

Neyaashiinigmiing Anishnaabekiing, February 18, 2025

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CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH UNCEDED FIRST NATION
Giigdoowgamig Maawnjidiwn – Band Council
Niizh-Giizhgat, M kwa-Giizis, Mdaaswi-shi-Nshwaaswi,
Niizhing Mdaaswak-shi-Niishtana-shi-Niiwin
(Tuesday, February 18, 2025)
Day 3 Regular Band Council Meeting
Council Chambers and via Zoom – 9:00 a.m**

Eniigozid ~ Chairperson:

Giigidooniniwag/Giigidooninikwewag ~ Councillors:

Ogiimaa Greg Nadjiwon
Norma Tobey
Jessica Keeshig-Martin (Virtual)
Anthony Chegahno
Arlene Chegahno
Carlene Keeshig
Paul Jones

Regrets/Absent:

(Vacant)
Theron Solomon (Virtual 9:47 am)
Nick Saunders (Regrets)

Miinwaanah Ayaajig ~ Also Present: Mike Earl-Senior Administrative Officer (virtual), Martha Pedoniquotte – Recorder

Naamaawin ~ Prayer: Led by Ogiimaa Nadjiwon in Anishinaabemowin

Gamaajtaamin ~ Call to Order: 1) 9:09 a.m.

Waanknigeng (Agenda) Review and acceptance 2)

Norma – definition of emergency housing, talk about preparing community for spring thaw

Carlene – Parks and Driftwood Cove, update on Yuwipi

Mike – have PW working on snow removal; first item under Operations Manager to be removed as they are not available today

Motion No. 1077

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept the agenda for Regular Day Three (3) dated February 18, 2025, with the following Additions:

- Operations 5) – 1. Health removed;
 - 5.5. Emergency Housing;
 - 5.6. Spring thaw
 - 5.7. Parks & Driftwood Cove;
 - 5.8. Yuwipi Ceremony

6 For
Carried.

Reading of Previous Motions 3)

Motion No.1073 – change name of building to original name

There were 3 defeated motions, question why, is there not enough discussion surrounding items?

Motion No. 1078

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,

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

Previous BCR's # 1061 – 1076 with amendments as noted:

#1074 – “2 Carried” to state: 2 For; and “3 Opposed” to state: 4 Opposed.

6 For

Carried.

Meeting CLOSED 9:28 a.m; Closed Motions read. Meeting OPENED 9:32 a.m.

Motion No. 1079

Moved by Anthony Seconded by Paul Jones:

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

CLOSED Motions #1063, 1069 & 1070 as read.

6 For

Carried.

Operations Manager - 5)

Motion No. 1080

Moved by Norma Tobey, Seconded by Carlene Keeshig,

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby support the Nawash Jordan's Principle Navigator's request to submit a Jordan's Principle Group Application for 2025 LNHL Funding in the amount of One Hundred, Twenty-three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-two dollars (\$123,992.00).

6 For

Carried.

Chief has asked IFN to attend meeting to discuss Jordan's Principle funding. Discussion on staffing at IFN, Jordan's Principle staff are eating up funds, cap these positions.

Cynthia Porter, Health Manager entered 9:38 a.m.(virtual); Left meeting 9:40 a.m

Fisheries – Key Biodiversity Area (KBA)

Recognizing Saugeen Peninsula as a Key Biodiversity Area

The Nawash Fisheries Assessment Program was recently approached by representatives working for the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Canada regarding our interest in supporting an ongoing project under their national Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) program. Their team reached out to Nawash Fisheries in their attempts to have the Saugeen Peninsula recognized as a Candidate KBA. Fisheries is seeking direction from Council in whether to continue with participation in the KBA designation process. If this collaboration is to continue, it is the intent

of Nawash Fisheries to bring in representatives from Saugeen Fisheries, the Coastal Waters Monitoring Program, and SON Environment Office to help guide the process.

The KBA team has prepared a draft proposal summary with the help of some local experts, including Jarmo Jalava. This proposal outlines trigger ecosystems (i.e., Great Lakes Alvar) and species (i.e., plants, insects, birds, and herptiles). For each trigger, a local site or population level estimate is compared to a global and/or national estimate with explanations of how information was sourced. SON has been invited to be as involved in the KBA recognition process as they are interested. This could entail reviewing the draft proposal and providing suggestions, revisions, additions, or comments. Honorariums have been offered to compensate for reviewing time.

Norma – proposal talks like it's going to happen without our input or not

Paul – have them come here with a full grouping and present, signals that we don't know what all our staff are doing, is there a spot where we can zoom in and follow up with staff, stuff taking place that we weren't involved in, document should have come to Council previous to this. Different way to do business as we have more staff.

Chief – functioning similar to how they pushed ANSI lands on us

Councillor Theron Solomon entered (virtual) 9:47 a.m.

Mike – issue also seems like a Joint Council issue, will speak to Ryan about presenting to Council and Joint Council.

Chief – should have been contacted before it was well on its way, Indigenous representation, Caley Doran has been involved, he asked them to reach out to us.

NOTE: Tabled until presentation is made to Council.

