

Matachewan First Nation Council Meeting
November 15, 2022 -6:30 pm.
MFN Community Log Building

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR ADRIAN BOUCHER, COUNCILLOR TOM FOX,

ON ZOOM: COUNCILLORS LILLIAN JOBSON, COUNCILLOR CLARA HANSON, CHIEF ALEX BATISSE, COUNCILLOR RACHEL BATISSE

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR BARNEY BATISE, COUNCILLOR ELENORE HENDRIX, COUNCILLOR STAN FOX, COUNCILLOR CHELSEA DALEY

ALSO PRESENT: BAND MANAGER MARILYN GROULX.

Quorum achieved. Meeting chaired by Councillor Tom Fox and called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rose Thomas

1. Opening Prayer

Rendered by Councillor Tom Fox

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda is read and following items are deferred: #4 Lot Request, #5 Beaverhouse First Nation Discussion, # 7 Band Representative, #13 Meals on Wheels,

Move following item to In camera session: #11 Minutes

Remove from agenda: #12. Posters

Motion to accept agenda moved by Councillor Rachel Batisse and seconded by Councillor Clara HansOn. All agreed. None abstained.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Previous Minutes not available. To be deferred till next meeting.

4. Health Center

Discussion: Council discussed this issue at previous Council meeting that took place in Rama. Councillor Jobson had declared a conflict and Councillor Daley had abstained. Chief Batisse relives that at that Council meeting it was decided that the Health Center project would be shut down for now until quotes were obtained and engineers to look at it. Discussion takes place on whether there were any engineers they were enjoined for this project. Councillor Tom Fox will revisit his emails to see if there had been correspondence with engineers. The concerns were the frost walls and crooked footings. Councillor Fox is of the opinion that any other contractor would not be comfortable unless inspected by an engineer. Councillor Tom Fox had obtained quote from Earlton company, 2 from Sudbury, Neil Peddie and another from KL.

Conclusion: A meeting with Trent Jobson is to be set up and with building committee and to have engineers engaged in project. No payouts till the meeting are concluded.

Off Topic Sidebar discussion: Bridge being done on reserve by same consultant. That project is to be done by the end of Nov/early Dec. Life span dropped down to 40 years with cribbing. If it was steel, it would have been 80-year lifespan.

5. Band Representative

DEFERRED

6. School Bus

Councillor Rachel Batisse reports concerns about the school bus from Matachewan to KL being cancelled a lot lately. There is a shortage of bus drivers and current bus driver will not drive to KL. There has been talk of going back to online learning, but it is up to the parents to log in online to get the homework and schoolwork downloaded. Must look for solutions Parental Engagement funds can be used to pay for parents' gas to travel to KL to take their kids to school. There can be no carpooling as this would be a liability and insurance issue.

Motion to accept paying parents' gas out of Parental Engagement fund moved by Councillor Rachel Batisse and seconded by Councillor Jobson. All agreed. No abstains. Motion adopted.

- 7. Funeral Expenses:** Discussion on Councils' decision to pay \$500 for a non member spouse off reserve. Was it this Council or previous Council that put that amount to \$800.00? Councillor Hansen is of opinion that it is unfair as some people know about this benefit and others don't and therefore do not receive it. The total membership is over 900 so if everyone's spouse who was non member received this, it would be a considerable amount.

DIRECTION: Check Minutes of February 2022 as Councillor Boucher said that is when this Council increased the amount up to \$800.00.

8. James Smith Cree Nation

Donations or gifts cards are suggested to be sent to this First Nation for their tragic circumstances. Council denies this suggestion as there are many First Nations in the same situation.

9. Minutes

Moved to In Camera Session

10. Meals On Wheels

DEFERRED.

11. Code of Conduct Policy

Councillor Clara Hanson will email Phil ?? on this policy. It is the Abuse, Bullying and Harassment Procedures.

12. Meeting Adjournment

Minute Taker exited meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.