



Matachewan First Nation Chief and Council Meeting MINUTES

Date and Time	January 30, 2024
Location	Community Center and Zoom
Chairperson	
Council Present	
Council Regrets	Stan Fox, Tommy Fox, Mel Boucher, Elenore Hendrix, Adrian Boucher
Council on Zoom	Clara Hanson, Alex Batisse, Chelsea Daley, Rachel Batisse, Lulu Jobson,
Recorder	Marilyn Groulx, Delta Flood
Staff	IBA Coordinator
Guest(s)	Leah, Zapotochy, Lorne Flood, David Flood
Related Documents/Reports	

Item #1 – Welcome and Call to Order 6:19 pm	
Lead(s):	Tommy Fox
Discussion:	Opening prayer – David Flood
Outcome:	

Item #2 – Alamos	
Lead(s):	Impacts and Benefits Agreement Coordinator & Leah Zapotochy
Discussion:	<p>An update was provided on the Davidson Creek Habitat Compensation Project construction work and Alamos would like confirmation to move forward with the Chief’s Creek Project using the plan that allows us to travel through the culvert with minimal disturbance.</p> <p>Discussions were had regarding the exploration planned north of Otisse Lake (12 drill holes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alamos is looking at doing an archaeological study. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most issues lie within the exclusion zone. ○ It was suggested to look at existing MFN Traditional Land Use Values on file and to possibly reach out to members to see if any have yet to be documented. • Leah wanted to know if they can start with trails for the time being (to the drill holes) as most of the roads were already in place (no roadbed, rocks, or gravel) and just need to be opened up. • It was suggested to use MFN LP as much as possible for the work.
Outcome:	

Item #3 – Trap Ground	
Lead(s):	Lorne Flood & David Flood
Discussion:	<p>David gave some background information: Our community has been having longstanding issues with the Forestry sector over the past 25 years plus and has been trying to engage the Ministry on how to best harvest in the area. What has happened over the years is the full implementation of the Forest Management Plan (FMP) making it as if a bomb has gone off in the area for our existing trappers in the area.</p> <p>A study was done in his family’s trap ground that included an adjacent area 5 times the size of the trap ground by researchers from University of Toronto that showed the need for old growth tree stands to ensure the health of the whole ecosystem.</p>

	Lorne would like to have a BCR stating to adhere to Lorne’s voice in the direction and management that occurs on the trap ground. An original BCR was created but needs to be amended.
Outcome:	David will send the Band Manager some alternate wording for the BCR

Break 7:20 to 7:37

Item #4 – Minute Approval – January 9, 2024	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	Addition to minutes – comment by a Councilor regarding the contribution of financial agreements There was a Motion numbering error that has been corrected.
Outcome:	MOTION #2024-15-01 MOTION to adopt the minutes of January 9, 2024, with the amendment of motion numbers to reflect 2024-14-01, 2024-14-02 and 2024-04-03 and addition from Elenore. MOTIONED by Melanie SECONDED by Clara All in Favour MOTION CARRIED

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