

**Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee
Council Chambers
Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT: Shelley Cornelius, Tina Hill, Barney Keeshig, Gail Nadjiwon,Carolynn Wright
Nuala Robinson (recorder)

REGRETS: Joyce Jones, Paul Lavalley

OPENING: Chair Carolynn Wright called the meeting to order 10:15 am. Tina Hill offered a brief prayer.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The draft agenda was briefly reviewed and discussed. Several items were added, as follows:

- Item 3.1, Acceptance of Resignation
- Item 3.2, Committee Structure
- Item 6, Community Meetings
- Item 6.1, Survey
- Item 6.2, Incentives
- Item 7, Communications Plan

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Gail Nadjiwon

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby approve of the agenda dated August 18, 2020 as revised.

CARRIED unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The minutes of the meeting of February 18th were reviewed. It was noted that action items were complete. The notes from July 28th were also reviewed and discussed. It was noted that these cannot be considered as minutes since there was no quorum for the July meeting, although the group believed the notes accurately reflected the discussions.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Moved by Shelley Cornelius

Seconded by Tina Hill

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby approve of the minutes dated February 18, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED unanimously.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Carolynn Wright reported that she contacted each of the current committee members to confirm their interest in continuing to serve on the committee.

3.1. Acceptance of Resignation

Carolynn read the resignation of Joyce Jones and discussion took place on filling the vacancy as quickly as possible. There was discussion on whether the committee criteria, i.e. two-year limit, should be reviewed and/or revised. It was noted this is a decision of Council. A card was signed for Joyce Jones, thanking her for her time with the MRP Committee.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby accept the resignation of Joyce Jones from the MRP Committee.

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1 abstain (Gail does not believe we should accept resignations due to the time and training involved.)

CARRIED with one abstention.

There was discussion on filling the vacancy and asking Council to approve a posting for a new member be put out immediately. It was noted that we should include the information that the committee meets very regularly and a new member be made aware that there is a substantial commitment in joining the committee, i.e. 2 committee meetings and 2 community meetings per month for the next few months.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby recommend that Council approve for the Committee to post immediately for a member to fill the vacancy on the MRP Committee.

CARRIED unanimously.

3.2. Committee Structure

It was noted that the First Nation's Administrator has been speaking with supervisors of the various programs with a view to possibly restructuring the budget system and how funds would be flowed to the programs. It was described as a tree model. This will be monitored.

4. BUDGET

As requested, the budget which was previously approved in 2019 was updated by the MRP Coordinator to reflect current amounts. The draft of the proposed budget for the 2020/21 fiscal year was reviewed by the Committee. It was noted that the \$25,000 showing in revenue is the amount of funding requested from the Centre of Excellence. If the funding is not approved or approved at a lesser amount, the budget will be adjusted accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

Moved by Gail Nadjiwon

Seconded by Tina Hill

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby recommend the draft revised budget for the 2020/21 fiscal year to Council for approval.

CARRIED unanimously.

4.1. Application for Category 1 Funding from Centre for Excellence & Additional Documents

The draft application was reviewed. Gail Nadjiwon indicated there may be a potential conflict for her. After some discussion it was determined that no conflict exists.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

Moved by Gail Nadjiwon

Seconded by Tina Hill

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby recommend the Application for Category 1 funding from Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property be sent to Council for approval and direct Chief Nadjiwon to sign.

CARRIED unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby recommend and request that Council approve the Band Council Resolution in the form attached for the purpose of supporting its Application for Category 1 funding from Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property and direct Chief Nadjiwon to sign.

CARRIED unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Shelley Corneilus

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby recommend and request that Council approve and send a letter to the Attorney General for Ontario in the form attached for the purpose of providing notice of the intention of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation to create its own Marital Real Property Law to the Attorney General, and in support of future applications for funding from Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property and direct Chief Nadjiwon to sign.

CARRIED unanimously.

5. UPDATE OF WEBSITE

MRP Coordinator, Nuala Robinson, distributed printouts of the current MRP page of the website, together with a suggested re-design of the page. Nuala was provided with several requests for specific information and links to be added and she will meet with Michael Johnston to implement these changes.

ACTION: Nuala Robinson to work with Michael Johnston to update the website for the end of August.

6. COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Nuala Robinson showed a couple of proposed flyers that could be used to advertise upcoming community meetings. After some discussion the Committee selected the preferred format. Nuala suggested that a MRP logo be created for use on MRP documents and incentive items. She distributed a sheet with a few designs on it and after some revisions to one design, the Committee members elected to utilize one. The chosen design has four hands and the words "Our Law, Our Way" on them. The Committee asked that the outline be done with a thin black line.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9

Moved by Gail Nadjiwon

Seconded by Tina Hill

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby adopt the use of the four hands and the words "Our Law Our Way" logo design with the requested amendments.

CARRIED unanimously.

6.1. Survey

Nuala Robinson reminded the Committee that they had previously indicated the survey was found to be quite lengthy and time-consuming to fill out. She proposed that the survey be broken into four pieces and a series of shorter community meetings be held to provide background on the questions and to lead community members through filling out the survey.

Several dates were discussed and September 17 and 29 were selected for the first two meetings. The meetings will start at 6:00 pm and run until 7:30 pm. There was some discussion on whether to request someone from the Centre of Excellence attend the meetings. It was decided the Committee would manage the first meeting and determine from that whether they should invite someone from the Centre of Excellence to attend subsequent meetings. Nuala noted she believes that the third part of the survey may be where we would need their assistance.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10

Moved by Gail Nadjiwon

Seconded by Tina Hill

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby host community meetings to seek input via the surveys and that the meetings be held on weekdays in the evenings, with light refreshments provided.

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1 abstain (Gail would prefer to have a full meal rather than light refreshments.)

CARRIED with one abstention.

6.2. Incentives

It was suggested that there be incentives given to members who attended the community meetings and filled out surveys. Nuala Robinson will seek pricing for lapel pins or bandanas, or possibly vinyl decals for car windows to be made using the new logo. This would be combined with a gift of sweetgrass. Nuala will determine pricing on purchasing sweetgrass. Members in attendance at the meetings will be given a door prize ticket. Four prizes will be available at each meeting as follows:

- \$25 Foodland
- \$25 Tim Hortons
- \$25 Walmart
- \$25 Home Hardware

7. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Nuala Robinson provided an updated Communications Plan to the members of the Committee. Discussion on this item is deferred to next meeting.

8. NEXT STEPS

The next steps were discussed. Gail provided Nuala with contact information for an individual who may be able to provide sweetgrass. There was a request for generic MRP Committee business cards that has the new committee logo and a list of the committee members on it. Nuala will investigate this.

9. NEXT MEETING

The following meetings were scheduled:

- September 1, MRP Committee
- September 17, community meeting
- September 22, MRP Committee
- September 29, community meeting

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business,Carolynn Wright declared the meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.