

**Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

REGRETS: Barney Keeshig

OPENING: Carolynn Wright called the meeting to order 10:01 a.m. Tina Hill offered an opening prayer.

1. AGENDA

The Agenda was briefly reviewed.

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 as presented.

CARRIED unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2021

The minutes of March 23, 2021 were reviewed.

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Teena Millette

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation MRP Committee hereby approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED unanimously.

3. SURVEYS/MAILOUT

Nuala Robinson reported that the mailout was accomplished with the help of her son, and that surveys have started coming back by mail and online. Due to some sort of postal delay, several members reached out to say they received their packages just on the day of the Zoom meeting. As a result, attendance was very low and Nuala has scheduled another Zoom day for May 27th. This has been advertised in the band newsletter and on the website.

Paper copies of the surveys have started arriving at the band office. It was noted that some envelopes may have been put into the mailbox of the Lands department and Nuala will check into this. Several people have completed the online versions of the surveys, including 21 of part 1, 14, of part 2, and 15 of parts 3 and 4 each. More are completed each day. So far 18 envelopes have been returned for people who have either moved, passed away, or addresses were marked as incomplete. It was noted that the incomplete addresses may be missing the P.O. box number. Nuala is keeping a list to pass to the membership clerk.

4. TRADEMARK

James Buchan's office forwarded a retainer agreement for discussion by the committee and recommendation to council for signature. Nuala contacted Mr. Buchan's office for some clarification on a couple of points and they replied with the attached email. After some discussion, the MRP Committee believes the retainer agreement is acceptable.

Moved by Tina Hill

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the following recommendation be submitted to Council for consideration:

RECOMMENDATION 1

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation approve the retainer agreement with James Buchan of Gowling WLG to conduct a trademark search and file the appropriate trademark application documents with respect to the "Our Law Our Way" logo and direct Chief Nadjiwon to sign the retainer agreement.

CARRIED unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1. Category 1 Funding – Final Report

Nuala Robinson reported that the final report for the Category 1 Funding was submitted to the Centre of Excellence (COE) on May 21, 2021 by email. She reminded the committee that permission had been received from the COE to reallocate funds from one expense line to another. As a result, we have now spent the whole \$25,000 that was funded to us.

Nuala indicated that she plans to submit a request for funding under Category 2 sometime in June. This category of funding is available for the development of the law, to offset legal fees and community consultation costs associated with Draft 1 of the law. She has reached out to Patrick Nadjiwan to obtain a retainer agreement for the work and discuss timing of discussions with respect to the survey data. This funding proposal will be reviewed by the committee at its June meeting and a recommendation made to council at that time.

6. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Deferred.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Deferred. There was a question of whether there is anything available in the way of training for dispute resolution. Nuala will do some research to report back to the committee.

8. NEXT MEETING

June 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tina Hill moved that the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.