

Neyaashiinigmiling Anishnaabekiing, January 27, 2025

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CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH UNCEDED FIRST NATION
Giigdoowgamig Maawnjidiwn – Band Council
Ntaam-Giizhgat, Mnidoo Giisoonhs, Mdaaswi-shi-Niizhwaaswi,
Niizhing Mdaaswak-shi-Niishtana-shi-Naanan
(Monday, January 27, 2025)
Day 4 Regular Band Council Meeting
Council Chambers and via Zoom – 9:00 a.m**

Eniigozid ~ Chairperson:

Ogiimaa Greg Nadjiwon

Giigidooniniwag/Giigidooninikwewag ~ Councillors:

Norma Tobey

Jessica Keeshig-Martin

Anthony Chegahno

Arlene Chegahno

Carlene Keeshig

Paul Jones

Regrets/Absent:

(Vacant)

Theron Solomon

Nick Saunders (late)

Miinwaanh Ayaajig ~ Also Present: Mike Earl-Senior Administrative Officer, Martha Pedoniquotte – Recorder

Naamaawin ~ Prayer: Led by Jessica Keeshig-Martin in Anishinaabemowin

Gamaajtaamin ~ Call to Order: 1) 9:00 a.m.

Waanknigeng (Agenda) Review and acceptance 2)

Norma Tobey – Parks Portfolio

Chief – Update on Fishing Meeting

Jessica – Purple Valley Road

MOTION NO. 1010

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Paul Jones,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept the Agenda for Monday, January 27, 2025 with amendments as noted:

Additional Band Member Request 4-3)

Parks Portfolio 4-4)

Other Business – Fishing Mtg Update 8d)

6 For

Carried.

Previous Motions Read/Discussion 3):

#1006 – Registration is full. Norma – would be good to have Negotiation training here.

Mike – can contact CESO – Negotiation training

MOTION NO. 1011

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Norma Tobey,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept Motions No. 977 – 1009, dated January 20, 2025 with amendments as noted:

997 – to state: “Six Thousand, One Hundred and Forty-one Dollars....”

#998 – to state: “We, the....” Chippewas of Nawash

#999 – dollar sign added to numerical numbers

#1000 – amend spelling of “Account”

6 For
Carried.

Meeting **CLOSED** 10:01 a.m. Previous Closed Motions Read. Meeting Opened 10:05 a.m.
Norma – discussion on extension, why were they not opened?
Mike can be opened now

MOTION NO. 1012

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept **CLOSED** Motions No. 982, 991 - 993 dated January 13, 2025 as read. Further, Motions No. 992 & 993 to be moved to Open Motions.

6 For
Carried.

Band Member Requests 4):

#1 – Willis Keeshig – request for Residency for 2025 for Grace Arcarese

MOTION NO. 1013

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby agree to Grace Arcarese residing on the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation for a one (1) year period as per request of Willis Keeshig Band No. [REDACTED] Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Residency Guidelines to apply.

5 For
1 Abstained – Norma Tobey – no problem with Residency, like to see Policy updated.
Carried.

Theron Solomon entered (virtual) 9:30 a.m.

#3 - Alicia Nadjiwon – letter dated January 24, 2025 to advise Council that Andrew Davidson is no longer residing at her home and to remove Residency under her name.

NOTE: Letter from Alicia Nadjiwon acknowledged by Chief and Council.

Charlene Winger Jones entered meeting 9:40 a.m.

#2 - Bingo – letter of support (submitted by Tracy Boortz Seigworth, letter not signed)

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Request for Bank Account; Funds in the amount of \$50,000.00; purchase of Tables and Chairs

In the past the Powwow used tables and chairs from the Community Centre, Mike to follow up. There was no budget attached as suggested in the letter.

Councillor Jessica Keeshig Martin stepped out.

Carlene – should have their own bank account, not in favour of \$50,000.00 or that they should receive the dollar amount for the Coordinator. If they don't reach their goal then they can come to Council

Arlene – if allocating funding, would like to see how much they have fundraised to date and what is in the budget. They said they were not coming to Council. Letter should be signed individually by the Group so that there is no backlash

Paul – feel the same way, we put money out for the Coordinator so that we have knowledge of what is going on, they want access to this and is not how it works, they said they didn't want any money from Chief and Council, that the committee was outside the realm of Chief and Council

Norma – it is the 40th anniversary powwow, would be nice to support them in any way that is reasonable, believe they should be submitting a budget right now so we can understand the costs, agree with Carlene, once they understand their variance then come to us at that point. Table and chairs available, keep these available,

Mike – will prepare a summary of the bank account on what is available, giving access has been more tricky over the years, even to deposit, have to register account accessors. Trying to separate ourselves from any lottery and gaming activity, should set up their own account, will open up doors for them.

