



# MATACHEWAN FIRST NATION

Box 160, Matachewan ON P0K 1M0

<b>Meeting Details</b>	<b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>Date and Time</b>	Saturday November 28, 2024 @ 6:37 PM
<b>Location</b>	MFN Log Building
<b>Chairperson (Chief)</b>	Tommy Fox
<b>Council Present</b>	Chief Alex Batisse, Tommy Fox, Elenore Hendrix, Clara Hanson, Melanie Boucher, Stan Fox, Adrian Boucher
<b>Council on Zoom</b>	
<b>Council Regrets</b>	Rachel Batisse, Lilianne Jobson
<b>Recorder</b>	Joshua Birimcombe – Director of Finance and Administration (DoFA) Jill Hardy - Guest

<b>Item #1 – Opening Regards</b>	
<b>Lead(s):</b>	
<b>Discussion:</b>	

<b>Item #2 – Call to Order</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>Outcome:</b>	

<b>Item #3 – Approval of Agenda</b>	
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recommendation:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That the Agenda for the Community Meeting held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, be approved as circulated</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Outcome:</b>	<p><b>MOTION #2024-08-17-01</b>            MOTION That the Agenda for the Community Meeting held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, be approved as circulated            MOTIONED by Clara Hanson            SECONDED by Elenore Hendrix            All in Favour            MOTION CARRIED</p>



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## Item #4 – Housing Concerns

### Discussion:

Martin, Ellen, Afred shared concerns about housing, and the plan to grow the community

Councillor Tom replied: There are two houses being built, land use plans and surveys are happening. Community consultation will happen at a later time

Savannah is still organizing and there are lots surveyed. Recommendations for setting up a housing committee were made so that the most organized approach could happen.

Communication was requested by membership regarding updates and available housing funds. David Flood shared links for Indigenous Services Canada in partnership with CMHC – Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corp. Council reassured when the information becomes available the community will be updated.

Members recommended the band consider retirement living and family housing needs.

## Item #5 – Community Wellness

### Discussion:

Albert and Richie shared frustration of recent community issues concerning assaults, and lateral violence occurring between Chief and band members.

- Led into discussion about the health and wellness of the community, needing trained support. Further investigation for the outcomes of these issues.

## Item #6 – Lack of Communication

### Discussion:

Jean mentioned that band members are going to MGN administration and not getting responses or acknowledgements. Concerned that potential emails go unnoticed if they are filtered out because of the domains like @hotmail, @gmail, etc.

- Josh committed to check for the domains and council agreed they would make sure to answer voicemails, emails, in as timely a way as possible moving forward.

## Item #7 – Questions/Comments

### Discussion:

Emergency Road – The costs are still being considered, it was recommended by Delta that conversations with those who would be using the road to lend feedback about the best routes possible. David posted a link regarding First Nation Community Fire Smart and Risk Assessment resources. Additional comments were made regarding the potential involvement of MNR and the use of drones to capture aerial footage to make the best plan possible

## Item #8 – Waste Management



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<b>Discussion:</b>	Waste management concerns were brought forward by members regarding dumping happening and questions regarding what the plan was to remedy the situation. Recommendations from members and past meetings is to install a gate and camera. Hire a couple of people to monitor the area and address improper or unauthorized dumping. Concerns brought forward about locks being broken and it was agreed that replacing locks or using chain may be the best way and with proper monitoring would eventually deter the perpetrators.
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## Item #9 – Infrastructure

<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>Street names, it is for emergency vehicles who may be responding and would help navigate them quicker for response time. Discussion was had regarding naming. Councillor Melanie recommended animals and in both English and Anishnawbemowin. Council has notes and will provide more information at a later date.</p> <p>The new band office has been put on hold, further information will be held at a later meeting.</p> <p>Cemetery Signage and recommendations for a shaded bench area for visitors to rest when visiting. Council will have more information at a later time.</p>
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## Item #10 - Audits

<b>Discussion:</b>	Members discussed the lack of support regarding housing, health, and questioned financial management. Discussion was had regarding Annual audits Josh agreed to investigate who other first nations are using and if the use of a different firm would be more suitable. Josh also advised that per KPMG schedule the Year end 2021 will be done Tuesday, Year end 2022 has begun and will be available end of January, and Year 2023 by summer of 2025, Year 2024 by end of next calendar year.
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## Item #11 - Portfolios

<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>Shawna, Ellen, Jill, and Merv questioned who has what portfolio and why certain portfolios were moved around, taken from some, and moved without prior conversation. Lands Resources and Mining</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor Tom advised that they would need to take this away for research and will work on a better way to handle when portfolios move around. Councillor Melanie advised there is no guide that comes with the portfolio so managing them from one hand to the other requires conversation and proper management. The Council will be looking into this.</li><li>• Stan explained his involvement with Agnico Eagle over last 7 years and recent changes that led to the Chief's decision regarding Stan's need to resign his committee work with the 2 companies as it was not intended that Stan be dedicated to the mining division.</li></ul>
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## Item #12 - MFNLP

### Discussion

Remarks about the management of funding and what is available were directed to Chief and Council by members. Ellen asked where the money is made by all the agreements and partnerships run by LP and how is it being used to help the Membership? Lorne explained that the LP is responsible for making the money from the Agreements and partnerships, but the outward flow of any money is up to Chief and Council.

- Chief Sonny says anyone can have a business with a good business plan, applications can be made to consider any member for a business

## Item #13 - Hiring

### Discussion

Discussion was had regarding the hiring process and what that looks like to understand a recent decision to hire one person over another. Josh advised that there is a process in place and there may be reasons for the decision he is not privy to but discussing that in this meeting openly about 2 people is not appropriate.

## Item #14 -

### Discussion

Merv mentioned that not much was said for off reserve happenings, he has been watching for 20 years and nothing much is changing. Many shared concerns about the future and the environment. Ellen mentioned transparency and the need to have more frequent meetings, so people don't fester to the frustration point shown today. It was agreed that Council will take this information supplied by the band members and communicate back a formal reply when one is ready at a future meeting.

Alfred addressed everyone, reminding us of the honour elected officials are supposed to be supporting the people with.

## Item #10 – Adjournment

### Outcome:

That Chief and Council adjourn this Community Meeting at 3:45 PM