SON Salmon Contributions:

The Nawash Fisheries Assessment Program was recently connected with Dr. Sara Cannon, a post-doctoral researcher at the Centre of Indigenous Fisheries out of the University of British Columbia. Dr. Cannon and her author group is currently putting together a scientific paper on Pacific salmon management and equity in North America. One of their primary interest is exploring the stocking of non-native salmon in the Great Lakes and First Nation perspectives, particularly given the lack of peer-reviewed literature addressing negative aspects of stocking. As a first step in this process, Dr. Cannon reached out and organized an initial meeting with Nawash Fisheries in early November to discuss SON's views on salmon management in the Great Lakes, directed by the recent publications mentioning this subject matter. Nawash Fisheries provided insights to Dr. Cannon and shared current documents that have been produced from the research program concerning the perspectives on and impacts of salmonid stocking within the SON territory. Fisheries is seeking Joint Council approval to officially contribute to this paper through allowing Dr. Cannon's team to publish SON's unique input regarding salmon management. Following the procedures of previous research partnerships, Fisheries and Dr. Cannon would develop an agreement that states the materials shared will only be used for this particular publication and that SON leadership/membership would have a chance to consent on the final version prior to publication.

Chief – would be beneficial to get the word out that First Nations fisheries have been impacted on many fronts

Motion No. 1081

Moved by Norma Tobey, Seconded by Jessica Keeshig Martin,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, in concurrence with Saugeen First Nation, hereby approve the sharing of SON's perspective on salmonid stocking in the Great Lakes with Dr. Sara Cannon's author team with the intention for publication given prior consent.

3 For

3 Abstained – Paul Jones- didn't hear it come to the table before, should have been a Council position stated in that research

Carlene Keeshig – uncertain at this point

Arlene Chegahno – if there are questions that need to be answered the Program person should be here to answer, Joint Council concurrence.

1 Opposed – Anthony Chegahno – been after them for 20 years maybe longer to do something about this, even went to Ontario, not sure why it has taken this long to get a study going.

Carried.

Norma – we shouldn't be making resolutions unless the issue has been discussed at Joint Council at least once.

Telus Grant:

This Telus grant is to support an additional year of a previously approved project led by the Chippewas of Nawash Fisheries Assessment Program in partnership with the University of Toronto, it aims to evaluate the use of environmental DNA (eDNA) barcoding as an innovative tool for monitoring Dikameg (Lake Whitefish) populations—a species that is central to the cultural, economic, and food sovereignty of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. Facing a persistent decline in Dikameg yields due to invasive species and environmental changes, the project will compare eDNA data with traditional gillnet estimates to determine whether this advanced, safer, less labor-intensive method can provide more efficient and reliable population assessments. By bridging modern molecular techniques with community-guided traditional practices, the initiative seeks to enhance sustainable fisheries management and support long-term stewardship of a vital fish on the Saugeen Peninsula.

Motion No. 1082

Moved by Norma Tobey, Seconded by Arlene Chegahno,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby acknowledge the proposed Telus Grant application in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand dollars and Zero cents (\$25,000.00) for additional funding to support the lake whitefish (Environmental DNA) EDNA work at the Fisheries Assessment program.

7 For

Carried.

Question re: Ojibway language Atikameg, how did it get changed to Dikameg?

Mike – will pose the question to Ryan and get a response.

Terry King, Social Services Supervisor present (virtual)
Social Services – RFP Language Instructor:
Ogimaa Nadjiwon declared Conflict, left meeting 10:04 a.m.

Meeting Closed 10:05 a.m. HR

CLOSED Motion No. 1083
(On file with Other Closed Motions)

Meeting Opened 10:20 a.m. Council break. Chief resumed Chair.

Senior Administrative Officer - 2) Mike Earl presenting

Fuel Charge Proceeds:

We have been advised by Environment and Climate Change Canada, that the Band is entitled to a share of the \$296,000,000 that has been collected but not rebated to First Nations under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (FCPFIG). The amount that the Band will receive is \$2,181,000.00.

This rebate represents funds collected from 20-21 thru 24-25. We should receive an additional rebate for the 24-25 year however beyond that depends on the future of the Carbon Tax program

There are two options to apply for this rebate depending on whether the band wishes to receive the funds directly (recommended Option A) or designate a Representative Organization (RO) to receive the funds. The second option requires additional approval of the RO. See below.

Recipients need to choose from two options to receive FPFIF grant funding:

A. Receive funds directly. In this option, Recipients will be required to fill out and return the Required Information form and Direct deposit and vendor form, review and sign the FCPFIG grant agreement, complete the Request for Payment Form, and provide proof of receipt of funds.

OR

B. Authorize an eligible representative organization to administer pooled funds on their behalf. In this option, the representative organization must be in the same province as all participating First Nations and must be a non-profit organization. Each participating First Nation will be required to fill out and return the Required Information form to confirm their interest in receiving proceeds through a representative organization; the proceeds can then be pooled for all participating First Nations for the representative organization to use toward a shared priority and/or to redistribute to First Nations. In addition, the representative organization will need to complete the FCPFIG Application form and demonstrate that they have been authorized to receive the pooled proceeds (see additional details below related to these requirements). The grant agreement to transfer the pooled proceeds will be between ECCC and the representative organization.

The recommendation is to choose option A. Process is simple: file application, sign the agreement, receive the funds, confirm receipt of funds. Virtually no reporting other than having a separate line item in our financials for the receipt of funds. And the funds can be used for

anything other than a direct attempt to rebate the funds to people or business as a rebate of carbon tax paid.

Note - Option B Purpose is unclear. If we wished to combine these funds with Saugeen Nation for example to build an addiction recovery centre, we can still get the rebate directly and then contribute to a common purpose fund.

Paul – how were funds broken down, we have Bruce Power in our area, who pay a lot of Carbon Tax, did we get our fair share?

