

Neyaashiinigmiing Anishnaabekiing, January 6, 2025

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CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH UNCEDED FIRST NATION
Giigdoowgamig Maawnjidiwn – Band Council
Ntaam-Giizhgat, Mnidoo Giisoonhs, Ngodwaaswi,
Niizhing Mdaaswak-shi-Niishtana-shi-Naanan
(Monday, January 6, 2025)
Day 1 Regular Band Council Meeting
Council Chambers and via Zoom – 9:00 a.m**

Eniigozid ~ Chairperson:

Giigidooniniwag/Giigidooninikwewag ~ Councillors:

Ogiimaa Greg Nadjiwon Absent

Norma Tobey (virtual)

Jessica Keeshig-Martin

Anthony Chegahno

Arlene Chegahno

Carlene Keeshig

Paul Jones

Regrets/Absent:

Nick Saunders (9:14 am. Virtual)

Theron Solomon

(Vacant)

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

Councillor Arlene Chegahno **Chairing meeting.**

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

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

Waanknigeng (Agenda) Review and acceptance 2)

Michael - Remove Closed Hr

Jessica – discussion on Honour our Treaties Rally

Norma – new date for Council to meet with Nawash Ec/Dev Corporation, was to meet on Dec 19th

Councillor Nick Saunders entered by Zoom 9:14 a.m.

Nick – request for Chief Coroner, remains from Collingwood and Teeswater areas.

NOTE: Council has decided to deal with separately.

MOTION NO. 944

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Jessica Keeshig-Martin,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept the Agenda for Monday, January 6, 2025 with amendments as noted

6 For

Carried.

Previous Motions Read/Discussion 3):

Motion No. 937 – removed 2nd preamble, state “3rd Line”

Motion No. 925 – Saugeen Sparks

Motion No. 941 – TCEL

Invoices from OKT – letter to be sent regarding invoices to be submitted quarterly

NOTE: Chief to forward letter to OKT indicating timely submissions of invoices

Larissa Johnston, Spencer Linklater entered meeting.

MOTION NO. 945

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept Motions No.920 to 938 dated December 16, 2024 and Motions No. 939 to 943 dated December 18, 2024 with correction to Motion No 937 amendments as noted: # 937 – removal of second preamble and correction to proper spelling of 3rd Line.

6 For

Carried.

Meeting **Closed** 10:01 a.m. Previous Closed Motions Read. Meeting Opened 10:05 a.m.

MOTION NO. 946

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Carlene Keeshig,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council, hereby accept CLOSED Motions No. 922, 924, and 928 dated December 16, 2024 and Motion No. 942 dated December 18, 2024 as read.

6 For

Carried.

Band Member Requests 4): No requests submitted.

Operations Manager 5): Pam Linklater, Larissa Johnston, Spencer Linklater, Terry King present.

The Chippewas of Nawash has hired an assistant lands manager in October 2024 to assist with completing lands manager tasks. Knowledge is required in the areas of: laws, environmental management, land use planning, land transactions, land administration. Having certified lands manager(s) enhances efficiency and productivity as well as mitigates risks in operations. To become a certified land manager, an individual must complete the Professional Lands Management Certificate. This usually requires the individual to complete a university certificate (Level 1) and one year of NALMA/ISC training (Level 2).

The University of Saskatchewan offers Level one of the certificate through their Kanawayihetaytan Askiy (KA) Certificate. This is delivered in 3 visits to Saskatoon campus (2 week intervals). There are 7 courses. Indigenous Services has sent notice that they will fund \$22,000.00 for this training.

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The First Nation will need to commit funds (approx. \$4,444.00, round to \$5,000.00) towards this training to cover the expenses over and above this amount. Intake for Level one is closed on April 17, 2025 and successful applicants attend training starting in May 2024. ISC does require that Chief and Council provide a written support letter/BCR to acknowledge the commitment required to complete this training (i.e: time away from the office and homework required by the individual).

