

*Neyaashiinigmiing Anishnaabekiing, February 10, 2025*

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CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH UNCEDED FIRST NATION  
Giigidooniniwag Maawnjidiying ~ Band Council  
Ntaam-Giizhgaat, Mkwaa-Giizis, Mdaaswi,  
Niizhing Mdaaswak-shi-Niishtana-shi-Naanan  
Monday, February 10, 2025  
Regular Day Two (2)  
Council Chambers & via Zoom ~ 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Eniigozid ~ Chairperson:**

**Giigidooniniwag/Giigidooninikwewag ~ Councillors:**

Ogimaa Chief Nadjiwon  
Carlene Keeshig  
Paul Jones  
Arlene Chegahno  
Norma Tobey  
Nick Saunders  
Jessica Keeshig Martin  
Theron Solomon(9:44am)

**Absents or Regrets:**

Anthony Chegahno

**Miinwaanah Ayaajig ~ Also Present:** Mike Earl – Senior Administrative Officer (SAO),  
Vanessa M. Keeshig – Recorder

**Naamaawin ~ Prayer:** Councillor Jessica Keeshig-Martin

**Gamaajtaamin ~ Call to Order:** 9:05 a.m.

**Waanaaknigeng ~ Agenda Reviewed**

Norma Tobey - \$175,000 received from Isotopes.

Norma Tobey – Discussion on President Trump – effects on Canada.

Ogimaa Nadjiwon – [Viewed on agenda as follows] Government changes - approach and plan

Norma Tobey – Revisit TCE planning meeting date.

**Motion No. 1061**

Moved by: Jessica Keeshig-Martin, Seconded by: Norma Tobey

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby accept the agenda for Regular Day Two (2) dated February 10, 2025, with the following amendments:

Additions:

7 d) Government Changes – Approach and Plan

7 e) Revisit TCE planning meeting date

6 For

Carried.

**Reading of Previous Motions:** #1028 – 1060 (Read aloud by SAO)

Amendments required to BCR's as follows:

**Motion No. 1062**

Moved by: Norma Tobey, Seconded by: Carlene Keeshig,  
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby acknowledge  
Previous BCR's # 1028– 1060 with amendments as noted.

#1043 - to include December 24, 2024 to January 7, 2025.

#1057 – remove extra letter (lower case “n” in last sentence.)

6 For

Carried.

9:36 a.m. **MEETING CLOSED.**

**CLOSED Motion No. 1063**

(On File with Other Closed Motions)

9:39 a.m. **MEETING OPENED.**

**Noted:** Councillor Carlene Keeshig removed herself from the table.

**Debendaagzijiig Ekwadweyig – Band Member Request**

#1 – Band Member Request – Yuwipi Request – C. Keeshig

Discussion on conflict of interest; Ogimaa Nadjiwon requested Councillor Keeshig remove herself from the room.

9:41 a.m. – Councillor Carlene Keeshig left the meeting.

Ogiimaa Nadjiwon read band member request aloud, as previously submitted.

9:44 a.m. Councillor Theron Solomon entered the meeting via Zoom.

**Motion No. 1064**

Moved by: Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by: Paul Jones,

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby agree to provide  
Thirteen Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$13,025.00 CAN) to support Yuwipi Gathering on  
February 16, 2025. Funds to come from Account # 5200-164 - Dufferin Wind Farms.

4 For

1 Abstained – Theron Solomon – Not here for full discussion.

1 Opposed – Nick Saunders – Not in disagreement for ceremony, it's not our ceremony, and  
it is a lot of money for a one-day ceremony.

Carried.

9:55 a.m. Councillor Carlene Keeshig returned to the meeting.

#2 – Band Member Request — J. Johnston



Ogimaa Nadjiwon read letter aloud. Discussion continued regarding kinship clarification; usage of Old SON apartments; request for updates on potential houses - 1 Point Road and 164 Port Elgin Road; suggestion to direct band member to work with the NCW program.

10:04 a.m. Councillor Theron Solomon left the meeting.

**NOTE:** Send BMR to NCW and advise Band Member to apply for housing.

10:12 a.m. Councillor Theron Solomon returned to the meeting.

SAO noted a recommendation was accepted in the approved Housing Minutes for S. Migwans to be awarded a three-bedroom apartment; however, they were awarded a one-bedroom apartment from Council. Seeking direction.