Mike – process wasn't created to do that, workshop was the first opportunity to hear about the dollars, stayed late in the meeting to hear our allotment, can ask how amount was reached.

Norma – because we can't give this money out as individual allotments, we may want to have something in the newsletter stating that they have to be used for projects. Need to figure out some type of communication.

Paul – decide where first.

Mike – government disbursement, not individual, as Ontario refused to undertake programs

Motion No. 1084

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Theron Solomon,

We the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, band council hereby accept the recommendation of Option A to move forward with the process of accessing the Fuel Charge Proceeds Fund For Indigenous Governments. In addition, Paul Fraser, Finance Manager is authorized as signing authority for this process. Funds received will be designated as Own Source Revenue and will be available at Council's discretion to fund projects.

6 For

1 Abstained – Paul Jones – bigger issue to be drilled down to on Carbon Tax, greenhouse, nuclear in our area, should have been entitled to more.

Carried

CA Amendment - \$91,700.00

Motion No. 1085

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Arlene Chegahno,

We the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, band council hereby approve CFA Amendment 0090 (additional funds for Economic Development activities) in the amount of Ninety one Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ten dollars and Zero cents (\$91,710.00) for the 24-25 funding year.

7 For

Carried.

Jessica – what is the shortfall?

Mike – don't have it handy, will go back and look at last years budget

Jessica – should we be negotiating based on our needs?

Mike – yes, have not seen an increase in at least 15 years

Jessica – should we approve this and then be negotiating?

Mike – yes, and then ask for increase in areas we identify, own source revenue is the area that we see the shortfall, Band Support

Paul – they haven't included core funding

Jessica – should we include a statement in the BCR?

Arlene – BCR gets the funding flowing, hate to see it get delayed, can make another BCR

Motion No. 1086

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,

We the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, band council hereby approve CFA Amendment 0091 in the amount of Nine Million, Five Hundred and Fifty -Three Thousand, Fourteen Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$9,553,014.38).

7 For

Carried.

Arlene – can we have a finance meeting prior to sending out a BCR, look at shortfalls in funding

Mike – can look at last years funding and examine against CFA's. Will aim to have on agenda next week or following.

Motion No. 1087

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby accept Water Distribution System Project Change Order Number 24 for the replacement of damaged Drainage Pipe at the Neyaashiinigmiling Police Service Station with an additional project expense of Thirteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty Dollars and Ten Cents (\$13,920.10) and two (2) additional days added to Contract Time. Further, we authorize Ogimaa Greg Nadjiwon to sign Change Order Number 24 as prepared by Associated Engineering and recommended by Colliers Project Leaders. Funds to come from Water Distribution System Project Contingency Funds.

6 For

1 Abstained – Norma Tobey – no reason at this time.

Carried.

Band Lawyer, Patrick Nadjiwan entered meeting (virtual) 10:55 a.m.

GBTEL Fibre Project:

GBTEL is undergoing a change in ownership by way of a Share Purchase by EhlTel another ISP active in Grey-Bruce. GBTEL will continue to operate as GBTEL following completion of the sale. Nawash Legal Counsel has undertaken a review of the proposed sale against the Asset Purchase Agreement and overall arrangement with GBTEL to construct a Fibre Optic network in Neyaashiinigmiling. The review was undertaken by Band Counsel Patrick Nadjiwan and Fasken LLP Counsel Julia Kennedy. Fasken LLP was retained by Nawash as a subject matter expert in the Fibre Optic Infrastructure projects.

Following their review of the proposed sale and the agreements with Nawash, it is recommended that Nawash consent to the sale. The risk to Nawash in consenting to the sale is low to nil, with +90% of the network already installed in the community, there is no simple path for the infrastructure to be removed as it is now an On-reserve asset of the community. As presented by

Band Counsel at the February 10th Council Meeting, it is recommended that Council authorize the Share Purchase.

Paul – did we back them up for 2 million dollars?

Patrick – they asked us if we would be interested in loaning them but stopped talking about it whether they got the money somewhere else.

Anthony Chegahno stepped out 10:59 a.m.

Motion No. 1088

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Norma Tobey,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby acknowledge and consent to the Share Sale in respect of, and pursuant to, the Loan Agreement between the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and Grey-Bruce Telecom. Further, we authorize Ogimaa Greg Nadjiwon to sign the attached Share Sale Consent Letter.

6 For

Carried.

Councillor Anthony Chegahno entered meeting.

Bruce Power/Rink Development:

Rink Agreement - The Rink Agreement proposed by Bruce Power to construct an enclosed Ice Rink in Neyaashiinigmiing on the site of the existing outdoor rink has been reviewed by Nawash Administration and Nawash Legal Counsel. The agreement will enable BP and its Partners to construct an enclosed Ice Rink, with no immediate cost to Nawash. Construction is estimated at \$7M and is targeted for completion in late November or early December 2025. Funds to construct will be advanced by Bruce Power and recovered through a portion of the returns from the BP Isotopes Agreement. In addition to the cost of construction, Bruce Power will provide a Construction Manager/Project Manager to oversee the project. A Nawash project lead will also need to be identified. The Nawash lead will attend all meetings and assist in coordinating any supports required from the First Nation. In reviewing the agreement, several meetings were held between Bruce Power and Nawash Representatives to refine the agreement.

Councillor Carlene Keeshig stepped out of meeting 11:03 am

Paul Jones – we have two agreements, one where we were buying in for 250 Million and another 20 million for a partnership with Saugeen.