MOTION NO. 947

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Norma Tobey,
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby approve and support Assistant Lands Manager, Spencer Linklater's attendance to the *Professional Land Management Certificate Program* (PLMCP), Level 1 as offered by the University of Saskatchewan and Level 2 as offered by the National Aboriginal Lands Manager Association (NALMA) beginning in May 2025.

Further, the employee's regular hours to accommodate schoolwork as required.

Further, Indigenous Services Canada to cover Twenty Two Thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) of training costs and the band to cover up to Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) for the remaining training expenses.

Funds to come from account# 4050-16 (Lands Training) and expense to be reflected in 2025-2026 Lands Department budget.

6 For
Carried

MOTION NO. 948

Moved by Nick Saunders, Seconded by Norma Tobey,
We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby approve and support Assistant Lands Manager, Spencer Linklater, attending the *Practical Application for Lands Surveys* Training as offered through the National Aboriginal Lands Manager Association (NALMA) on January 14 – 16, 2025 in Vancouver, BC.

Further, travel expenses to be reimbursed by NALMA to the Band up to the maximum of Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

6 For
Carried.

Lands Property Market Value

The Band has identified the need to purchase suitable CP lands for future development. One parcel of land is located directly beside the Community Centre. The lot is an ideal location to continue expanding our Community Centre if needed. The CP is held as tenants in common (1/3rd each) with 3 individuals. While Chief and Council explore options on how to get all parties tracked down to initialize a purchase. An Estimate of Property value is required.

Lands Department was approached by the SAO to obtain an estimate for Property Valuation. We have received a quote from *Pace & Associates Inc.* to complete an *appraisal form report*. The report will be completed in *March 2025* with a fixed price of **\$1,700**. This company has worked with our First Nation in years prior.

MOTION NO. 949

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Carlene Keeshig,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby approve of the appraisal of Lot 34-2 Concession 1 West Neyaashiinigmiing Indian Reserve No.27 as shown on Plan No. 53046 CLSR be completed by Frank Pace & Associates Inc. in the amount of One Thousand, Seven Hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) as outlined in the quote for appraisal.

Further, the funding for this appraisal is to be expensed to the Community Centre Account.

6 For

Carried

Jordans Principle – Lee McArthur

MOTION NO 950

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Nick Saunders,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby accept the Group application to Jordan's Principle for speech and language occupational therapy through the Thames Valley Children's Centre as submitted by Lee McArthur, Principal of Kikendaasooamig Elementary School.

Further direct Acting Chief Arlene Chegahno to sign letter of support.

6 For

Carried.

Jessica - funding for one year, will be expectation for services to continue, note to Board to look at ongoing funding.

Arlene – if this hasn't been in place for a while, will be transitional, will be a while to get it up and going, are parents involved as well?

Lee – initially an inventory with the teachers, once Thames Valley involved there will be support for the families, assessments and students prioritized

Question re: student transferring to Warton? Principal is not aware.

Concern re: no Special Education happening at the school. Board responsibility to keep an eye on.

NOTE: Board responsibility to ensure services are available, to track progress and include in reporting

MOTION NO.951

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Jessica Keeshig Martin,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby appoint Councillor Arlene Chegahno as Councillor liaison to the Nawash Board of Education

4 For

2 Abstained – Norma Tobey – calling perceived conflict with Arlene's name being put forward
Anthony Chegahno – perceived conflict

Carried.

Meeting **CLOSED** 10:44 a.m – Personal Band Member

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CLOSED MOTION NO 952
(On file with Other Closed Motions)

Meeting Opened, Council break 10:49 a.m. Reconvened 10:56 a.m

Senior Administrative Officer 6): – Mike Earl

Language Revitalization RFP review – Jessica Keeshig Martin and Norma Tobey will assist Mike Earl with review and recommendation.

Environment Office Apartments update – Mike to reach out to Matt Ryan to see where renovations are at. Also to follow up on Tiny Home update.

Communications: Rachel Renfrew present. Mary Johnston entered. 11:03 a.m.

Discussion on concerns regarding Remembrance Day. Some protocols not followed, concern regarding comments made and speakers should be vetted.

Events Coordinator is to be hired who would be responsible and would work through this Committee.