Arlene – thought they had this direction a while back

Mike – they did

Councillor Nick Saunders entered meeting 9:48 a.m.

Anthony – did hear them say they weren't going to come for any funding, in hindsight they shouldn't have said that. If they have tickets available then start selling them now, problem with bank situation, should be leary of. Not willing to accept letter, it is not signed. Signature is required on anything brought forward. Send letter to Mr. Elliott and ask him to have letter signed. Always support powwow and happy with their initiatives, six months down the road they say this is what they are requesting.

Mike – have talked to them about applying for Coldwater

Carlene – TWS applications have not been applied for under HAAMB

Chief – erred when they didn't initially ask for a contribution, asking for money that was collected in previous years.

Councillor Jessica Keeshig Martin entered 9:54. Councillor Theron Solomon absent.

TWS – need job description and a wage contribution, Arlene can help

Paul – need people with signing authority, and people to take account

NOTE: Tables and chairs to be made available, were not disposed of. Bank account, apply for TWS, Coldwater, Budget and fundraising goals, and whether they have met their goal. Demonstrate need and how they are going to be accountable. Letter with all of their signatures or as a delegation to the Table.

Paul – at one point we weren't entertaining any letters with out signatures.

Charlene Winger Jones verbal request – language conference in Sault Ste Marie, organized too late and had to stay far away from the Casino. Requesting 4 rooms for 8 people, can we reserve 4 rooms now.

Paul – information that I had, is that they are already full.

#4 Councillor replacement on Parks:

MOTION NO. 1014

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Nick Saunders

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept Councillor Norma Tobey as Councillor Liaison to the SON Parks Canada Working Group to fill vacancy.

6 For

1 Abstained – Norma Tobey – Mentioned in Motion

Carried.

Additional Band Member Request:

Beverly Nadjiwon request to have fees waived at the Community Centre for fundraiser for Philip Jones.

MOTION NO. 1015

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Nick Saunders,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby agree to waive the Community Centre rental fees on January 31, 2025 for fundraising activity on behalf of Philip Jones as requested by Beverly Nadjiwon.

7 For

Carried.

Operations Manager 5)– Pam Linklater absent. Mike Earl presenting. Ryan Louzon present (virtual)

Fisheries 5a)

Ryan has been working with the Ontario of Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to get funding to support fisheries data management and communication. Data management is needed for the Joint Council resolution from Oct 23, 2023 with respect to habitat condition monitoring. This is an important part of lake whitefish rehabilitation and the monitoring for Bruce C. Ryan was successful in obtaining the amount of \$134,000 over two years. This will support a master's student at Dr Joey Bernhardt's lab as well as communication tools for membership.

MOTION NO. 1016

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Norma Tobey

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept the attached Transfer Payment Agreement from the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Conservation in the amount of One Hundred and Thirty Four Thousand dollars (\$134,000.00). Further authorize Ogimaa Greg Nadjiwon to sign Agreement.

6 For

1 Abstained – Jessica Keeshig Martin - not paying attention, working on sound system

Carried.

Cape Croker Park Senior Park Maintenance 5b):

Cape Croker Park business has doubled since coming out of the Covid era. The addition of Ziibaakdakaan Maple, Aboriginal Cultural Experiences (ACE) and winter trail grooming have helped to create employment opportunities to assist with managing these important tourism products. Employment expenses are all supported by revenues earned through the delivery of the tourism product and services. There are now two senior park maintenance attendants. There is a need for third position. The Park Budget can support this “new” position.

MOTION NO. 1017

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Nick Saunders

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, hereby approve the posting of the Senior Park Maintenance Attendant as a Permanent Full-time position at the Cape Croker Park. Funds to come from the Cape Croker Park operating budget.

7 For

Carried.

Lands 5d): Larissa Johnston present.

Lot 17 possible encroachment, foundation is over the line by 2 feet and possibly more than that on Lot 16. Recommendations – remove structure, redesign the lot, develop planning process not to build to close to property lines, standard setbacks; In order to prove they are not on their property we need a surveyor to come in.