Patrick – the Joint one with Saugeen, noted that the way it is drafted right now the agreement doesn't speak about obligation to pay back, can ask for this to be stated clearly whether Bruce Power would still expect the First Nation to pay back if Agreement was to stop producing money. Be crystal clear that Bruce Power doesn't get to come after you for the money.

Norma – with this deal I thought Bruce Power was going to fund the project as part of legacy, didn't expect that we would have to pay all of the 7 million back

Patrick – they are putting in a million as a grant, the rest would get paid back over time

Paul – they are also putting in technical expertise

Patrick – engineered building, a model building, who provides the architectural and engineering work on an ongoing basis such as change orders?

Paul – they are going to supply that, the company

Patrick – not sure whether we know the expertise of that person

Paul – it is at no cost to the project, thought Bruce Power was taking care of the footings?

Patrick – yes, but someone else needs to deal with preliminary work, site prep, etc., other decisions that need to be made. Is the First Nation comfortable with getting the funding?

Chief – will ask about In Kind Contributions?

Patrick – Insurance still needs to be sorted out, separate from Property insurance; while construction is underway, they will get back to us on how they will structure this rather than be a named insurance they want to control it. I need instructions on whether we want to be very clear that Bruce Power will not try to get money back if Isotope Agreement stops making money.

Paul – Agreement does say if it went belly up there would be no recourse on Chippewas of Nawash

Patrick – can interpret that Bruce Power gave you money, Bruce Power runs the Isotope agreement and cannot expect repayment from another source. Do you see the need for me to push back and be very clear that Bruce Power can't go after any other assets.

Jessica – thought Bruce Power was funding this project just as they have provided Municipalities thousands of dollars. Do we have an operating cost on how much it is going to cost and for continuous programming and staff support. We haven't as a Nation decided how to use that funding as a community, some people don't play hockey, how do we make sure that funding is equitable to all the members?

Paul – could be said the same for cars, and roads funding

Norma – can be used for a lot of things, ice will be taken out in the summer

Chief – if we were to fund people gifted in music, not everyone plays an instrument but we try to support

Mike – will need to do a staffing assessment for Maintenance and Operating side, will be an overhead cost once it becomes an operating facility.

Chief – Municipal arenas are subsidized to keep running, realize that we will need to get subsidies, is not a money maker. Promoting community, can have our own teams

Bruce Power Logo – requires consent from First Nation on size and placement.

NOTE: Council in agreement to Patrick drafting Clause to include in Agreement.

Change Order 26 - Leak Investigation at Wilmers and Lighthouse Roads

Water Distribution System Project Change Order #24 reflects the costs associated with Field Instruction #30.

This work was undertaken to identify the source of a leak in the distribution system. Previous efforts by the WTP Department were unable to locate the source of the leak. One potential source of the Leak was new Watermain installed by BEL in the vicinity of Wilmers and Lighthouse Roads. BEL was instructed to investigate by testing and exposing the new

watermain. An agreement was reached that if the new watermain was not the source of the leak BEL would be reimbursed for the cost of the investigative works. After undertaking the investigative works, it was determined that the new Watermain was not the source of the leak and BEL should be compensated for its efforts.

Field Instruction #30: This is a field instruction to proceed with the inspection of potential leaks at the intersections of Lighthouse Rd/Wilmers Rd. and Lighthouse/Farm Rd for previously installed work as follows:

- For work conducted in March 2024 on Lighthouse Rd and Farm Rd to replace the 200mm valve and other watermain installations at this intersection; and,
- Works performed on Wilmers Rd and Lighthouse Rd as shown on the Contract Drawings.

Test pit(s) at valves, and at each deflecting elbow/fitting will be performed as determined and instructed by the Engineer in the field. Should inspections reveal that the leak source is unrelated to the previous work, the repair will proceed in line with the Contract and the Work shall be tracked and billed on a time and material basis (or in line with the schedule of values/Unit price items as appropriate) per General Condition 55. Otherwise, the repair will be completed at no additional cost. Time and materials are to be tracked and approved by the site representative on a daily basis. There is an additional cost of \$19,638.20 associated with this work with no addition to contract time.

Paul – there was a waterline on that hill, is part of the waterline, how can it not be a part of the new project if it has chlorine in it?

Mike – would have to speak with Devin, suspect it is in the Lighthouse stretch.

Paul – someone must have okayed the bill, did Alper look at?

Mike – yes A&E and Colliers, within the existing watermain we know that there are leaks.

Paul – if new water piping then it has to be associated with the project

Norma – it has always leaked there

Chief – reading that it was not the new waterline

Paul – they put a new waterline in, they dug up the road

Chief – bring Devin in, if it's the old, where does it go?

Norma – need to hear from the Contractor as well, its leaking at the corner

NOTE: Tabled to hear Report from Devin on whether leak was in old or new waterline.

Councillor Paul Jones left meeting 11:41 a.m.

Change order #27 – Cape Croker Park Office – Waterline Service Connection

Water Distribution System Project Change Order #27 reflects the costs associated with Field Instruction #31.

This work was undertaken to provide a Waterline Service connection to the Cape Croker Park Office building. This connection was not originally in scope for a connection due to confusion over Cape Croker Parks source of water. The Cape Croker Park Office is the only structure in Cape Croker Park serviced by the Nawash WTP. Without this connection, staff working in the Cape Croker Park Office would not have year-round access to water, representing a Health and

Safety concern. BEL was operating in the area at the time of the directive and was able to expedite the completion of the connection and minimize disruption to Park Operations.

