

**Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee
Council Chambers
Thursday, December 3, 2020**

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

OPENING: Carolynn Wright called the meeting to order 9:45 am. Gail Nadjiwon offered an opening prayer.

1. AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed. Two new items were added as follows:

4. Report on Number of Surveys
5. Financial Reports

Moved by Shelley Cornelius

Seconded by Gail Nadjiwon

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby approve of the agenda dated December 3, 2020 as amended.

CARRIED unanimously.

2. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2020

The minutes of the meeting of November 18th were reviewed. It was noted that an Ad Hoc Committee was struck by Council to work with Michael Johnston to determine some Terms of Reference and lay out how communications will flow into the community in future. Barney Keeshig, Solomon King, and Arlene Chegahno are on the committee.

Moved by Shelley Cornelius

Seconded by Gail Nadjiwon

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation MRP Committee hereby approve the minutes of November 18th as circulated.

CARRIED unanimously.

3. DEBRIEF ON PRESENTATIONS AT MAADOOKII AND NCW

Nuala Robinson noted that the two latest presentations produced a bunch of new questions. In previous presentations the questions focused more on non-members possibly being able to own land. At NCW in particular they were more concerned about the welfare of children and their being able to remain in the family home in case of a death or violence.

Teena Millette agreed that there were a lot of questions at NCW around children. She cited that one individual was concerned about her children not being considered band members although they were her natural-born children. Barney noted that the individual has to register themselves and their children.

Tina Hill reported that the Maadookii meeting went well and the people were very interested in the project. They wondered why we need this law and had questions about MRP versus FHRMIRA. Barney noted that if we don't create our own law, we have to go with what the government established, and that law [FHRMIRA] was not developed specifically for Nawash. Tina said that the stick people were a hit with the attendees. Some felt they were cute and most agreed that the messages were simple and easy to understand, as well as eye-catching.

Gail Nadjiwon felt that the stick people opened some eyes and that those kinds of messages need to be put out there.

The committee is pleased with the progress of the project and commended Nuala Robinson for her work in moving it forward.

Nuala asked Barney and Carolynn to promote an MRP presentation to Council. Nuala will speak with Terry King to select a date in January.

4. NUMBER OF SURVEYS

Nuala was asked to follow up with participants who have not yet filled out surveys but did attend a presentation. She will provide statistics at the next meeting and this will be an ongoing agenda item.

5. FINANCE

It was noted that the audit has not been completed as yet and Finance has been unable to send monthly reports. Nuala indicated she is keeping track of the project finances and will provide a report for the next meeting. This item will be added as a regular agenda item for future meetings.

6. CONTACTING OFF-RESERVE MEMBERS

Nuala indicated that she has contacted Michael Johnston a number of times with respect to getting the message out to off-reserve members. He has not responded as yet. We can request that council direct membership to provide us with the list. We should ask council for a Band List (for Names and band numbers) for people over 18, and ask for an address list of all members over age 18. Kathleen Ryan may have a template we may use to request council's permission for the lists.

7. UPDATING MEMBERSHIP LIST / OBTAINING LIST FROM INAC

As discussed in the previous point.

8. MRP BROCHURE

Committee members were asked to provide pictures of weddings (with consent), and we will source or take pictures of the reserve for the brochure. Members will also provide Nuala with suggested quotes for the brochure. Carolynn suggested checking the Elders Books.

9. DAY PLANNERS

Gail and Shelley asked for the month planner the same as last year's planner. Teena requested a small purse-sized one. Everyone else has already bought their own.

10. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 21st at 9:30 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Tina Hill moved the meeting adjourned at 11:28 pm.