

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT: Shelley Cornelius, Tina Hill, Larissa Johnston, Barney Keeshig, Teena Millette, Gail Nadjiwon, Nuala Robinson (recorder)

REGRETS:Carolynn Wright

OPENING: Barney Keeshig called the meeting to order 10:18 am. Gail Nadjiwon offered an opening prayer.

1. AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and it was noted that the date should be November 18th.

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

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

CARRIED unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ON COMMUNICATIONS

There was discussion on how to work with Michael Johnston, Communications Manager, on our communications with the community. At approximately 11:20 Michael joined the meeting by Zoom. Tina Hill led the discussion, noting that the committee has received some good feedback from its recent flyer blitz.

Mr. Johnston responded that all communications are considered to be administrative in nature and he would have to review any proposed communication pieces ahead of them being sent. He expressed his desire to maintain consistency with the design of communications that he has implemented. With respect to the recent flyers, he stated his belief that they could have been improved with better layout, text, and graphics. He feels the imagery of people arguing or crying was too negative and would prefer to promote more positive imagery. He stated that he'd checked with wellness staff who agreed with him that negative imagery could potentially have a triggering effect. He indicated that there should be "give and take on both sides".

Teena Millette stated her belief that there are many members on the reserve who still find value in having flyers. Mr. Johnston stated that flyers are a thing of the past, but Gail Nadjiwon added her opinion that some members are not yet prepared to go paperless. It was pointed out by Barney Keeshig that historically council had decided that there would be one day a week where all flyers were delivered instead of various groups and programs paying \$100 for someone to deliver a single flyer.

Larissa Johnston asked how advertising relates to Mr. Johnston's responsibility as communications manager. She wanted to know what avenue is available to achieve creative advertising; how creative advertising is added; and how it can be distributed. He replied that distribution could include the newsletter, email, online through website, possibly by radio in future. As for creative content, he believes it is easiest to incorporate images into text in a way that would not be too long for reading. He wants material to be consistent.

Tina Hill thanked Mr. Johnston for doing a good job on the newsletter and working with us on our webpage.

It was noted that the committee had directed Nuala Robinson to purchase a Survey Monkey license for use by the MRP program for its surveys. Nuala asked Mr. Johnston if he would be able to link the new Survey Monkey to the MRP webpage and he indicated he could help with this.

Nuala asked about contacting off-reserve members. She explained that when it comes time to vote on any new law, the voting rules state that 25% of all members must vote, and 50% plus 1 of those need to vote yes in order for the law to be passed. She wishes to start reaching out to members off-reserve either by email or regular mail.

ACTION: Nuala to ensure that the next meeting agenda includes an item for the committee to request council for the list of members who live off-reserve.

3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2020

The minutes of the meeting of October 20th were reviewed. There were no revisions noted.

Moved by Gail Nadjiwon

Seconded by Teena Millette

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation MRP Committee hereby approve the minutes of October 20th as circulated.

CARRIED unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION AT SUPERVISORS' MEETING & FOLLOW-UP

Nuala Robinson provided a copy of her discussion notes from her attendance at the last supervisors' meeting. She reported that after the meeting her notes were forwarded to the supervisors by email. As a result, NCW has requested a lunch and learn session for November 30th, and Maadookii has requested a session as well. Teena Millette will assist on November 30th. Tina Hill will assist with Maadookii. Nuala will determine a date next week and confirm with Tina. She plans to follow up with other supervisors in order to set up more survey presentation dates.

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation MRP Committee hereby accept the report of the MRP Coordinator.

CARRIED unanimously.

5. TRAINING WITH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Teena Millette reported that the training took place over two days last week with her and Nuala Robinson participating. She found the training to be very informative and useful, and after reading the toolkit she feels like she has learned a lot. She believes that an MRP law will be truly beneficial to the community. She feels the Indian Act does nothing to protect the members of the community and our law is vital. Nuala agreed with Teena that there was much that they both learned in the training. She noted that Kathy McCue from Centre of Excellence is happy to provide any further training the committee may request. The committee thanked Nuala and Teena for their report.

6. SURVEY PART 2 – EMERGENCY PROTECTION ORDERS

Nuala Robinson presented a draft letter to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario requesting that Her Honour appoint judges to hear and issue Emergency Protection Orders. She noted that at present there are no judges within the Province of Ontario who are empowered to issue these Orders and that because of this any individual who is subject to abuse and worried about their personal protection or that of young children has only local police for recourse. There was discussion about whether justices of the peace could handle these orders but this may be beyond their scope.

RECOMMENDATION # 1

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation send a letter to the Lieutenant Governor for Ontario requesting that Her Honour proceed with designating appropriate judges in Ontario who may issue Emergency Protection Orders as may be required.

CARRIED unanimously.

7. FUNDING AGREEMENT

Nuala Robinson had earlier provided copies of the Funding Agreement to committee members. She now noted that she had reviewed the contract carefully and that slight amendments had been made to correct page numbering and to remove a duplicate clause. The committee requested that John Ramage review the contract and that if he found no problems with it, then it could be sent to council. [Note: Nuala asked John to review the agreement. He approved of it.]

RECOMMENDATION # 2

Moved by Teena Millette

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation hereby approve Funding Agreement No. 2020-21-MRP-003 with The National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association (NALMA) and direct Chief Nadjiwon to sign the Funding Agreement.

CARRIED unanimously.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Barney Keeshig declared the meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.