



Matachewan First Nation Chief and Council Meeting MINUTES

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| Date and Time | March 19, 2024 |
| Location | Community Center and Zoom |
| Chairperson | Alex Batisse; |
| Council Present | Alex Batisse; Chelsea Daley; Adrian Boucher; Tommy Fox; Mel Boucher; |
| Council Regrets | Clara Hanson; |
| Council on Zoom | Rachel Batisse; Elenore Hendrix; Lulu Jobson; Stan Fox; |
| Recorder | Marilyn Groulx; Delta Flood |
| Staff | |
| Guest(s) | Niiwin: Dan Lafontaine – Project Manager, Calvin Goerk – General Manager, Ivan McKay – Community Relations |

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| Item #1 – Welcome and Call to Order 6:03 | |
| Lead(s): | Alex Batisse |
| Discussion: | |
| Outcome: | |

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| Item #2 – Niiwin Presentation | |
| Lead(s): | Dan Lafontaine, Calvin Goerk, Ivan McKay |
| Discussion: | <p>Presentation overviewing past, present and future operations including assets.</p> <p>Questions from Council: Are you in good financial position? - Yes Ensuring job opportunities are sent to First Nations – They are. Look into getting summer student positions through Service Canada – Good idea. Do you employ only Status First Nations? – Priority hiring is for Status. What is the starting wage for Truckers? – Around \$27/hour. Are employees tax exempt? – Yes, as long as your Driver’s License has First Nation address Is the Board of Directors full? – Yes</p> <p>Niiwin is interested in having their business office house on the Timmins land when it is finalized.</p> |
| Outcome: | |

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| Item #3 – Emergency Preparedness | |
| Lead(s): | Tom Fox |
| Discussion: | <p>Indigenous Services Canada had a meeting last week regarding Emergency Preparedness of First Nations.</p> <p>They will be creating an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position for each First Nation with funding towards Fire & Flood preparedness and Mental Health/Addictions. Funding will last through 2027 and then be revisited.</p> <p>He will forward the minutes and presentation from the meeting to Chief & Council once he receives them.</p> |
| Outcome: | Chief & Council to follow up after receiving the minutes and presentation. |

| Item #4 – Little NHL Update | |
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| Lead(s): | Tom Fox |
| Discussion: | <p>3 Councilors went to Little NHL and were impressed in the life skills the kids were being taught as well as all of the different activities that were available besides hockey. “It’s more than hockey.”</p> <p>In speaking with the parents, they would like to see the team sponsored by MFN again next year, with possibly adding a younger team as well.</p> <p>It would be good to have a Sports and Recreation Committee that can fundraise and plan for future Little NHL and other events. Look at the possibility of bringing more families down to participate – not just those playing.</p> <p>A Councilor suggested maybe revisiting the Sports & Rec funding policy and change it to every year vs. one-time funding.</p> <p>Cory can store the Jerseys after cleaning for next year.</p> <p>Other suggestions were to have mini tournaments with Wabun Communities – even with baseball or volleyball.</p> |
| Outcome: | A call-out will be sent out for up to 5 Sports and Recreation Committee members. |

| Item #5 – Trapper Shack | |
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| Lead(s): | Melanie Boucher |
| Discussion: | <p>After trying different avenues, Melanie would like to purchase 1 trappers cabin and fix up another cabin.</p> <p>It was suggested to purchase the building from Englehart as they use White Pine, and to purchase one that is a year old and settled.</p> <p>Mel will get a list of what is needed for the renovations of the old cabin.</p> |
| Outcome: | <p>MOTION #2024-17-01</p> <p>MOTION To move forward on repair to 10 mile shack and get prices for new build for shacks at new location at Montreal River.</p> <p>MOTIONED by Melanie Boucher</p> <p>SECONDED by Elenore Hendrix</p> <p>All in Favour</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> |

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