Field Instruction #31: This Field Instruction to Bridge Excavating Ltd. instructs the immediate commencement of connecting the new watermain with the existing watermain at Park Road to provide water service to the Cape Croker Park Office. Attached is a drawing highlighting the connection layout for a 50 mm water service line (material to be Municipex) and as summarized below:

- Confirmation of the existing watermain location by conducting exploratory test pits.
- Supply and install a 2-inch saddle and a cross connection from the new watermain to the existing watermain, using a 50 mm Municipex pipe.
 - Before commencing work, the contractor shall determine the exact location of all underground and above ground utilities and structures and shall assume full liability for any damage to them.
 - Payment shall be in line with the Contract Documents.
 - All work shall comply with Drawings and Specifications. Installation shall be reviewed and confirmed with the Engineer in the field.

There is an additional cost of \$2,100.00 associated with this work and ONE day added to contract time.

Motion No. 1089

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Carlene Keeshig,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby accept Water Distribution System Project Change Order Number 27 for the completion of a Waterline Service Connection to the Cape Croker Park Office with an additional project expense of Two Thousand, One Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,100.00) and one day of additional Contract Time. Further, we authorize Ogimaa Greg Nadjiwon to sign Change Order Number 27 as prepared by Associated Engineering and recommended by Colliers Project Leaders. Funds to come from Water Distribution System Project Contingency Funds.

5 For

1 Abstained – Norma Tobey – no reason

Carried.

Long term Drinking Advisory – implications for Council to lift, we are currently operating under the Boil Water Advisory still.

Chief – reason boil water will continue is because we have so many cisterns that still exist and they are still under boil water. Connections have to be completed before we can go off. Who ever is on the system can drink but we cannot take the Boil Water Advisory off for the community.

Mike – can get Devin to publish the test results that he does every week to alleviate concerns
Ogimaa – we still have 20 plus cisterns that will never be off boil water, there is no middle ground, you are either off or you are on it.

Mike – in the meantime want to make sure we have passed all the required testing.

NOTE: Inclement Weather Policy – Tabled to next week.

Jessica – can employee's make efforts to work from home?

Mike – yes, they need to speak with Supervisor and inform what tasks they will be working on.
Can ask HR to look at to ensure it is specified around Inclement weather days

Councillor Anthony Chegahno left meeting 11:50 am.

Norma – almost has to be up to the employee on whether they feel safe or not

Mike – 100% the employee has to make that call, but once they are in the work place and the supervisor makes that call if the weather is deteriorating.

Councillor Anthony Chegahno re-entered meeting.

Mike – grey area is when we close all Band programs, who uses what credits. Cannot carry over snow days.

Bills for Payment 9a):

Motion No. 1090

Moved by Norma Tobey, Seconded by Arlene Chegahno,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby approve payment of Invoice #1035 dated February 12, 2025, in the amount of Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$18,865.18) to Indigenous and Community Engagements (ICE) Inc. for work done on the Nawash CPP and Strategic Plan. Funds to come from Short Term Projects ICE 4913-12.

6 For
Carried.

Motion No. 1091

Moved by Theron Solomon, Seconded by Arlene Chegahno,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Band Council hereby approve payment of Invoice #C132865 dated February 7, 2025 for the amount of Nineteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$19,000.00) to Colliers Project leaders for PM Services on project 811404.01 for New Water Treatment Plant. Verified by Finance.

5 For
1 Opposed – Norma Tobey – not sure why Colliers and A&E do not pay penalties for lateness of Contract.

Carried.

Motion No. 1092

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Norma Tobey,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby authorize payment of Invoice #2451-6 dated November 30, 2024 to 3rd Line Studio Inc. in the amount of Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-three Dollars and Seventy-two Cents (\$20,663.72) for professional services up to November 30, 2024 for the Community Centre - Project 2451.

Funds to come from the Community Centre Upgrades, expense account 6260-25. Verified by Finance.

6 For

Carried.

Council break for Lunch 12:00 p.m. Reconvened 1:05 p.m. Andrew Bonnell, PST, present; Michael Earl present. Councillor Theron Solomon absent.

Trans Canada Energy Project 7): Andrew Bonnell, PST

\$285 Million towards Class C Estimation

Cost recovery Agreement between Government and Ontario for pre-development, regulatory, etc to set up pre-feasibility studies. Some work is not included – community engagement that TCE has to eat costs for.

Paul – can we get a list of costs? Yes, of what they can recover from the government

Councillor Theron Solomon present (virtual) 1:09 p.m.

TC has to submit invoices to ISO, ISO uses to see if they are in line with the cost recovery program. Purse strings are held by the ISO pursuant to the Agreement that certain amounts can be spent on certain things.

Norma – are we going to be pushing TC on things we know are not going to be covered?

Andrew – some costs may not be recoverable, case by case, but cost of doing business. EO is looking at the budget for 2025 and doesn't change our requests, need the resources to ensure community is fully informed.

Ogimaa – any late developments on this project?

Andrew – uptake on machine that was running full steam this time last year; working through commercial agreements, this grounded to a halt with the cost-recovery agreement, there seems to be a bit of a lull but everything is gearing up and will be rolling in the next few months, will be good to have the Advisory Team meet in the next few weeks.

