

**Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee
Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING

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

REGRETS: Tina Hill, Barney Keeshig

OPENING: Carolynn Wright called the meeting to order 9:28 am. Teena Millette offered an opening prayer.

1. AGENDA

The Agenda was briefly reviewed. No additional items were requested.

Moved by Gail Nadjiwon

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

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 DECEMBER 3, 2020 & FEBRUARY 16, 2021

The minutes of December 3, 2020 were reviewed. It was noted that some follow-up items (number of surveys and contacting off-reserve members) would be discussed in detail later in this meeting.

The minutes of February 16, 2021 were reviewed. There was a question of whether the changes that were requested on the brochure had been made and Nuala Robinson confirmed that they were. The copyright of the logo was discussed and it was reported that Council approved the recommendation to copyright the MRP logo and will pay for the work. Carolynn Wright indicated that Council had also questioned whether the Chippewas of Nawash logo had ever been copyrighted.

Moved by Gail Nadjiwon

Seconded by Teena Millette

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation MRP Committee hereby approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 and February 16, 2021 meetings.

CARRIED unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Nuala Robinson highlighted the financial statements that she had prepared for the committee. She indicated that John Ramage had provided her with a general ledger printout that she used to complete the financial report. Some changes are required to move items from one account to another, but she will meet with John Ramage later this week to review and revise this. Nuala also noted that the interim report on the funding received from the Centre of Excellence had been submitted as of March 1. This report included copies of minutes, workplans, communications plan, and a financial statement. The report was accepted and the next unit of the funding will be released to us.

Moved by Gail Nadjiwon

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation MRP Committee hereby approve the financial report to February 28, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Nuala Robinson indicated that in the preparation of the report for the Centre of Excellence she had been reviewing the minutes of the MRP Committee over the past year. The Communications Plan had been deferred several times and discussed a few times, but she noted that it had not been formally approved by motion of the Committee. Nuala spent time reviewing the Communications Plan over the lockdown and distributed a plan with some proposed revisions for committee review.

It was proposed that Nuala obtain pricing on having banners, flags, and signs created with the logo on it. These items could be placed near both entrances to the reserve. There was also a suggestion that the community centre marquee could be another spot to advertise the MRP surveys. Nuala will touch base with Michael Johnston.

The Communications Plan will be further discussed at the next meeting.

5. WORKPLAN / SCHEDULE

Nuala Robinson reviewed the Workplan/Schedule and noted that she had revised it slightly to reflect delays due to the Covid lockdowns. Some target dates have been pushed out a little, but she feels that with some hard work the law could be finalized by as early as Fall of 2022. The next step in the process is to send a package to all members which includes surveys, brochure, and a covering letter. She suggested that in the covering letter a date be set for members to attend a webinar or zoom style meeting where they can ask any questions they may have. She proposed that several different times be set up over one day so people can choose a session time that suits them. They can be directed in the letter to contact the MRP office for the link to be sent to them so they may participate.

6. MRP BROCHURE

It was reported that the MRP brochure is in the hands of the printer. Nuala will contact the printer to find out when we can expect the brochure to be delivered. A draft was reviewed and all agreed that it looked very good.

7. REQUEST FOR MEMBER LIST & MAILOUT TO ALL MEMBERS

Nuala Robinson indicated that in a conversation with Larissa Johnston, Larissa indicated that she and Iris Ashkewe would be able to help with the request to Council as they have done this many times. Larissa had said that we would need to have the complete package (surveys, brochure, letter) ready to present to Council with the request. Nuala reported she plans to have the surveys professionally printed so that we're not printing thousands of documents on the copier at the office. There was general agreement that this was a good idea.

Moved by Teena Millette

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation MRP Committee hereby request assistance from Larissa Johnston and Iris Ashkewe in preparing a request to Council for the lists of members on-reserve and off-reserve in order to send out MRP information and surveys.

CARRIED unanimously.

8. SURVEYS

Nuala Robinson reminded the committee that they had requested this item be added to the agenda as a regular item. She reported that she had received a total of 29 surveys to date. There was some discussion on having another flyer-type blitz to the community about the surveys. Nuala informed the committee that the website had experienced a spike in number of visits during the month of October. She then reminded the group that the brochure and surveys were going to be distributed to all members very soon.

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

It was discussed that the dispute resolution book was quite lengthy and Nuala Robinson offered to portion it up so that it could be discussed in smaller bites. There was considerable discussion on who might serve as a resource on traditional methods of dispute resolution. Gail Nadjiwon indicated she and her sister Joyce both have experience in traditional resolutions. Teena Millette said that her mother Isabelle Millette had written something about dispute resolution about 20 to 25 years ago. She will reach out to see what her mother may have that we could look at. Gail requested that there be some training and Nuala will reach out to the Centre of Excellence to see what they may have in the way of a training module.

Nuala indicated that Larissa Johnston had suggested that Lesley Shoefly or Martha at NCW may be resources with respect to 'cultural court' or 'alternative justice'. She also suggested that these individuals be approached about potentially putting in their name to join the MRP committee.

10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 23rd at 9:30 a.m. to noon

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business,Carolynn Wright declared the meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.