**Motion No. 1065**

Moved by: Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by: Jessica Keeshig-Martin,  
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby approve Stacie Migwans moving into the one-bedroom apartment in the SON Apartments Building on an emergency basis. Nawash Housing reserves the right to terminate occupancy at anytime, subject to a 60 day termination notice.

5 For

1 Abstained – Norma Tobey – There was an investigation into this whole issue, not sure if it was completed, and this has been going on way too long.

1 Opposed – Paul Jones –No reason.

Carried.

**Motion No. 1066 – NO MOTION**

Moved by: Norma Tobey, Seconded by: **NO SECONDER**,  
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby agree to renovate house on 1 Point Road for rental purposes.

**MOTION DEFEATED.**

Discussion: Recap of estate background; band membership; mortgage; and difficulties communicating with the executor of estate. Purchase of house – research on-going.

Jessica Keeshig-Martin – Requesting a date to talk about housing with Council.

**Action Item:** Housing meeting on **Friday, March 21, 2025;** Lands Manager and Housing Manager to be included.

10:21 a.m. – 10:26 a.m. **JINA GAABOONTAAMIN - BREAK.** The Operations Manager entered the meeting.

**Operations Manager – Pam Linklater:**

**Park – Application Approval**

**Motion No. 1067**

Moved by: Nick Saunders, Seconded by: Norma Tobey,

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby state:

Whereas Cape Croker Park is an important tourism business for our community, and

Whereas Cape Croker Park is seeking funding from Tecumseh Community Development Corporation for a marketing project,

Therefore, our CNUFN Chief and Council hereby endorses the noted funding application and asks Tecumseh Community Development to support the application as soon as possible.

7 For

Carried.

Paul Jones noted that Council should know the land area of the park.

**Lands –**

**Motion No. 1068**

Moved by: Norma Tobey, Seconded by: Jessica Keeshig-Martin,

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby approve and support Assistant Lands Manager Spencer Linklater's participation in the Geographical Information System (GIS) training offered by the National Aboriginal Lands Manager Association (NALMA) on February 25-27, 2025 in Ottawa, Ontario. Further, costs to come from line item 4050-16 and request for reimbursement to be submitted to NALMA.

7 For

Carried.

10:37 a.m. –**MEETING CLOSED.** *No minutes taken.* [HRM entered the meeting.]

Fisheries – CLOSED HR.

**CLOSED Motion No. 1069**  
**(On file with Other Closed Motions)**

**Senior Administrative Officer – Mike Earl:**

10:44 a.m. Patrick Nadjiwan – Nadjiwan Law, entered the meeting via Zoom. Operations Manager and Human Resource Manager left the meeting.

Meeting CLOSED - Legal

**CLOSED Motion No. 1070**  
**(On file with Other Closed Motions)**

11:02 a.m. **MEETING RE-OPENED.**

**WTP – Float Trailer – Asset Disposal Silent Auction**

Norma Tobey - Will the silent auction be open to non-band members?

SAO - Review of bids will be completed in a closed session by Council.



**Motion No. 1071**

Moved by: Norma Tobey, Seconded by: Arlene Chegahno,  
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby permit the posting of a silent Auction for the sale of the Water Treatment Department Float Trailer for a two-week period. All band policies to apply.

6 For

1 Abstained – Paul Jones – No reason.

Carried.

Communications – Ontario Elections Info

Discussion: Inclusion of candidate names and links to platforms. Consensus -Not supported.

Request for an update on communication app; in progress.

Carlene Keeshig – Do we have a policy?

SAO – We could have a disclaimer; Nawash is not to endorse candidates. We could work on a policy.

Jessica Keeshig-Martin – I don't know why we would use our time and resources for candidate promotions.

FNMHF – Agreement Amendment and Guarantee's

Brief Note reviewed.

Norma Tobey – Suggest three million; encourage members to buy their own mortgages.

Ogimaa Nadjiwon – If the deal goes south, we are the guarantor.

Discussion continued regarding market changes; there have been no defaults as regular payments have been made; there are two more applicants on the waiting list for \$300,000.00 each; Council needs 1.6 million, and then funding will be capped.

Paul Jones – Is the septic system included?

SAO – Applicants have to have a site plan and co-contribution.