Ogimaa – good will projects in both communities fell off the radar when we were battling to get the cost recovery agreement

Andrew – good idea, want this concluded and executed by July of this year, we should be bringing up these projects and adding into agreement.

Paul – observation, when something looks good and we commit our own resources it is because it's a good deal not because we want our money back

Andrew – not a project that you have to do that, be smart money managers, option to leverage your power and influence to get the funding, Ontario is going to provide and cover a lot of the activities ie: environmental work

Paul – meets criteria, get a good return and not using your own money, people all over the world look to invest where they don't use their own money

Andrew – yes, and TC Energy was trying to get government of Ontario to spend their money. TC will still own the intellectual property regardless of whether it goes forward.

Jessica – potential partnerships, what would governance look like, would SON have an arms length board?

Andrew – we left off on discussion in limited partnership and shareholder agreement, SON would hold its portion through a limited partnership with equal shares to both Saugeen and Nawash, limited partnership would have 40% stake in the corporation that manages the project. Figure out the governance structure, there were certain decisions where the shareholders had to be unanimous, decisions on things for the project that may have a harmful impact. SON would appoint band members to the project, important decisions to SON would have a veto.

Norma – have Communications go on a tour with us and film everything and the discussion and put it on Nawash.ca

Paul – TC Energy wants one person named, we want two, part of the work to get this agreement so that this particular Council knows what we are getting into an agreement about.

Andrew – Environment Office forwarded the presentation that TC gave the Advisory Committee, saw where they wanted one, there is some value to have one or two devoted to get deeply into, if you prefer to have two Councillors as opposed to one there would be no problem, good opportunity and PST is ready and happy to support through these discussions.

Ogimaa – we have to present answers to the Community, get this started up especially if we want an interim agreement in July.

Andrew – can reach out to the EO to set up a date for the next planning.

Andrew Bonnell left meeting 1:49 p.m. Councillor Carlene Keeshig present.

MOTION No. 1093

Moved by Norma Tobey, Seconded by Carlene Keeshig,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby authorize payment of Invoice #263 dated December 30, 2024 to Makwa Development Corp. in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars and Zero cents (\$2,000.00) for mulching and removal of debris for NEDC. Funds to come from NEDC.

7 For
Carried.

Discussion on bank account, Relationship Agreement. Band still pays until account is set up.

Motion No. 1094

Moved by Carlene Keeshig, Seconded by Norma Tobey,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby acknowledge Councillor Anthony Chegahno's attendance to the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Canada Water Act Engagement Session on March 5, 2025 in Muskoka, Ontario. Funds to come from Department 9.

5 For
2 Abstained – Arlene Chegahno – Perceived Conflict
Anthony Chegahno – Mentioned in Motion
Carried.

Councillor Jessica Keeshig Martin stepped out of meeting.

Motion No. 1095

Moved by Theron Solomon, Seconded by Arlene Chegahno,
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby acknowledge
Councillors Paul Jones, Carlene Keeshig, Anthony Chegahno and Norma Tobey's attendance to
ongoing TCE Advisory Committee meetings for the remainder of the 2023/2025 Term.
Verification of attendance to be provided by SON EO. Funds to come from Account #5100-177.
2 For
4 Abstained – Paul Jones, Carlene Keeshig, Anthony Chegahno, & Norma Tobey – Mentioned in
Motion
Carried.

Councillor Jessica Keeshig Martin re-entered meeting

Motion No. 1096

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Carlene Keeshig,
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby acknowledge
Councillor Paul Jones's attendance at the Bruce Power Touch Point meeting on February 10,
2025 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (virtual). Funds to come from Account #5100-168.
6 For
1 Abstained – Paul Jones – Mentioned in Motion
Carried.

Motion No. 1097

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Norma Tobey,
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby acknowledge
Councillor Jessica Keeshig Martin's attendance at the Bruce County meeting in Wiarton on
February 11, 2025 from 10:00 am – 11:00 a.m (Wait time – Meeting postponed) Funds to come
from Dept. 9
6 For
1 Abstained – Jessica Keeshig Martin – Mentioned in Motion
Carried.

Motion No. 1098

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Paul Jones,
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby acknowledge
Councillors Theron Solomon; Anthony Chegahno, Carlene Keeshig and Norma Tobey's
attendance to ongoing National Park Advisory Committee meetings for the remainder of the
2023/2025 Term. Verification of attendance to be provided by SON EO.
Funds to come from Account #5100-19.
3 For
4 Abstained – Theron Solomon, Anthony Chegahno, Carlene Keeshig & Norma Tobey –
Mentioned in Motion
Carried.

Motion No. 1099

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Norma Tobey,

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby acknowledge Councillor Paul Jones's attendance at the Bruce Power Economic Opportunity's Working Group meeting on February 11, 2025 from 10:30 am – 11:30 a.m (virtual). Funds to come from Account #5100-168.

6 For

1 Abstained – Paul Jones – Mentioned in Motion
Carried.

MOTION No. 1100

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Carlene Keeshig

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby acknowledge attendance of Interested Councillors to the 4-part education series that will focus on the essential elements of nation-building and the development of laws that uphold Indigenous rights and governance by OKT Senior Counsel, Randall Kahgee.

Program Schedule

Part 1 - Nation Building & Law Development

Thursday, March 13 | 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET

Part 2 - Good Governance

Thursday, March 27 | 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET

Part 3 - Protecting the Relationship to Our Lands and Waters

Thursday, April 10 | 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET

Part 4 - Getting to Consent

Thursday, April 24 | 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET

6 For

1 Abstained – Theron Solomon – Didn't hear Motion
Carried.

Nawash Rink:

Kat Ryan, Bruce Power; Braydon Dietz (virtual) present.