Discussion on Policy – one policy that applies to all Committees. Can collect comments and feedback and consider at next review.

MOTION NO 953

Moved by Anthony Chegahno, Seconded by Norma Tobey,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby approves the Communications Committee meeting Minutes dated September 24th, October 23rd, and November 19th, 2024.

Further Council will review and consider the suggested edits to the Committee Operations Policy.

4 For

2 Abstained – Carlene Keeshig – don't recall seeing the Minutes, have some questions.

Paul Jones – don't recall seeing the Minutes

Carried.

Band Member Request – Mary Johnston – **CLOSED personal** 11:19 a.m.

CLOSED MOTION NO 954
(On file with Other Closed Motions)

Meeting OPENED 11:37 a.m.

Jessica updated on the Honour our Treaties Rally – was to take place on December 17, 2024, more time was needed to plan. Walk was to be from Nawash Gardens to MP Office, however he was in Ottawa that day so rescheduled. Discussed whether to meet with MP ahead of the Rally, Chiefs are looking to meet with Alex Ruff on Friday, January 17th, 2025. Rally to wait to see how the conversation goes before holding.

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Norma requested a meeting date with Council and the Nawash Economic Development Corporation. Meeting was scheduled for December 19, 2024. Council was waiting on Patrick Nadjiwon to review full document.

NOTE: New date to be scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Other Business:

How much money is spent at the Top Notch by Nawash?

NOTE: Meeting to be scheduled with the Police to discuss drug dealing.

Councillor Nick Saunders left meeting 11:50 a.m.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT 8a):

Allen Hastings Ltd

MOTION NO 955

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Band Council hereby approves the payment of Invoice PS#4CN, dated December 7, 2024 to Allen-Hastings Limited in the amount of One Hundred, Eighty-three Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-six dollars and Forty cents (\$183,156.40) for the NCW Retrofit and Addition, Project # 300056452.0000 as recommended by Neegan Burnside Ltd. Funds to come from Account 5751-40 Retrofit Project.

5 For

Carried.

MOTION NO. 956

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

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Band Council hereby acknowledge Chief and Council attending Joint Council on Thursday, January 9, 2025 in Saugeen FN. Funds to come from Department 9.

Councillor Expenses

Per Diem 1 x \$200	\$200.00
Mileage Saugeen (return)	\$ 70.40
Meals 1 x \$18/lunch	\$ 18.00
Expenses released to Councillor	<u>\$288.40</u>

Ogiimaas Expenses

Mileage Saugeen (return)	\$ 70.40
Meals 1 x \$18/lunch	\$ 18.00
Expenses released to Ogiimaa	<u>\$ 88.40</u>

6 For

Carried.

Meeting Adjourned for Lunch 11:56 a.m. Meeting Reconvened 1:00 p.m.

MNP Auditor presentation 7. 1): Akash Arya of MNP and Finance Manager Paul Fraser present. Judy Nadjiwon entered 1:04 p.m. Councillor Nick Saunders present. Councillor Theron Solomon present 1:10 p.m. Councillor Norma Tobey absent.

Paul F– 2022 Audit, feel we have not made progress as we have three more audits to do, we are to be doing one audit per year.

Paul Jones – need a plan on how to get this caught up

Paul F – it's called staff, we need more staff to get caught up. John Ramage is instrumental in this as he has all the information for the past 10 years.

Akash – have been working on Nawash files, appreciate the opportunity, work directly with Indigenous services in MNP, give Thanks to John, Paul and Finance team in getting the answers we required.

Funds held in Trust - \$605,360.00 in Ottawa.

Concern expressed that Nawash has not withdrawn funds for a period of time, should be significantly higher, this needs to be checked into. Band used to withdraw \$100,00.00 a year but have not done so why are funds not higher.

Question where First Nation Market Housing Fund shows? People borrowed funds in the amount of One Million, if default then the Band is responsible under the Ministerial Loan Gaurantee.

Question regarding CMHC/Habitat monthly payment under Housing.