11:21 a.m. Councillor Arlene Chegahno left the meeting.

11:23 a.m. Band member Grant Jones entered the meeting.

**Motion No. 1072**

Moved by: Norma Tobey, Seconded by: Jessica Keeshig-Martin,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby authorize increasing the First Nation Market Housing Fund loan guarantees to a maximum of Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00). Further we direct administration to prepare the agreement for review by Chief and Council.

5 For

1 Abstained – Paul Jones – I think more thought needs to be put into the whole thing...needs reworking of this thing.

Carried.

Bills For Payment

NCW Invoice – **Tabled.** [Waiting for information and correct account.]

Habitat For Humanity



**Motion No. 1073**

Moved by: Paul Jones, Seconded by: Nick Saunders,

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby approve payment of Invoice #151830 dated December 30, 2024 for the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00) to Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce for Library renovation billing #3. Funds to come from NCW Long-Term Reform budget.

6 For

Carried.

**Council Travel – [Not Available]**

Ogiimaa Nadjiwon – Have Councillors noticed Senior's requiring snow removal?

SAO – Listed programs that assist. Further, noted a Council Travel reminder – Tuesday, February 11, 2025 meeting at Peninsula Hub in Wiarton; 10 a.m. Re: Meet and Greet and reconciliation plan. Regrets noted from Councillors Carlene Keeshig and Norma Tobey, due to other meetings.

Paul Jones – Matter was discussed and direction was provided at a committee meeting, will send correspondence to SAO. Reminded meeting representatives to bring up our territory and fishing rights as affected by their plans.

11:43 a.m. Councillor Arlene Chegahno returned to the meeting.

SAO noted an update on Bruce County municipal roads will be available next week.

Paul Jones asked Councillor Theron Solomon for an update on Kinectrics Hot Cell; gifted three million; would like to get it off the table as we have been dealing with it for six months.

Theron Solomon – Hot Cell – I'm going to Saugeen Band Council this afternoon for a concurrent BCR.

Ogiimaa Nadjiwon -Councillors, what was your take on the TCE virtual meeting?

Norma Tobey – They are looking for an interim agreement by July 2025; we will discuss it tomorrow with lawyers; we want a larger discussion with the council on Friday, February 14, 2025; proposing a working group from TCE, with one Saugeen Band Councillor and one Nawash Councillor to work on agreement and get ready for signature.

Ogiimaa Nadjiwon – The deadlines are coming from the Minister of Energy,

Norma Tobey – They want it dealt with before the council changes terms.

Paul Jones – We should have an agreement to bring the deal home, and vote yes or no.

11:50 a.m. Band member Grant Jones left the meeting.

Norma Tobey – We have three years to deal with the community; then a decision will be made, anyone could back out – TCE, government or us. I asked if there was an impact assessment.

Jessica Keeshig-Martin – The project will probably go ahead; what are the impacts? In terms of decisions – who –the council or community? Agreement July 2025 – will there be community engagements asking if we are comfortable engaging with TCE on this project?



Discussion – NEDC – (Gas seller's) contact names to be submitted to the Director.

Discussion: Complaints regarding not getting program closures notices.

SAO noted the programs have closed programs three times this year. These have been employer directed closures as snow days are used per personal discretion.

Paul Jones – Intent of BCR was that the band could close down programs at a maximum of three times.

**NOTE:** Direction for Council to review snow day policy.

**NOTE:** Schedule a Special Council Meeting – Friday, February 14, 2025 at 9-10am in the council chambers to discuss TCE.

12:05 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK** - Recessed to 1 p.m.

1:03 p.m. Councillors Jessica Keeshig-Martin and Theron Solomon entered the meeting via Zoom.

#### Kinectrics Hot Cell

Norma Tobey – Shared emailed information via Zoom, and read aloud.

Theron Solomon – Explained the mechanics of the hot cell materials.

Paul Jones – When will titanium come into play?

Theron Solomon – Sometime this year.

Jessica Keeshig-Martin – Have documents been reviewed by Council and negotiated?

Norma Tobey – The amounts were not negotiated; it is a proposal.

Theron Solomon – Kinectrics made the proposal to us as they are operating in the territory. The return is \$300,000.00 per hot cell, opportunity to produce more isotopes.

Paul Jones – Is OPG getting involved?