Norma – we are still on a First Nation, shouldn't get wrapped up with all these lines, if it was another CP holder then we should get it fixed but because it is on band land and we have no policy, is partly our responsibility because we don't have that in place, keep the costs down, get a slap on the wrist, just leave it.

Paul – all through these years we have been trying to get people to follow rules and regulations, build inside your property lines, split the costs, move it, easiest fix is for her, has people coming in early February, don't agree with random pieces of property being allocated.

Jessica – hoping to build this building for a medical office, is there some type of agreement or contract that we can get in to with her, maybe the office is part of the Community.

Ogimaa – how much are we talking? Larissa – 3 acres

Ogimaa – this should be part of the conversation, should be fixed now

Mike – one option to keep costs down, do survey, confirm with landowner that they are over and do a land easement agreement.

Paul – other people who are over the line, we are telling them to move their property, in the past Council has said move your building.

Ogimaa – early in the game, have them do the fix or you are only going to be dealing with it down the road. Build on the property as surveyed.

Carlene – in favour of getting survey up and splitting the costs just to verify.

MOTION NO. 1018

Moved by Carlene Keeshig, Seconded by Jessica Keeshig Martin,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Unceded Band Council, hereby approve of land survey being conducted on Lot 17 Concession 1 West by surveyor J.D Barnes to ascertain property lines and confirm possible encroachments. Costs to be shared by the First Nation and the holder of Lot 17.

6 For

1 Abstained – Norma Tobey – not so much against proving or verifying lines, but because we still live on a First Nation looking so much like a Municipality, don't get it.

Carried.

Council break 10:31 a.m. Charlene Winger Jones left meeting 10:42 a.m.

Meeting **CLOSED** HR 5c): Wendy Hahn entered.

CLOSED MOTION NO. 1019

(On File with Other Closed Motions)

CLOSED MOTION NO. 1020

(On File with Other Closed Motions)

Meeting Opened 10:48 a.m. HR Continued 5b).

Park Attendant and Custodian Housekeeper:

Cape Croker Park is a sustainable tourism enterprise. The additions of Ziibaakdakaan Maple and Aboriginal Cultural Experiences to the campground have helped to improve the tourism product and increased the number of visitors. New employment opportunities have been created including full time permanent positions. Two job descriptions require Council approval.

MOTION NO. 1021

Moved by Jessica Keeshig Martin, Seconded by Arlene Chegahno

We, the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Unceded Band Council, hereby approve the Cape Croker Park Job Descriptions for 1) Park Attendant (permanent) at Level 3; and 2) Custodian Housekeeper (seasonal permanent) at Level 2. Funding for these positions to come from Cape Croker Park operating budget. Further, the postings for the positions to go out immediately.

7 For

Carried.

Wellness Centre Renovation Project 5g)– Cory Jones, Neegan present. William Jones present. Ready to Tender project, improvements are within the confines of the building and to improve accessibility, new stair case, Lift. Other main change, is the parking lot to make a level

entry into the basement. Changes to the interior where not documented. Cost estimate on proposed work - \$3.4 million which includes \$100,000.00 in contingency.

Ogimaa – drainage, we expended a lot to supposedly fix the drainage situation, porch was torn out, dug out, new big O put in, and made to believe that it resolved the situation, now hearing we are doing it again

William – it was to take the water away, looking at more complex because of run off from bluff.

Cory – work done serves the purpose, is helping, but talking more about the entirety of the site, Swails intercept the water, need to be re-established, blocked up, extending and deepening to help promote surface water movement around the site. Have to do because we are putting in a new septic, larger, and changes the site topography, also planning to fill in a large area at the top so that when you park there that you are not faced with a long progression. Improvements to make sure water stays away from the building.

Paul – what is the cost of that door, and digging out all that, seems beyond what

Cory – don't have it specifically broken out, excavation, retaining walls, not expecting to run into any rock, foundation was built on the rock that was there, not expecting to go below foundation,

William – stuff excavating will be used in the front, more accessible for worker, talked about walk out for some time now.

Norma – why are we changing the septic bed, it was a residence before and now will just be offices

Cory – the loading will be different, hasn't been changed since it was built almost 30 years ago, expansion on the side have to remove the tanks, septic is due for replacement.

Ogimaa – putting a lift in, not an elevator, expand on

Cory – an elevator is a lot more robust in what you would experience in a high-rise building, maintenance and operating is quite expensive. Lift, would only be using four or five times a day, weight capacity 4 – 5 hundred pounds.

Ogimaa – is it practical, we have one in seniors building, spend more time fixing it then using it.