OFNLP – internet gambling \$247,000.00, interest \$46,000.00, and non-gaming revenue \$177,000.00 and a base amount of \$3 million +

GIC – 14 Million in GIC from Hope Bay funds, etc.

Paul Fraser - 6.2 Million transferred split between Water Treatment and NCW in 2022; took out 1 Million for GBtel, and 1.3 for the Water, roughly 4 Million left.

Management Letter recommendations:

Audit adjustments and unreconciled records – ensure all necessary journal entries are posted and working papers are reconciled prior to the audit commencing;

Audit preparation – schedule the audit when requested documentation is readily available and when the management team is fully accessible to auditors;

Capital assets – maintain a capital asset schedule for all capital asset purchases that are greater than the policy of \$5,000.00 and keeping a duplicate copy of all invoices to provide to the auditor;

Timesheet review – all time sheet approvals should be formally documented prior to finalization of payroll;

Financial reporting – all outstanding audits should be up to date and complete all financial reporting for specific funders which are outstanding for the past several years in a timely manner;

NOTE: Operations Manager to bring issue forward to next Supervisors meeting.

Audit adjusting journal entries – all accounts be reconciled to the subledgers and supporting documentation prior to the final trial balance;

Grant Jones entered meeting 2:29 p.m.

Economic Development Projects – seek legal advice on the possible transfer of Highway 6 property to the structure that was established for economic development activities and consider utilizing the structure for future economic development activities;

Understaffed accounting and finance team – that the First Nation consider its accounting and finance team hiring needs in the coming fiscal year. Consider adding two experienced accountants to the Team and invest time in training team members with various account reconciliations and performing regular reviews.

MOTION NO. 957

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

We, The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Band Council hereby accept and approve the draft Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2021-2022 as presented by Akash Arya of Auditors MNP.

5 For
Carried.

NOTE: Michael to work with Communications to set up a Community meeting to review Audit.

Carlene – concern with statement that management does not provide information, backlogged with audit, and should provide training.

Mike – will work with Paul to ensure he gets information required.

Arlene – if Programs are applying for funding, they should be responsible for reporting.

Mike – behind on audits, so they are not getting good numbers to be working with

Paul – supervisor, or who ever is looking after budget, needs to provide numbers

Pam – the message, they need to book a time with Finance, we have John still coming in, is easier because he knows the history but gets pulled away from the Audit.

Other Business:

MOTION NO. 958

Moved by Paul Jones, Seconded by Jessica Keeshig Martin,

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Band Council, hereby amend BCR #838 dated November 18, 2024 to allot an additional amount of Five Hundred and Forty-four dollars and Seventy-one cents (\$544.71) to Councillor Theron Solomon as per receipts and expenses submitted for the following:

Per Diem x 1 x \$200.00	\$200.00
Meals 1 x \$17 + \$18 Breakfast and Lunch	\$35.00
Accommodation and Reimbursement	\$183.15
Uber reimbursement (\$34.30+ 53.68 +38.58)	<u>\$126.56</u>
Total	\$544.71

(Motion No. 838

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

We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Band Council, hereby acknowledge Councillor Theron Solomon attending the 1st Annual Symposium on Medical Isotopes in Vancouver, BC on December 12-13, 2024

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hosted by the Canadian Medical Isotope Ecosystem (CMIE) and the Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council (CNIC).
Travel day December 11th, 2024. Accommodations & Airfare not included below. Funds to come from Dept 9 and
Gamzook'aamin aakoziwin Partnership.

Councillor Expenses

Per Diem 3 x \$200	\$ 600.00
Mileage Toronto (return)	\$ 280.50
Meals 3 x \$80/day	\$ 240.00
Expenses released to Councillor	<u>\$1,120.50</u>

5 For

1 Abstained – Theron Solomon – Conflict


Carried

MOTION NO. 959


Moved by Jessica Keeshig Martin, Seconded by Anthony Chegahno,
We, the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Band Council, hereby move to Adjourn,
time being 2:46 p.m.

6 For

Carried.



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



Martha Pedoniquotte - Executive Assistant
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Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation

(Approved by Motion No. 945 & 946, dated January 6, 2025)