Construction Insurance – builders risk Policy, MKWA development would look at to cover any unforeseeable risks

Mike will look at costs and share with Bruce Power

Ogimaa – submission for monies from the Province for a grant?

Kat – working on a provincial funding application for sports infrastructure in First Nations, application is very involved, not completed yet but still progressing that application

Ogimaa – what is Bruce Powers initial goodwill contribution? Kat – One million

Ogimaa – what kind of money will this building receive on a yearly basis, as Bruce Power funds arena throughout the Territory?

Kat – we haven't talked about yet, will add as an action for ongoing operation

Paul – 4 million for structure, heard 7 million, does the Million go on top? Kat, the million is part of the 7

Paul – the Grant?

Kat – will confirm in a sec, there is a lot of money in that funding pot, depends on how many applications, it is possible that it can fully fund it.

Kat – Shane and Trenton are supposed to join, we can start and Braydon can lead presentation on where we are at with engineer, design and timeline for construction.

Braydon – since the last meeting; beginning to engage contractors, trying to get 2-3 contractors for every scope of the project. Did do an initial equipment study and found the source of the current equipment issue. Finalize design by March 15th, request support from a community designate for project decisions – propane supply contract; septic; approval to remove existing structures so that we can make quick decisions on things. Site works to start as soon as weather will allow us.

Paul – equipment? Braydon - Equipment is existing, the chiller, investigated and found two other issues, the current power supply is undersized for all the electrical supply; and there was control wiring that was chewed up by some sort of animal. There is a ceased compressor on circuit one, the power issue could be the culprit, need to replace but it is a substantial cost, is out of warranty by one year. Looking at goodwill of company that the equipment failed while it was under warranty.

Paul – we need an extra foot and half of ice around the arena?

Brydon – reached out, two issues, no one thinks it's really required, because it is outside the heat is transferring to the boards, once covered the current pad is square and will be rounded, will have to expand and start freezing up the corners and outside of the building, will cause ice where people will be walking. This is an issue from the sun, once we remove the sun from the equation we shouldn't have this problem anymore.

Ogimaa – when Sprung ships their product, we would like a reminder of the donation of two Trapper tents

Kat – will remind them. We have had to light some fires with Sprung and things are progressing. Braydon can send some of the design packages over to Council, he just received today. Sort of critical is as soon as the snow clears there is an interest to get on the site and remove some of the existing equipment. Need a designate from Council or Band Administration and join our weekly call so that when issues come up we can have a fast way of addressing them and getting an answer.

Shane Chegahno, Scott Lee present.

Mike – looking more of someone on Operations side, Public Works Manager would be idea.

Paul – he also has experience dealing with Council

Ogimaa – he has asked what he can contribute to make this happen

Shane – need the support from the owner, someone who acts on behalf of Nawash

Ogimaa – made a suggestion

Kat – Questions that need to be formally okay with Nawash and have went through the right channels ie: select contractors, adjacent property for septic field, can the grade be built up on the ball diamonds and the daycare; Someone who can go to Council quickly and have it addressed.

Paul – we can discuss and have name for next Council

Scott – can be potentially Bill Jones and a Councillor, Bill does have experience, was part of the feasibility study on the drainage, concept drawings for the ball diamond, could be some upgrades to the Diamond.

Paul Jones stepped out 2:40 p.m. Kat Ryan, Braydon Dietz, Scott Lee, Shane Chegahno left mtg.

MOTION No. 1101

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Carlene Keeshig

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby designate William Jones, Public Works Manager and Councillor Paul Jones as Liaison's to the Nawash Rink development on behalf of the Chippewas of Nawash Chief and Council. Further, weekly meetings with Bruce Power and any action items arising to be fast-tracked and reported to Council at Regular Council meetings in order to expedite work.

6 For

Carried.

Emergency Housing:

Norma – Housing gets put in a predicament when Council puts people on the emergency list because Housing only has rentals, been questioned by a band member on why they didn't get put into the two bedroom Farm road place. They were not selected, but if they hadn't gone through that process how do we tell people on the emergency list that they are not eligible for Habitat Homes.

Ogimaa – there are five or six, as fair a process you can do, whoever is assigned the most points recieved the house. Anyone without a house is homeless biggest emergency you can be in.

Arlene – should still be a process for that so that they know they are on the list. One thing questionable is that we should forward back to Housing, some were delinquent in rent in the city then come here and we give them a house, should be some paperwork done when they ask for Housing, check references on the last place you rented, if delinquent should be set aside.

Theron – off reserve also want your credit score now

Mike – one of the tasks of the Housing Committee is to review the Policy, if they think there is an emergency procedure they should add, scoring process, try to make as fair as possible, Housing is kicking it back to Council but have to be compliant on the overall Housing process, would like to know their thoughts.

Norma – Committee feels that it is a social services issue, homelessness.

Ogimaa – mobility, health, etc.

Carlene – the last one that came wasn't on assistance but is in a housing crisis

Arlene – Housing can work with Social Services to develop what is a Housing crisis, only two programs this would affect.

Paul – Jordan's Principle comes into too. Housing shortage in Ontario in general, we are on a smaller scale, only so many houses come available a year, how many transition homes do we have and how long can they stay there, we need this information, creating false hope.