William – seniors building wasn't installed properly. Less use on elevator with opening.

Cory – cost escalation for construction, work proposed has extended and expanded

Paul – where you getting the other 1 Million

Mike – Community wellbeing grant – 1.5; and NWMO

Paul – explored any other funding pots? Jordan's Principle?

Ogimaa – spent two years in design, when we start actual work, what is the schedule?

Cory – our design was over one year, not two, my thoughts were that we are ready to go to

Tender, can be posted next week, 4 week tender process from April 2025 to December 2025.

MOTION NO. 1022

Moved by Arlene Chegahno, Seconded by Paul Jones

We, the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Unceded Band Council, hereby agree to Tender the Wellness Centre Renovation Project through an Invitation process as recommended by Cory Jones, Neegan Burnside and as outlined in his January 21, 2025 Briefing Note presented January 27, 2025 and according to the Schedule provided therein. Further, Provisional items to be identified and included as determined by Cory Jones, Neegan Burnside, and are dependent upon approval by Chief and Council and funding being identified.

7 For

Carried.

Community Centre Update 5c): William Jones presented.

Sacred Fire Arbour – is not an approved funding item according to funders

Norma – can Coldwater cover this cost?

Paul – if Community wants it then Band will have to pay for, lots of things happening there in terms of funerals.

William – items not covered, can make provisional, fund later. They are asking us to identify money, GICB, 100% funding of 3 million

Mike – confirmation for solar was also received.

Paul – do follow up and get this person on board

Norma – can we not just say that the First Nation would come up with the money for the parking lot and the Arbour

Paul – Coldwater, August is deadline; usually about \$900,000 annually

Generator – could be secured by the old Water Treatment Centre to save costs

Food Bank – Community Centre is well ahead, design was from 2018, will be some change.

MOTION NO. 1023

Moved by Norma Tobey, Seconded by Paul Jones,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Unceded Band Council, hereby state that funding to cover ineligible work (according to GICB) which consists of the Parking Lot and Sacred Fire Arbour at the Cape Croker Community Centre in the amount of Eight Hundred and Eighty-two Thousand, One Hundred and Seven dollars (\$882,107.00) under Option #2, (which excludes the Main Floor Renovations), will be funded through Own Source Revenue.

7 For

Carried

Senior Administrative Officer 6): – Mike Earl present, William Jones left meeting.

Indigenous Services Canada funding agreement 0075 originally expires on March 31, 2025 will now be extended for two years, March 31, 2027.

MOTION NO. 1024

Moved by Norma Tobey, Seconded by Arlene Chegahno,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept and approve the CFA Amendment #0089 extending the Funding Agreement (0075) to March 31, 2027.

4 For

2 Abstained – Nick Saunders – can't remember what the one said in 2020, ensure nothing is cut

Jessica Keeshig Martin – like to review comprehensive agreement

1 Opposed – Paul Jones – document important enough to make as a Council agenda item

Carried.

NOTE: Mike – will send out original agreement, 5 years due to expire on March 1, 2025 has 89 amendments.

Meeting Adjourned for Lunch 11:55 a.m. Reconvened 1:05 p.m. Councillor Nick Saunders absent. Due to weather remaining business of Senior Administrative Officer Tabled.

Treaty 82 Claim: Jaclyn McNamara – OKT present (virtual)

Meeting with Canada and Ontario starts at 10:00 a.m.; will be totally virtual due to weather.

Background – Unsold road allowances within the Treaty 82 Territory; was to sell for our benefit, unsold and unused so no actual roads on them. Meeting is about how to fulfil the Treaty obligation, asking for a lump sum amount of money for these road allowances, with the exception of some which may be returned in order to have access to shore.

Have been trying to get negotiations going on this for 20 years, Ontario is entering into exploratory discussions, has been very frustrating. Need to survey and figure out the exact locations, would be extremely expensive and time consuming and may not even be possible. Ontario has said it may not be practical, will take too long, too expensive. In 2021 got instructions to come up with a ball park acreage, and work with an evaluator, joint terms of reference, and see how much that land would be worth and use that to come up with some type of settlement.

Demonstrates that Ontario has been working and crafting this approach. We have been trying to come up with initial numbers, Ontario came back with a number of questions. 143.8 acres is the number, went back and forth with Ontario, Ontario agreed to provide parcel data compared to what Isaac had done so we are all working off the same, and cross check. Preliminary report once received will do a separate briefing.

