

**Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee
Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

REGRETS: Gail Nadjiwon, Barney Keeshig

OPENING: Carolynn Wright called the meeting to order 10:10 am. Shelley Cornelius offered an opening prayer.

1. AGENDA

The agenda was briefly reviewed.

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 agenda as presented.

CARRIED unanimously.

2. TRADEMARK

James Buchan's office forwarded a retainer agreement in March and the committee had a few points of clarification. Nuala reached out to Mr. Buchan for explanations and these were reviewed by the committee. After discussion the committee made a recommendation to council that the chief be directed to sign the agreement. Council approved the recommendation and Chief Nadjiwon signed the agreement. Nuala forwarded the signed agreement to James Buchan's office and they have started the process for us. Initially they will conduct a Canada-wide search to ensure the mark, or something similar is not already trademarked. This search will take a few weeks and after that an application can be made for the trademark. Mr. Buchan's office indicated this may take a couple of years to be finalized by the government.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1. Category 1 Funding Final Report

Nuala Robinson reported that the final report to the Centre of Excellence was received and approved by National Aboriginal Lands Management Association (NALMA). She explained that the Centre of Excellence has now had its operations rolled up into NALMA. She was told that the various funding envelopes are still in place, but that these will also be closed up as of March 31, 2023. The committee generally agreed that it was good to already have the MRP process underway in order to take advantage of the funding grants.

3.2. Category 2 Funding Request

Nuala Robinson highlighted the proposed funding request. A few revisions were discussed and Nuala will make these changes for the next meeting. At that time a recommendation will be put to Council for the proposal to be submitted to NALMA.

4. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Nuala Robinson highlighted the proposed revisions to the communications plan. A blacklined version was previously distributed to the committee members. Some questions and points of clarification were discussed and the plan was approved.

Moved by Shelley Cornelius

Seconded by Tina Hill

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby approve the Communications Plan as revised.

CARRIED unanimously.

5. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Nuala reported that she had an exchange of emails and a conversation with the rep (Kathy) from the Centre of Excellence. Kathy forwarded the entire dispute resolution toolkit to Nuala and also arranged for Nuala to speak with an individual from the Whitefish River Reserve near Sudbury.

Nuala briefly highlighted the Dispute Resolution material that she received from Centre of Excellence. She noted that she had exchanged emails with the person from Whitefish and had determined that they did their Dispute Resolution program five years after putting their MRP in place. Deferred.

6. SURVEYS

Nuala Robinson reported that she has received an approximate total of 100 surveys through mail and online. She showed the Survey Monkey site and indicated that it provides analysis of the results that includes graphs of the replies. She suggested that perhaps over the next two weeks she input the information from the paper surveys received in order to facilitate the statistical analysis. This was approved by the committee.

7. NEXT MEETINGS

June 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in council chambers

July 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in council chambers

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tina Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:47 a.m.