



MATACHEWAN FIRST NATION

Box 160, Matachewan ON P0K 1M0

dDate and Time	Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Location	Log Building
Chairperson	Tom Fox
Council Present	Chief Alex Batisse, Elenore Hendrix, Melanie Boucher, Stan Fox, Tommy Fox, Adrian Boucher
Council Regrets	Lulu Jobson
Council on Zoom	Clara Hanson, Rachel Batisse
Recorder	Delta Flood – Secretary/Receptionist/Indian Registration Clerk
Staff	Josh Birimcombe – Director of Finance and Administration (DoFA)

Item #1 – Opening Regards/Prayer

Lead(s): Tom

Item #2 – Call to Order

Discussion: That Chief and Council duly convene this Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:13 PM.

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

Outcome: **MOTION #2024-20-01**
MOTION that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, be approved as circulated
MOTIONED by Clara
SECONDED by Rachel
All in Favour
MOTION CARRIED

Item #4 - Acceptance of Minutes and Recommendations

Discussion: Regarding approving the amended minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, the amended minutes of the Community Meeting held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Outcome: **MOTION #2024-20-02**
MOTION that Chief and Council approve the amended minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, and the amended minutes of the Community Meeting held on Saturday, April 27, 2024.
MOTIONED by Alex Batisse
SECONDED by Elenore Hendrix
All in Favour
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #2024-20-03

MOTION that Chief and Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024

MOTIONED by Melanie Boucher

SECONDED by Adrian Boucher

All in Favour

MOTION CARRIED

Item #5 – Band Council Resolutions**Discussion:**

Circulated to BCR's for signatures:

That Chief and Council approve BCR 2024-12, nomination of Matachewan First Nation representative, Cathy Yandea, to the Temagami Forest Management Corporation Board of Directors.

That Chief and Council approve BCR 2024-13, approval of transfer from Joint Venture Mining Dollars, in the amount of \$576,000, to cover the 2024-2025 post-secondary budget deficit

Outcome:**Item #6 – Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion****Discussion:****Road Update/Road Signs**

- New Grader operator started Monday, July 15, 2024
 - o Discussed new hiring process of using a consultant. A Councillor would like to see if one of the consultants used could be a First Nations person and that our thoughts and recommendations are considered. The Chief would like to see this process continue moving forward. Fees were discussed.
- Calcium for roads will be delivered August 2, 2024
- A couple of Councillors circulated a design for the kilometer markings with the numbers written in Ojibwa as well. They were approved and will hopefully be installed before the Pow Wow.

Health Centre

- Discussed grand opening date which will be pushed to probably after Mid-October. Coordination with Agnico Eagle upper management will need to be done, as well as there is still a bit more work and setting up that needs to be completed.

Flagpole

- Councillor Hanson advised 20 ft pole available at Canadian Tire. It was decided to purchase 3 flag poles to be placed at the Health Centre. One would fly the Matachewan First Nation flag, and the other two would fly the MMIW and Every Child Matters flags and can be changed for various campaigns pertinent to the First Nation.

Community Gym

- There have been some concerns from Staff and community members about improper use of facilities with reports of kids playing on around the equipment and getting into the other side (Fire Truck Bay). Some equipment has been broken.
- Discussion was had for deterrence. DoFA has already changed the code to the door to the bay, but some other ideas were circulating a bulletin stating anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult as well as possibly making the wall to the bay higher.
- The Chief directed the DoFA to reset all key fobs and have then re-apply for access.

Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 1-way communication page to get information out is in the process of being created. The DoFA has also reclaimed our LinkedIn page and we are able to post jobs there – staff can also utilize this page.
Old Fire Truck Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DoFa will dispose of our old fire truck either by donating it to another First Nation or list it for sale. It is functional but needs repairs.
Disposal Bin Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideas on where and how to set up the disposal bins were discussed. Current site is being decommissioned and if we use the current site for the bins we would need a way to monitor who is dumping to ensure people off community do not use it. A gate was put up in the past, but it did not work. - Discussions about creating a tiered dump were had. - DoFA will speak with our contractor regarding the possibility of having the bins set up without a concrete pad for now until we can determine a final site for them. -
Community Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next community meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 2024.
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2024-20-04 MOTION to purchase the kilometer signs from Creative Designs. MOTIONED by Elenore Hendrix SECONDED by Melanie Boucher All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION #2024-20-05 MOTION to purchase three 20ft flag poles from Canadian Tire. MOTIONED by Clara Hanson SECONDED by Elenore Hendrix All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION #2024-20-06 MOTION to have the Director of Finance and Administration dispose of the old Red Fire Truck. MOTIONED by Alex Batisse SECONDED by Adrian Boucher All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p>

Item #7 – Staff Updates and Discussions	
Discussion:	No Staff Updates

BREAK FROM 6:50 PM TO 7:05 PM

Item #8 – Councillor Updates and Discussions

Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Councillor T. Fox - Surveyed Lots<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. discussion moved to in camera and will share information at next meeting.b. Councillor M. Boucher - Road Names<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Band member brought up idea to have street names in the community. Elenore suggested to name the roads after Treaty Signers.ii. The Chief suggested to bring in Google Maps to update their maps.c. Councillor Hanson - Language Classes<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Within the past two Council meetings some band members have stated they would like to have a language class/discussion group (Language Sharing Circle) hosted through Zoom. Secretary can send a notice out with a poll to arrange the best time to set up an open Zoom link for members to get together. There will not be a facilitator.d. Stan – Hunt Camp at High Falls<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. After staying at the camp at High Falls he noticed that we need to order and install an outhouse ASAP. There seems to be a hole made for it already. If anyone going up to use it, he recommends having a broom up there.ii. Would like to see a sign put up stating ownership. Councillor M. Boucher is looking at a sign with: Matachewan First Nation Owned – Band Members Only – In Memory of Jason Batisse.iii. Concerns about over-fishing and non-member use of Separation Lake were stated. It was suggested to have a sign limiting access to Band Members and Affiliates only.
Outcome:	<p>MOTION #2024-20-07 MOTION to have our community street names honoring Treaty Signatories for emergency purposes. MOTIONED by Elenore Hendrix SECONDED by Stan Fox All in Favour MOTION CARRIED</p>

Item #9 – Community Member Updates and Discussions

Discussion:	<p>A Community Member submitted a letter regarding her, her family and pets were subjected to dog attacks this weekend.</p> <p>The Chief stated that until a bylaw in in place there is nothing we can do. We will need to have a Land Code in place prior to creating any bylaws.</p> <p>The chief requested C Hanson check into how southern First Nations have bylaws and how to put in place on a first Nation without Admin and Land Codes.</p> <p>The Lands & Resources Coordinator can contact NALMA as well to see what other first Nations are doing with by-laws.</p> <p>The Chief has asked the DoFA to send the Admin Code to the lawyers.</p> <p>Concerns regarding welfare of the children as well as the spaying/neutering of pets were discussed.</p> <p>A Councillor recommends sending out a reminder to the community to please respect others pets.</p>
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Item #10 –IN CAMERA – 8:30 PM