

MATACHEWAN FIRST NATION

Box 160, Matachewan ON POK 1M0

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

Item #1 - Opening Regards/Prayer

Discussion: Prayer – Angel Larkman

Item #2 - Call to Order

Discussion:

That Chief and Council duly convene this Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Monday,

September 16, 2024, at 6:14 PM

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

Outcome:

MOTION #2024-23-01

MOTION that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Monday,

September 16, 2024 is approved as circulated.

MOTIONED by Adrian Boucher SECONDED by Lulu Jobson

All in Favour
MOTION CARRIED

Item #4- Acceptance of Minutes and Recommendations

DEFERRED

Item #5 - Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion

Discussion:

Audit Update

- The auditors are still finalizing their migration data. We are internally prepared for 2022 when the auditors are ready for us.
- We do not have issues with financiers regarding funding.

Hunt Camp

- This year's Hunt Camp will take place from October 10th to 12th at Margo's Stretch (clearing on first long stretch off main highway).
- The Chief suggested that we hire extra hands to help with the camp (volunteer honorariums).

Septic Maintenance

- On September 25, 26 & 27, 2024 the septic contractor will be on the reserve to do maintenance. DoFA received two quotes and went with the one that was best for us.

New Band Office

- There will be a community presentation on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.
- Collier's and project leaders will be in attendance for the meeting to answer any questions.
- It was requested by Council to have more detailed maps with measurements included and the DoFA stated there will be an aerial view of the site in relation to existing buildings as well.

Community Firewood

- Firewood will be delivered to the firewood site only. There will be some assistance for deliveries for elders. Anyone else can go and cut as they need.

Outcome:

Item #6 – Staff Updates and Discussions

Discussion:

None

Item #7 - Councillor Updates and Discussions

Discussion:

Councillor Tommy Fox

Drum Group

- Tom would like to help support the Drum Group to get themselves off the ground and possibly get them a cover for the drum and bags for their drumsticks.
- DoFA will see if we have programs that can cover supporting the drum group.

Chief

- The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal meeting has been postponed until October in Calgary.
- He will be attending the Choose Life AGM in Niagara Falls in October as well.
- Shawn Paquette will come out this week to check out cabin lot sizes and give us a price on it.

Item #8 – Community Member Updates and Discussions

Discussion:

Dog By-Law

- There have been ongoing concerns and various members have been lodging complaints regarding dog behaviors.
- The biggest gap is nobody is here to enforce it.
- Discussions were had regarding having a full-time NAPS officer. There are none available at this time, and when we do have one, they get pulled away to work at other First Nations.
 One reason we do not have one is that there is not enough activity on our First Nation, which makes it difficult when we do need an officer.
- We can still work on by-laws in the meantime. The Chief stated that he's been working on all the codes and getting them ratified.
- A Band Member suggested contracting the town's by-law officer to look after the dog by-laws if it is written into by-law.
 - Other comments were that some people will say you're not going to take my dog and threaten whoever is enforcing by-laws, and that we have to stop burning the dump as the bears are coming into the community and the dogs are barking and behaving erratically.

Item #9 – IN CAMERA 6:35pm