



MATACHEWAN FIRST NATION

Box 160, Matachewan ON P0K 1M0

Date and Time	Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 1:00 PM
Location	Log Building
Chairperson	Tommy Fox
Council Present	Real Boucher, Lilianne Jobson, Melanie Boucher, Charlie Thomas, Andy Buffalo, Sonny Batisse, Tom Fox
Council Regrets	Mitch Roy, Mary Batisse
Council on Zoom	Clara Hanson, Elenore Hendrix
Recorder	Joshua Birimcombe – Director of Finance and Administration (DoFA) Meegen Nahwegezhic – Administrative Clerk
Staff	Elaine Daley, Laura Jean Flood, Cathy Yandeau, Savannah Lobsinger, Kayla Schram
Guest(s)	Rachel Flood, Phoenix Sutherland, Noodin Morningstar, James Batisse, Jason Flood, Dorothy Larkman, Annabell Dube, Nelson Castillo, Adrian Boucher, Debbie Proulx, Angel Larkman, Serena Batisse, David Flood, Bertha Cormier, Lorne Flood, Darcy Landry, Brandon Batisse, Brittney Smart, Alfred Groulx, Merv Buffalo, Teddy Lamarche, Holly Boucher, Courtney Lamarche, Martin Millen, Jared Daley

Item #1 – Opening Regards/Prayer	
Lead(s):	Tommy Fox
Outcome:	Prayer was done

Item #2 – Call to Order	
Lead(s):	Tommy Fox
Discussion:	That Chief and Council duly convene this Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 1:25 PM

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda	
Leads(s):	Tommy Fox
Discussion:	That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, be approved as circulated
Outcome:	MOTION #2025-24-01 MOTION MOTIONED by Sonny Batisse SECONDED by Melanie Boucher All in Favour MOTION CARRIED

Item #4– Acceptance of Minutes and Recommendations

Discussion:	MOTION #2025-24-02 MOTION That Chief and Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 MOTIONED by Melanie Boucher SECONDED by Elenore Hendrix All in Favour MOTION CARRIED
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Item #5a – Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion

Lead(s):	
Discussion:	ITEM <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4a) Administration and Governance Codei. A presentation was given. <p>Feedback from members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The code was started in 2010 to get structure in place for our members and chief and council. The code needs more looking into.- There should be a standard for honorariums.- If the employee is working on their time, the employee should get an honorarium.- MFN Members having to expose honorarium to what are the external entities. – To be edited.- Chief and Council should have no jurisdiction for trap grounds, only the head person of the grounds.- The document has no policies to back it up, it's too open to being misused.- There should be a committee for this code. The more input from band members, the better the code will be. <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Make corrections to the document and sections need attention. <p>Anyone who is interested in working on this draft can coordinate with ash to discuss.</p>

Item #5b – Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion

Discussion:	4b) Street Names Main streets – Batise Drive South Street – Mouse Street West Street – Lita Drive Band Office Road – Michelle Street Cemetery Road – Cemetery Road Beaver Lake Road – Beaver Lake Road Campgrounds – Turtle Lake Crescent
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Item #5c – Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion

Discussion:	4c) Powwow Grounds Expansion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Possibly moving powwow grounds near water to cool dancers.
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Item #5d – Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion

Discussion:	<p>4d) Member Submission (Barbara Bell) – Distribution of the most recent financial statements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All completed financial updates will be posted on the MFN website. - 2023 Audit should be posted within two weeks.
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Item #5e – Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion

Discussion:	<p>4e) Member Submission (Barbara Bell) – Advice on when the money will be distributed to members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief and Council were discussing a \$500 distribution for Christmas time.
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Item #5f – Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion

Discussion:	<p>4f) Member Submission (Merv Buffalo) – When was the last time Merv Buffalo’s trapline issues were discussed at meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If further guidance is required regarding how council can assist, the individual should consult with Tommy.
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Item #5g – Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion

Discussion:	<p>4g) Member Submission (Alfred Groulx) – Zoom learning for our language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clara has been in contact with NAN to host a zoom session once or twice a week.
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Item #6 – Staff Updates and Discussions

Item #7 – Councillor Updates and Discussions

Item #8 – Community Member Updates and Discussions

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