Norma – emergencies come up every year, put on emergency list, what does that list mean, is it just for rentals, possibility of building a house for them?

Paul – no use doing a very large policy if you only have one house that you can exchange in a year, Ontario says they are going to build houses but the dollar part and spending part, we don't have that same luxury, we only have so many houses. If we had 10 only 2 would become available, false, trying to slush it off.

Arlene – there is such a shortage anyone who applies gets false hope. If you have 50 people on the list and only funding for one house, you still have to do a list.

Jessica – there is no emergency housing list, just a housing list, when someone applies and they have a score that puts them above others and in more need, are they put above that person?

Norma – believe so, it is in order of need, everyone gets the same points, but you get points for how long you have been on the list.

Jessica – so people shouldn't even know where they are on the list because it doesn't mean they are necessarily going to get a house.

Paul – and they have to apply every year, if you were number one this year you might go to number three next year.

Mike – will take this question back to Social Services and Housing. Children move the score up, unpredictable, moves ahead of someone who may have been on the list for a number of years.

Paul – house should be able to renovate through Jordan's Principle

Jessica – using deferred funding

Mike – yes, long term reform, to reshape the services to meet the communities needs. We are in year four.

Ogimaa – a person that wants to stay single you can't disqualify them

Carlene – policy needs to be fair to everyone and we need more than just the Tiny homes for single persons

Mike – Housing should look at the demographics; are we building an inventory of one bedrooms

Paul – biggest jump was if the homeowner started the process the Table would match; there is no incentive for anyone to start a house with their own muscle and grit and determination

Theron – change the focus on building houses to building buildings that house multiple families; invest in properties off reserve for residency to help with crisis and also work opportunities; be closer to where the actual work is available, transitioning.

Community Preparedness – should be putting out reminders to look at your vents, home maintenance that will help when the snow starts melting, make sure sump pump is working. All the snow should be pulled away from the buildings, need a crew to go around.

Ogimaa – don't know what we have looked at Mike, no place to truck snow. That corner where Tiny homes are could be a nightmare.

Councillor Arlene Chegahno left meeting 3:00 p.m.

Mike – reminders to go out is a great place to start; our more vulnerable Community members may need assistance with roofs and getting in and out of their homes; Social Services is fielding some and will talk to Rachel about communicating preparing for preventable melt.

Ogimaa – start with snow removal sooner than later.

Mike – need a sense of cost, and budget, Public Works doesn't have large scale snow removal in their budgets.

Paul – should tell ISC right away that we need assistance

Ogimaa – is there a way that we can submit for emergency assistance

Mike – will reach out to contacts at ISC

Question re: casual labour, or a call out for people interested?

Parks/Driftwood Cove:

Carlene – update on Parks, looking at changing the landscape, yurts are at their end, want to get rid of them, how do they replace, not at the same place but Council has always said not expand the footprint of the Park. If we are looking at ownership at some point need to see what this would look like, also negotiations set to take place in March.

Driftwood – buildings up to standard, costs and having membership vote on process and what area should be, if a new direction then what will it be?

Ogimaa – we want land back but not necessarily sure if we want it to be a Park

Carlene – Council has talked about co-Management, cooperative or ownership, changes direction with Parks, there are opportunities that we could have there but does it go against what Joint Council is moving towards.

Ogimaa – Saugeen Peninsula is going to Court over Treaty

Paul – Fiduciary

Carlene – Parks is right in the middle

Ogimaa – it is about fairness and having land returned but not displacing settlers

Paul – we are saying we are entitled to around 55,000 acres of land; the Park is 10,000 acres, saying we shouldn't use our land as co-management, is our land; should be other areas, houses that are there for our disposal, continue buying it

Ogimaa – land is up for grabs, continue buying it, more options that we have

Carlene – they are aware of, co-management was before land claim came through, a whole bunch of liability attached to, more comfortable with Joint Council making a plan

Theron – co-management was until Park was actually ours, once it is ours we should realistically close it.

Carlene – have to have that discussion at Joint Council

Theron – if you close then you kill Tobermory and land values drop

Norma – need to have Community feed back

Carlene – on March 1st we are having a Community meeting

Norma – they are bringing maintenance type issues to the Committee

Carlene – what is the span, the time frame, bigger talks that need to happen that are not happening yet.

Ogimaa – they hire a manager, is there a mirror image of that manager that SON members take

Carlene – hiring now, will job shadow and will fit into that role, Parks is footing the bill for that position.

Ogimaa – every position they get, do we get one

Carlene – only the superintendent for now

Paul – a good superintendent can mirror that

Question re: Co-operative or Co-Management, what is the difference?

Yuwipi – 25 – 30 people attended, was a really good experience, liked the fact that it was here.
JR made a comment – why don't we have a ceremonial house here at Nawash?

Paul – 25 how many were SON? Carlene -We had more members from SON then people coming in.

MOTION No. 1102

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Norma Tobey,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby agree to waive the
Community Centre Fees for the Monster Bingo Fundraising Event for Little NHL on March 1,
2025 as requested by Beverly Nadjiwon.

5 For

1 Abstained – Paul Jones – Monster Bingo makes money, costs money to keep Community
Centre open

Carried.

MOTION No. 1103

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Norma Tobey,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby move to Adjourn,
time being 3:29 p.m.

Carried.

(Original signed and on File)

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

Martha Pedoniquotte, Executive Assistant
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(Approved by Motion No. 1105 & 1106 dated March 3, 2025)