

**Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee
Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT: Shelley Cornelius, Tina Hill, Gail Nadjiwon, Carolyn Wright, Nuala Robinson (recorder)

REGRETS: Barney Keeshig

GUEST: Karen Millette

OPENING: Chair Carolyn Wright called the meeting to order 10:20 am. Karen Millette was welcomed and introductions were made. Karen has applied for committee membership. Tina Hill offered a prayer.

1. AGENDA

An agenda was discussed and created as follows:

- Minutes of August 18, 2020
- Committee Membership
- Logo design
- Surveys
- Community Meetings
- Communications Plan

2. MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2020

The minutes of the meeting of August 18th were reviewed. It was noted that these minutes have been approved by Council.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Carolynn Wright reported that Paul Lavalley had tendered his resignation and at the council meeting on August 21st she requested that permission be granted for both his and Joyce's vacancies to be posted. There was discussion on seeking new members for the committee and in particular in having a non-member participate on the committee to have their opinions heard, but without voting rights.

There was further discussion that a request be made that to council for a change in the policy so that the MRP Committee members can remain serving on the committee after council changes with the next election.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

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 accept the resignation of Paul Lavalley.

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1 abstain (Gail expressed some concern that perhaps his supervisor was not allowing time off for attendance at meetings.)

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Moved by Shelley Cornelius

Seconded by Gail Nadjiwon

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby recommend that Council make an exception to the Committee Policy so that the MRP Committee members may remain on the MRP committee through the Chief and Council elections in order to maintain continuity and progress, as well as to retain its investment into the committee's training and knowledge base through ongoing the development of the Marital Property Law.

CARRIED unanimously.

4. COMMUNITY MEETING

There was discussion having community engagement meetings in the continuing environment of being limited in the number of attendees at any gatherings. It was decided that a community engagement meeting be set up for October 1st at the Maadookii Centre starting at 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. This will be for 15 participants and five committee members to go through the first part of the survey and for the committee to answer any questions participants may have. In the meantime, the committee decided that the first part of the survey would be distributed on-reserve together with a flyer inviting members to attend the meeting on October 1st. A covering note is to be included explaining the survey and inviting members to contact Nuala Robinson with any questions or concerns. The survey may be filled out and returned to the Band administration office.

5. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Nuala Robinson provided a copy of the Communications Plan to the members of the Committee and members were asked to review it and provide any comments to Nuala by email. Discussion on this item is deferred to next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The following meetings were scheduled:

- September 29, MRP Committee, 10:00 am at Maadookii Centre
- October 1, community meeting, 6:00 pm at Maadookii Centre

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Carolyn Wright declared the meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.