



MATACHEWAN FIRST NATION

Box 160, Matachewan ON P0K 1M0

Date and Time	Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Location	Log Building
Chairperson	Tom Fox
Council Present	Lulu Jobson
Council Regrets	Adrian Boucher, Elenore Hendrix, Alex Batisse, Rachel Batisse
Council on Zoom	Clara Hanson, Melanie Boucher, Tom Fox, Stan 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

Lead(s): Tom Fox

Item #2 – Call to Order

Discussion: That Chief and Council duly convene this Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:18 PM

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

Outcome: **MOTION #2024-24-01**
MOTION That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, be approved with the changes of order as needed to facilitate staff availability.
MOTIONED by Lulu Jobson
SECONDED by Stan Fox
All in Favour
MOTION CARRIED

Item #4 – Housing Staff Updates and Discussions

Lead(s): **Housing Coordinator – Savannah Lobsinger**

Discussion:

- DoFA gave the update that some lots in the new subdivision have been completed and the housing department would like to bring forward what types of housing we would like to address immediately (single family/trailer/double lot) Some quotes and designs have been shared with Chief & Council.
- The quotes are for units that can be ready and completed sooner than later (Therma-log is really good but will take a bit more time) Royal homes with Saugeen First Nation also has prefab homes.
- Comments and requests from Council:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remember that Keepers of the Circle is starting a factory for new house builds. Savannah is aware and they should be starting production in March of 2025. ○ Maybe we need a 4-plex ○ Remember that we do have a community meeting Oct 19, so maybe we can get members' feedback then. ○ Something to be looking at is the availability of septic systems: make sure to keep that in mind for the next build. ○ Are we going to be maxing out our hydro? - Other updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Septic cleaning should be complete now. ○ Some roofs are being done week of the 21st. - Anyone who is interested in lots/lands are to go through Savannah who will have a new housing survey and is hoping to have a prototype of the survey for the next meeting. - DoFA would like to ensure people understand that when it was stated that there was funding available it is for service installations, not the home itself. There will be no more \$1 transfers of homes.
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Item #5 – Acceptance of Minutes and Recommendations	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That Chief and Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. ii. That Chief and Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chief and Council held on Monday, September 16, 2024
Outcome:	DEFERRED to next meeting

Item #6 – Director of Finance and Administration Updates and Discussion	
Discussion:	<p>MFN Administration Code</p> <p>DoFA has been working with MFN’s Legal Team regarding the Administration Code and how to carry out our business and what is good for the First Nation. He would like to suggest deferring this to the next meeting but have Chief and Council to look over the documents provided and have any questions for the legal team at the next regular Chief and Council meeting.</p>
Outcome:	Deferred to next meeting when more Council are in Attendance

Item #7 – Staff Updates and Discussions	
Discussion:	<p>Jordan’s Principle Service Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will be working on some Group Applications for the First Nation – (winter clothing drive for youth for example). - Hayden will be creating intake forms for use in the future. - The goal is to be making more monthly applications. - Councillors would like to ensure that a group funding application for the Little NHL is processed when the time comes and encourage our youth to participate. <p>Economic Development Officer (EDO) Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HydroOne can distribute more power through the substation in Matachewan for our upcoming housing expansion and hydro needs. That is all they can do for us right now. Increasing the supply would be a much bigger job and we would need to look for funding. - Once the current community plan is filled, we can look at creating a new subdivision.

- Discussion regarding types of housing units were had with the idea of reaching out for community input while understanding that decisions need to be made sooner than later to take advantage of future funding.
 - o Councilor wanted to ensure that issues from the past were not repeated (such as flooding).
 - o Some lots are being cleared for the houses and EDO would like to see lot 54 cleared next.)
- Have applied to Corda for the Fish Hatchery
- Caroline Coburn from Odonaterra has been contracted to do our Land Use Plan and Community Comprehensive Plan. There is funding to pay for their fees and we only need up to date financial reports, not necessarily audited reports.
- EDO has been looking into Youth internship positions through Fed Nor to fill some possible coordinator positions for some future projects. She suggests reaching out to colleges and universities to see if there are any of our band members who are interested. There is even the possibility to get some winter interns.
- Pow Wow funding - looking at expanding the Pow Wow grounds and have bleachers and shade roofs. There is funding for most of the honorariums & travel expenses and feast as well as signage. An option for the future is to get a band that can play music for the evening (possibly get a mine to fund that).
- Couple places has contacted her regarding reporting for past projects (accessibility program)
- WTC is applying for a training to employment project with 3 partners including Melbac, and Alamos.
- EDO is looking at greenhouse options for food security for the First Nation.
- Discussion for a quote for brushing gear to cut peoples firewood within the community and widen some ATV trails. This would employ a few more people until the weather gets bad. Decision was tabled to in-camera.

Outcome:

Item #8 – Councillor Updates and Discussions

Lead(s):

Discussion:

Councillor Tommy Fox

- Community Drum

Outcome:

Item #9 – Community Member Updates and Discussions