Ogiimaa Nadjiwon – It will be a while, that is a question to ask them directly.

Paul Jones – Bruce Power should gift us \$300,000.00.

#### **Motion No. 1074 (MOTION DEFEATED)**

Moved by: Norma Tobey, Seconded by: Theron Solomon,

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby state:

Whereas the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation recognizes the opportunity to enhance the existing Gamzook'aamin aakoziwin Partnership with investment into the new Kinectrics Hot Cell infrastructure to localize processing of medical isotopes.

Be it resolved that the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, in concurrence with the Saugeen First Nation, approves the \$3 million investment in the Hot Cell infrastructure through an interest-free loan from Bruce Power as an expansion of the existing Gamzook'aamin aakoziwin Partnership structure.

Be it further resolved that SON will provide a letter of support to Kinectrics to assist in the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) licensing application for the installation of the Hot Cell infrastructure.

2 For



- 1 Abstained – Nick Saunders - I'm not in disagreement with getting into business; keep throwing money at us... for licensing
- 4 Opposed – Carlene Keeshig -Need to have more discussion where Joint Council sits with this; on both ends of this; figure out the optics of what it looks like.  
Paul Jones -Same lines; discussion seemed limited, need to iron all this stuff out with nuclear issues.  
Jessica Keeshig-Martin – More information is needed, need expertise in place to negotiate these deals, agree to have a conversation at Joint Council.  
Arlene Chegahno – Like to see whole package on it; going to give us three million for us to pay back, like to see financial stand before we make a commitment.

Motion Defeated.

Ogiimaa Nadjiwon to Councillor Theron Solomon –Inform Saugeen Band Council that our BCR was defeated – reason being - need more discussion.

1:21 p.m. Councillor Theron Solomon left the meeting. Councillor Norma Tobey left the room – conflict of interest.

### **Correspondence**

Coast Guard letter. SAO read letter. Councillor Saunders provided a summary background. Discussion ensued regarding Council's involvement versus a private business. The Coast Guard wants to recoup costs. Councillor Saunders will follow up with the other parties.

1:32 p.m. Councillor Norma Tobey returned to the meeting.

Hydro One:

SAO suggested the CARA program could benefit.

Carlene Keeshig –Put recreation on the agenda for next week; plan to bring that team up.

Arlene Chegahno – Ask the Board of Education/Kikendaasogamig Elementary School to be involved.

Paul Jones – Council used to ask programs to have a project on the shelf ready to go; we should match the portion, get them to commit to do up the proposals. We don't pay them to lobby us, we pay them to lobby the outside.

Norma Tobey – Would like to discuss dollars from Isotopes –We are getting \$ 175,000.00 as our share; I would like to commit some dollars to health to provide some kind of pain management or supplements.

Paul Jones – Thought we did that last year, committed \$200,000.00.

Norma Tobey – Would like Health Dept to come up with ideas for alternative pain management, not opioids all the time; they are expensive. Perhaps we could buy in bulk, so many things we are not investigating to get out of opioids. Yes, Isotopes was used for Nawash Economic Development Corporation to get started.

Ogiimaa Nadjiwon – \$2.5 million received from Isotopes this year. \$1.5 million to be shared. Paying down loan, dividend decreases; in 2025 doing a flat \$5 million per community.



**Motion No. 1075**

Moved by: Paul Jones, Seconded by: Nick Saunders,

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation band Council hereby approve payment of Chris Solomon Plumbing and Reno Invoice Number 25001 for Waterline Service Connections from December 17, 2024 to January 29, 2025 in the amount of Thirty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$32,860.00) as recommended by Colliers Project leaders. Funds to come from WTP Construction.

5 For

1 Abstained – Norma Tobey – Same as before; don't believe all houses should be priced at the same amount.

Carried.

**Boontaadaa - Adjournment**

**Motion No. 1076**

Moved by: Nick Saunders, Seconded by: Arlene Chegahno,

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby agree to adjourn, time being 1:45 p.m.

6 For

Carried.

(Original signed and on File)

Chairperson – Ogimaa / Chief – Greg Nadjiwon  
Eniigozid  
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation

Vanessa M. Keeshig – Office Clerk  
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Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation

**(Approved by Motion No. 1078 & 1079 dated February 18, 2025)**