, Cathy Yandeau
Guest(s)	
Related Documents/Reports	

Item #1 – Welcome and Call to Order 6:10	
Lead(s):	Alex Batisse
Discussion:	Prayer by Melanie
Outcome:	

Item #2 – Alamos Exploration Update	
Lead(s):	Brittney Smart
Discussion:	<p>Presented the Alamos 2024 Exploration Program as there have been direct concerns with the proposed drill hole locations.</p> <p>Concerns were voiced during October 10th meeting regarding archaeological studies.</p> <p>Alamos is looking at doing a Stage 1 Archaeological study and a Stage 2 study will start in spring 2024. They would like critical information reviewed and requested suggestions for an Archaeologist to perform the study.</p> <p>Ryan Primrose was suggested due to prior knowledge of the area and his past work with other local First Nation Communities. His predecessor (Dr. John Pollock) at Woodland Heritage has also done extensive fieldwork and studies in the area.</p> <p>Chief voiced the concern that an archaeological study will reach much further than the small area.</p>
Outcome:	Further consulting will have to take place prior to approving drill hole locations.

Item #3 – Update on Fire Truck	
Lead(s):	Mel Boucher
Discussion:	<p>Equipment was received and installed on the Fire Truck on Sunday January 7, 2024). The truck will be washed when nicer weather comes so we can put on decals and keep it in good shape.</p> <p>The ladders are to arrive on Thursday and an on-board generator has been ordered.</p> <p>Fire truck training can happen in spring.</p> <p>A Councilor voiced concerns about keeping the truck working properly and the Band Manager assured that the truck gets run every two weeks to keep the engine working smoothly.</p> <p>A Councilor wanted to make sure that the community gets informed about and invited to the Fire Truck training. Melanie stated that she was planning to do closer to the date.</p>
Outcome:	

Item #4 – Timmins Land update	
Lead(s):	Alex Batisse (with Cathy Yandeu)
Discussion:	<p>Alex would like to see the Timmis ATR land developed to start bringing in revenue. He recommends going ahead (approx. \$13 million to get infrastructure in place) and start negotiations with Timmins Mayor on service agreements. The next step is to go ahead and start the process.</p> <p>Talked with Jason Batise at Wabun and everything is ready to go or in process to finalize the land transfer.</p> <p>A Councilor wondered if there is a timeframe that the ATR will be completed? – There is no definite timeframe yet and it will be at least another 8 months for the Timmins property. The Separation Lake TLE lands are hoping to be transferred this Spring.</p> <p>Alex also discussed getting the road from inside the First Nation boundaries to Separation Lake and connecting to Chief Lake Road started. The Chief recommends getting the process started by July/August and would like a commitment of a budget of \$300,000 set aside towards this road. He had some ideas talking with loggers in the industry that they can keep the lumber for the width of the road as part of recompense for helping build it. Chief Lake Road could be decommissioned or gated to stop road access from the highway. Cathy will have 2 overhead views of possible emergency roads available within the next two weeks from TFAI.</p> <p>Adrian Boucher offered to assist with the road planning. Cathy will get Adrian in contact with Steve as well. Tristan Flood also offered his assistance.</p>
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2024-14-01 MOTION to move forward with negotiations and infrastructure quotes regarding Timmins ATR. MOTIONED by Tom Fox SECONDED by Lulu Jobson All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION #2024-14-02 MOTION to move forward with road to Separation Lake with budget of \$300,000. MOTIONED by Mel Boucher SECONDED by Chelsea Daley All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p>

Item #5 – Beaverhouse Meeting	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	<p>Beaverhouse First Nation is requesting a meeting with all of Council outside of a Council meeting (such as an hour before or another time).</p> <p>The Chief would like to know what they would like to discuss and thinks it's most likely regarding the call for Beaverhouse membership. – There has been no agenda put forward.</p>
Outcome:	Marilyn will send out a letter with possible dates and everyone can respond for the best date.

Item #6 – Wood policy review	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	<p>A draft policy was created surrounding the delivery of wood to homes. Discussion regarding the need to deliver to all homes ensued and it was decided that the policy was not needed and to just have the wood delivered to the stockpile/lumber yard.</p> <p>The Councilors wanted to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Elders and non-able-bodied people would still have wood cut and delivered. • Those hired to cut and deliver the wood have their chainsaw operator’s license or any other necessary training for liability purposes. • Band Members outside the area are still able to get the wood.
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2024-14-03</p> <p>MOTION to have all wood delivered to the stockpile/lumber yard and to hire someone to deliver wood to the elders and those who can’t get it themselves.</p> <p>MOTIONED by Clara Hanson</p> <p>SECONDED by Alex Batisse</p> <p>All in Favour</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>

Item #7 – NAPS	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	Marilyn reminded Chief and Council of a NAPS meeting 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the log building for Chief and Council only.
Outcome:	Marilyn will order a light lunch for noon.

Item #8 – Meeting conflict	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	Cathy has scheduled meetings with Forestry Annual Work Schedules (AWS) on Feb 20 th and it conflicts with a scheduled Chief and Council meeting. She is requesting to move the C&C meeting as it is very difficult to find dates for all the parties regarding the AWS.
Outcome:	The next Chief and Council meeting will be rescheduled for the day after (Wednesday, February 21, 2024)

Item #9 – Little NHL	
Lead(s):	Rachel Batisse
Discussion:	<p>MFN has a Youth team going to Little NHL and Rachel was wondering if MFN will also be supporting all our kids who will be attending but will be playing for other first nations?</p> <p>A Councilor believes this can be looked at on an individual basis and should be in-camera.</p> <p>Team Jerseys have been ordered and can still be ordered for \$85 each. Agnico Eagles’s name/logo will be on the back. It is unsure if Alamos was reached out to for sponsorship as well, and a Councilor will contact those who were organizing the team to look into this.</p> <p>Parents hosted a fundraiser and went ahead with setting up the team prior to getting approval from Chief and Council and it has since been cleared up and explained that Chief and Council need to be asked in the future prior to using the First Nation’s name.</p> <p>The Band Manager stated that an application to Jordon’s principle was approved for 25,000 for help with travel and registration for players.</p>
Outcome:	Will continue discussions in-camera

Item #10 – Band Office Info	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	The Band Manager sent out two plans to the Chief and Council and would like them to choose one. Elenore thought she and Tom were on a committee for the Band Office. Jason Batise from Wabun has been involved. Alex is now becoming involved.
Outcome:	N/A

Item #11 – Funding Agreements	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	A Councilor requested copies of all funding agreement copied for all of Council.
Outcome:	N/A

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