This is the work that has been done. In the Fall of this year a new negotiator was appointed, this file has changed a number of negotiators over the years. Have met with "Tim" he has suggested that we may have to do all the detailed work that was suggested.

Norma – what is Canada estimating?

Jaclyn – we haven't received from either of them. If they had given us a number then we would have been able to provide specifics. Approach was to focus on Ontario, Ontario's liability is greater as they gave the unused road allowances to Municipalities for free. They disposed of the road allowances without getting any payment. Ontario wants Canada to be part of the discussions.

Norma – how are we going to start negotiations if we don't have the same information.

Jaclyn – give background information, where we are now, and that they should accept the analysis of Isaac. We need to be comfortable with what he has provided us before we say anything to Ontario and Canada. Would need to do the full survey work for any parcels that we want returned but you are not asking for any return of land.

Need to hear from Canada and Ontario on how they are actually going to move this along. Feels like they are trying to slow down the process, would like to come away with a commitment from them, timeline, next steps, but main goal is to get things moving again. (\$1-2.5 million or other model 1-10 million) Need to obtain expert advice on actual value.

Jessica – if we can get land back that's the approach that I would want to take, how much of that has been explored?

Jaclyn – Canada and Ontario have agreed that the lands are not being used as roads and not sold and no reason why they can't be returned, the survey is a big issue.

Jessica – is there a way to set up a process to be able to buy land when it is for sale and turn it into reserve?

Jaclyn – definitely an option. This land is not actually necessarily likely to go up for sale, access or abutting to shoreline and property owners use them.

Jessica – they are not private, or have cottages on them?

Jaclyn – some of them may

Ogimaa – we can take ownership of road shore allowances and control them, called negotiations so we can get the best deal that we can. Pay us per year for a lease. It adds value to their fee simple lands because it is on the bay.

Jaclyn – they haven't been coming to the Table with anything, things feel like they are a bit off the rails, can explore a few options, anything that gets into the main parcels may necessitate survey work, take many years and be quite expensive.

Some of the lands were given away, we know Nawash didn't get paid for those lands.

Paul – where is the Truth and Reconciliation in all of this, trying to live up to this, only when it suits them and when they try to get more mileage

Jaclyn – can put this to both of them, use the word reconciliation a lot, what is the path forward, they are not being a responsive partner

Paul – what are they bringing tomorrow?

Anthony – we walked out when they had nothing to offer. Should ask them what they thing Truth and Reconciliation means.

Ogimaa – opening question, what is your mandate?

What is a good outcome? Clarity on going forward, and receiving their mandate. Main goal is finding a path forward, a schedule of moving this along in a practical way, its been years.

Paul – what about us going in with what we want? What is fair and reasonable?

Norma – is the shoreline accessible from the road and what does that mean?

Jaclyn McNamara left meeting 2:00 p.m.

Update on Fishing Meeting 8d):

Meeting was on Fish Stocking with MNR present. But a Band member brought up that Council did not support a Fish processing plant

Jessica – wasn't David Johnston Weiser hired to look at fish processing plant and the outcome was not to go ahead with it? Kolapore Springs, it fell through

Decline in whitefish, telling us that there is competition against the native fish

Correspondence 8c):

Bruce County and Purple Valley Road discussion:

County of Bruce would like an inaugural meeting with Council, in Wiarton.

NOTE: Meeting to be set with Bruce County

Bills for Payment 8a):

Habitat costs to work on Tiny Homes:

MOTION NO. 1025

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Unceded Band Council, hereby approve payment of Invoice #1569299 dated December 30, 2024 for the amount of Forty-four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$44,880.00) to Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce - Tiny Homes. Verified by Finance. Funds to come from NCW Long-term Reform Budget/Housing.

6 For

Carried.

Critical Repair – Library demolition/rebuild – progress invoice, partially finished:

MOTION NO. 1026

Moved by Norma Tobey, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Unceded Band Council, hereby approve payment of Invoice #1551830 dated November 29, 2024 for the amount of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$65,000.00) to Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce – Critical Repair – Library Demolition/Rebuild. Verified by Finance. Funds to come from NCW Long-term Reform Budget/Housing.

6 For


Carried.


MOTION NO. 1027

Moved by Norma Tobey, Seconded by Paul Jones,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Unceded Band Council, hereby move to Adjourn, time being 2:15 p.m.

Carried.


Chairperson – Ogiima / Chief – Greg Nadjiwon
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Martha Pedoniquotte - Executive Assistant
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(Approved by Motion. 1029 & 1030, dated February 3, 2025)