



Matachewan First Nation Chief and Council Meeting MINUTES

Date and Time	August 1, 2023 @ 6:00 pm
Location	Log Building and Zoom
Chairperson	Jason Batisse
Council Present	Jason Batisse, Adrian Boucher , Melanie Boucher, Lulu Jobson, Stan Fox
Council Regrets	Elenore Hendrix, Chelsea Daley, Clara Hanson, Tommy Fox
Council on Zoom	Rachel Batisse
Recorder	Marilyn Groulx, Delta Flood
Staff	Stacey Byerlay – Band Rep
Guest(s)	Northern Sun Mining (Tim Doskopch – Site Manager, Sarah Marazzo – HR Coordinator, Rui Coutu – Principal Geotech Engineer at WSP), Wakunugan Youth Treatment Centre (Shawn Moore – Treatment Services Coordinator, Naomi Fletcher – Primary Counsellor), Agnico Eagle (Charles Miler – IBA Coordinator)
Related Documents/Reports	

Item #1 – Welcome and Call to Order	
Lead(s):	Chief Jason Batisse
Discussion:	
Outcome:	Meeting opened at 6:06 pm

Item #2 – Northern Sun Mining Presentation	
Lead(s):	Tim Doskopch, Sarah Marazzo, Rui Coutu
Discussion:	<p>Their team came to discuss the proposed Redstone Mill Tailings Pond expansion. The Redstone Mill is located 30km Southeast of Timmins and has been in operation since 2009 (previously under Liberty Mines).</p> <p>The current tailings pond design has a limited lifespan of two years at a rate of 800 tonnes/day. They are looking to raise two dams and a perimeter of existing dams to a maximum of 316m (total of 8m above ground level) to be raised in two 4m stages. The HDPE liner from the existing TSF is to be extended.</p> <p>Discharge rate into the Redstone River will vary from 450 m³/day to 1,170m³/day. They would like a letter of support from Chief and Council for the project.</p> <p>Councilor mention that our First Nation will always have concerns regarding tailings because what has happened here in the past. Communication between the First Nation and Northern Sun needs to be better and timely especially regarding any issues/spills that may arise.</p> <p>Councilor also mentioned looking to have a meeting with Chief and Council to go over all mining requests and issues mid-August.</p> <p>Band Member voiced concerns of the possibility of a spill/seepage from the tailings pond as it will flow through Nighthawk Lake and all the way up to the coast. He would like Chief and Council to remember that unlike forestry, the land never really recovers from mining activity.</p>
Outcome:	N/A

Break 6:50 to 7:03 PM

Item #3 – Wakenagan Youth Treatment Centre	
Lead(s):	Shawn Moore, Naomi Fletcher
Discussion:	<p>Wakenagan is a youth healing lodge that works in partnership with Ka-NaChi-Hih Specialized Solvent Abuse Treatment Center in Thunder Bay and NAN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12–17-year-old, 12-week live-in healing lodge for youth struggling with Mental Health and Addictions • First intake was in January 2022. • A voluntary detox process is started at intake phase and clients need to be substance free for 72 hours prior to being admitted. • Chief mentioned there should be 2 rooms put aside for immediate/emergency issues. (Response was it would be a great idea, but they can't as of right now.) • Each location has 4 intakes per year with individualized treatment plans and after care goals. • Take people from NAN territory first. • Utilize services/elder/knowledge keepers from the area. • Client centered program provides community connections to ensure continuity of care, collaboration and wrap around support services to meet their needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offer pre-treatment for those waiting to get in and post-treatment for a minimum of 3 months including a 4 phase Stabilization Education Healing Transition • Have a Clinical Lead for various counselling/mental health services. • Outcomes are measured by surveys and Red Path sessions as well as reporting pieces. • They are not sure but believe they have a 60-40 for success-relapse rate.
Outcome:	

Break 7:40 to 7:55 PM

Item #4 – Agnico Eagle Update	
Lead(s):	Charles Miller
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macassa is at least 80 years old. • Since the purchase of AE – things are going better than with KL Gold • 4 employees at AE Macassa with at least one band member waiting for a start date. • There is a lack of resources for induction/safety training. • This IBA does not really recognize joint ventures unless 51% indigenous owned. • 3 diamond drills at Macassa • MFNLP has the janitorial services • The environmental committee meets every 3 months • Each community gets 2.5% of royalties (2nd last page of presentation) . • Taylor is capped and everything goes out of Holt. • So far for this year we've made the same royalty payments as all of last year. • Milling is at capacity in Kirkland Lake and they will be taking ore from AK (Amalgamated Kirkland) property to Quebec. • We are working on incorporating the AK into the IBA. • Looking at doing a tour at Macassa for tailings site and Kinross fish habitat as well as Macassa proper and AK property. • HR does not always inform Charles when a FN member applies. • 2.2% of workforce is Anishinaabe. MFN and WFN makes .5%
Outcome:	To facilitate monitoring a note will be added to Job Posting emails to let Charles Miller, IBA Coordinator for Agnico Eagle, know when members are applying for jobs.

Item #5 – Band Rep Funding Application	
Lead(s):	Stacy Byerlay
Discussion:	<p>MFN has submitted to the gov't our intent to make our own laws. We now need to apply for capacity funding which would be 2–4-year plan and it would be good to hire a new person to do the legwork required to develop and coordinate the program. (OKT had agreed a year ½ ago to take on MFN to help through this process as well).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The previous committee needs to be updated. • Have a good amount of information completed but need the coordination part which includes meeting with members to gather experiences/views. • Funding of \$250,000 annually is available until our Laws are in place up to 2026. We are ½ year ahead of schedule. A complete budget is in the works. <p>Can we hire a coordinator in a contract role depending on funding? Hiring a member vs. a consultant would be preferred and it does not have to be someone working in child welfare. Post Majority care information was shared regarding youth 18 to 26 who have been in care at some point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Stacy is working on a case-by-case basis and will be applying for individual needs. • Along with post-majority care is more funding which means we can eventually hire a worker whose sole job would be to travel and find these members and provide help.
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2023-08-01 MOTION to hire a coordinator to work on our Laws and Intent for the Band Rep program. MOTIONED by Lulu Jobson SECONDED by Jason Batisse All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p>

Break 8:30 to 8:40 PM

Item #6 – Approval of minutes from July 11, 2023 and June 20, 2023	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2023-08-02 MOTION to approve minutes from July 11, 2023 and June 20, 2023. MOTIONED by Jason Batisse SECONDED by Melanie Boucher All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p>

Item #6 – Harassment Policy/Social Media Policy	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2023-08-03 MOTION to sign and approve the Social Media Policy and Harassment Policy. MOTIONED by Lulu Jobson SECONDED by Melanie Boucher All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p>

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