

**Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee
9:00am to 3:30pm at Native Child Welfare Meeting Room
Thursday, February 3, 2022**

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

OPENING: Randa Keeshig called the meeting to order 9:47 am. Gail Nadjiwon read some legends to open the meeting.

1. AGENDA

The proposed draft Agenda was briefly reviewed. No additions or deletions were suggested.

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. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2021

The minutes from the meeting of November 30th, 2021 were reviewed. Nuala provided brief updates. No changes or corrections were noted. Randa indicated that she had updated council on the activities of the MRP law and noted that council is happy with the work being done and progress being made.

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 minutes of November 30, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1. Updated Statement of Revenue & Expenses

Nuala highlighted the most recent statement of revenue and expenses. She noted that it is largely unchanged from the last statement. She indicated the general ledger has been received from accounting and the postage charges from sending the surveys out in the spring have now been processed.

Moved by Teena Millette

Seconded by Tina Hill

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby approve of the Statement of Revenue & Expenses dated January 31, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED unanimously.

3.2. Projected Expenses to March 31st

Nuala distributed a statement showing the estimated projected expenses to the end of March. She explained the reasons why some of the line items were over budget, but noted that in the overall view, the project would not be over budget for the fiscal year. She indicated that her supervisor Larissa Johnston had asked her to prepare a couple of projection statements with one to the end of her contract term, and the other to the estimated end of the MRP project. There was some discussion on asking the band to assume the costs associated with the development of the MRP and it was noted that up to this point all costs have been funded through various grants.

4. FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH NALMA FOR CATEGORY 3 FUNDING

Nuala indicated that she had provided NALMA with updated dates to our funding grant application from the summer. She reminded the group that the grant had been approved at that time but that due to the council elections and delays in re-instituting committee members, the work was set back a bit. She updated NALMA with new dates and our application has been approved. The funding agreement was distributed to members for review. Nuala indicated she had reviewed it carefully and it was the same as the previous agreement for the funding that was previously received in 2020. The amount of \$25,000 will be spent on activities associated with the creation of the first draft of the law, including associated legal fees.

Moved by Gail Nadjiwon

Seconded by Shelley Cornelius

THAT the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Matrimonial Real Property Law Committee hereby approve sending the Funding Agreement to Chief and Council for signature.

CARRIED unanimously.

5. MRP LAW-MAKING

Nuala reviewed the changes that were requested at the last committee meeting. The group proceeded to discuss the remaining proposed clauses for the law. It was noted that the surveys had indicated a desire for traditional dispute resolution and this will be the first option presented to couples or families in dispute with respect to MRP. A statement to this effect will be included in the law.

6. NEXT MEETING

February 17, 9:00 to 11:00

For discussion:

1. Financial Projections
2. MRP Coordinator Contract
3. MRP Process

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Randa Keeshig declared the meeting adjourned at 3:21 pm.