



Matachewan First Nation Chief and Council Meeting MINUTES

Date and Time	February 21, 2024
Location	Community Center and Zoom
Chairperson	Tommy Fox
Council Present	Chelsea Daley; Lulu Jobson; Adrian Boucher; Tommy Fox; Stan Fox;
Council Regrets	
Council on Zoom	Clara Hanson; Rachel Batisse; Alex Batisse; Mel Boucher; Elenore Hendrix
Recorder	Marilyn Groulx, Delta Flood
Staff	
Guest(s)	Cory Fox; Mike Smith, Stephanie Saleh, Chris (Infrastructure Ontario); Darren Landry
Related Documents/Reports	

Item #1 – Welcome and Call to Order 6:12	
Lead(s):	Tommy Fox
Discussion:	
Outcome:	

Item #2 – Trust	
Lead(s):	Darlene Lafontaine, Shawn Batisse
Discussion:	<p>Darlene and Shawn gave a quick overview of the Trust including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report that was presented to community in Nov 2024 • Background to Trust including purpose/permitted uses (no per capita distributions) • Planned disbursements – to Build capital (will be determined at a later date) & General Administration • Trust Members and their meeting dates • Ridgewood Capital Asset Management manages our Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 40% of Trust funds is invested in fixed incomes (eg. Bonds) ○ Top 5 investments are: Royal Bank, Microsoft, TD Bank, Apple, Canadian Natural Resources • Administrative expenses are under \$100,000 <p>The Chief would like to see MFN give another payment to the Trust for investments.</p> <p>The Trust Committee is requesting a BCR stating Matachewan First Nation forgives the \$25,600 annual payment to avoid paying taxes.</p>
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2024-16-01 MOTION to create a BCR to forgive the \$25,600 annual payment. MOTIONED by Stan SECONDED by Lulu All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p>

Item #3 – Little NHL	
Lead(s):	Cory Fox, Stan Fox
Discussion:	<p>There is a Matachewan First Nation Youth-13 team participating in Little NHL this year with 5 of our Band Members on it.</p> <p>Agnico Eagle donated some money that was used for entrance fees, socks, and jerseys. The team also received funding from Jordan’s Principle for lodging, meals, and travel. They fundraised to get sweaters and jackets themselves. Jerseys will be returned to the Band after the tournament for future use (11 team members).</p> <p>The Chief and 3 Councilors will be going to little NHL this year so they can help set things up for the following years.</p> <p>MFN branded merchandise may be ordered if members want. Send any requests to Stan Fox.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoodies - \$60, Spring Jacket \$60 – Jersey at least \$110
Outcome:	

Item #4 – Accelerated High Speed Internet	
Lead(s):	Mike Smith, Stephanie Saleh, Chris MacKay (Infrastructure Ontario)
Discussion:	<p>The Ministry of Infrastructure has a mandate to have High Speed Internet to all communities in Ontario by 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are requesting background information regarding the number of home/businesses being serviced on the First Nation (including GIS information), how we are serviced currently, how we would like to have service in the future (fiber optics/satellite), and our main providers. This will help them create a plan to ensure all homes have access to higher speed internet (minimum 50 download/10 upload speeds). • It was suggested we have our Housing Intern reach out to community members with a survey to gather opinions. The final plan would depend on what would be viable to complete. • Costs for internet would be similar to what urban areas pay for services, and if fiber optic connection is not viable, they are looking at having a satellite subsidy program in the future to offset costs. • There is not a deadline for this to be completed, but the Ministry would like to have all projects completed by 2025.
Outcome:	

Item #5 – Darren – Update for Separation Road (After Internet before Minutes)	
Lead(s):	Darren Landry
Discussion:	<p>The road to Separation Lake will start behind the old Pow Wow grounds. A 4.5 km road has been started and should probably be complete by July 2024.</p> <p>The Chief and Council discussed contractor choice and bid process. There was concern that bids were not circulated with Council. Chief had prior approval from Council for a budget to start the process.</p>
Outcome:	

Item #6 – Minutes	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	Review of Minutes from the January 30, 2024, Chief and Council meeting.
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2024-16-02 MOTION to adopt the minutes of January 30, 2024. MOTIONED by Adrian Boucher SECONDED by Chelsea Daley All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p>

Item #7 – Community Hall	
Lead(s):	
Discussion:	<p>The entrance doors for the log building are being repaired. The front door will be boarded up for 2 weeks while the frame is being custom built. There will still be access to the building through the back door during this time. The log building and water treatment plant roofs will be fixed in the spring.</p> <p>A few other maintenance concerns were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the log building door wheelchair accessible. • Fix the skating rink and storage unit at the beach roofs. • One gazebo is collapsing at the beach and needs to be fixed. • Four big lights are missing light bulbs.
Outcome:	

Item #8 – Echo Magazine	
Lead(s):	Elenore Hendrix
Discussion:	<p>Requested to have a young Band Member who is doing exceptional in soccer to be interviewed for the next Echo issue.</p> <p>The Band Manager had already spoke with the Echo to do a whole issue on youth who are doing well in Sports/etc. It would cost another \$4,000 for a special issue.</p> <p>Possibly do two articles – one collectively as a band – one with submissions. (One on youth one on adults?)</p>
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2024-15-03 MOTION to recognize our youth in sports and recreation in a special edition of the Echo. MOTIONED by Melanie Boucher SECONDED by Elenore Hendrix All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p>

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