

ONEIDA COUNCIL
APPROVED



Oneida Nation of the Thames
Special Council Meeting
OPO Boardroom
Tuesday, August 15, 2023
4:00pm till 7:00pm

DATE: *Sept 5/23*

PER: *A.G.*

Present: Chief Todd Cornelius
Councillors: Misty Deleary, Rosalind Antone, Brandon Doxtator, Charity Doxtator, Gloria Doxtator, Tekatenyes Doxtator, Ursula Doxtator, Holly Elijah, Alizabeth George-Antone, Deborah Hill
Excused: Councillor Joel Kennedy
Regrets:
Absent:
Staff: Sherry Monastyrski, CEO, Rochelle Cornelius, Chief’s Assistant, Sandra Doxtator (left at 5:00), Erin White, Finance Administrator
Guests:
Recorder: Angie George

1. **Opening:** Chief Todd Cornelius

Call to Order: 4:21pm

Approval of Agenda:

Lands & Estates was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Council consensus to approve Council Meeting Agenda for August 15, 2023.

2. **Sandra Doxtator, Executive Assistant**

i) *ISC Amending Comprehensive Funding Agreement #2021-ON-000073 – Amendment No. 0087*

Council consensus that Oneida Nation of the Thames Chief and Council accepts Amending Agreement #0087

TYPE: Flex Funding

PROGRAM: Jordan’s Principle – Education Assistance, Cultural, Transportation, Child Care & Social Activities.

Fiscal Year – 2023-2024 - \$848,672.00 (Eight Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars)
2024-2025 - \$695,435.00 (Six Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars)

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$1,544,107.00 (One Million Five Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars)

ii) *Draft Education Agenda FYI*

Internal meeting

Chief and council are welcome to attend.

TVDSB Trustee will be in attendance to give update.

iii) *Oneida Language and Cultural Centre 2023-2024 Contribution Agreement*
Funds have never changed. Look into lobbying and meeting Minister of Heritage and Culture. Bette to develop a BN. Collect and plan a strategic plan to lobby. Send letters to Ministers and ISC. Monies flow through Heritage Canada. Need more lobbying.!

Council consensus for Chief Todd Cornelius to sign Contribution Agreement 2023-2024 in the amount of \$109,964.00 (One Hundred and Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four dollars).

iv) *Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Art Installation Project in Partnership with Elgin County*

The Oneida Language & Cultural Centre will provide the space to complete a mural which will depict the 1840 settlement journey of the Oneida Nation of the Thames, from upstate New York, across the Lake Erie and through present-day Elgin County from Port Stanley along Kettle Creek to lands on the south bank of the Thames River.

Six murals have been produced across Elgin County and everything will be provided by Elgin County. This mural will provide an opportunity to make the public aware of this significant journey that intimately connects Oneida Nation of the Thames and Elgin County at a site located on a major tourism corridor. Regular updates about the mural's development will be provided including on the County's social media accounts.

Council Consensus that Elected Chief and Council supports the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Elgin County to complete the fall 2023, spring 2024 art installation project known as the Bushell Murals Project.

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3. Laura Phillips, Interim Lands & Estates Administrator

- i) *Application for Administration – Form C-7*
- ii) *Application for Approval of Will – Form C-3*
- iii) *LTA, Survey & Chronology (2)*
- iv) *Housing*

4. Sherry Monastyrski, Interim CEO

- i) *CAO update*

Interim CAO is on leave of absence until September 7, 2023, and will return on September 11, 2023. Management team has been established consisting of Sandra Doxtator, Executive Assistant, Dawn Doxtater, and Erin White, Finance Administrator. Sherry Monastyrski, Interim CEO will assume CAO responsibilities. Workplan and Budget meeting will be held September 27 & 28, 2023 and Administrators meeting on August 24, 2023. BCR for the administrators meeting to provide input on violence on staff.

ii) *Revised Letter Re: Pride Flag*

Acknowledged letter and Council agrees to proceed with the letter and will be signed by Chief.

iii) *Governance Training Agenda – FYI*

Some items on the agenda are not needed for Governance Training. Check to see what journaling is and check in is not needed. Day 1 (One) is too long. Should include how we better communicate, lobby training, how to chair meetings, Roberts Rule, Great Law, relationship with traditional council. Sherry Monastyrski will coordinate meeting with the 2 (two) councils. Need to be more reflective of what they need to gain.

iv) *Chiefs Council meeting – FYI*

Changed to 1 day meeting. Chief, Sherry and Rochelle will be attending.

v) *Metis Issue – Update*

Bill C-53 recognizes the Metis Nation on Ontario (MNO), Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and Metis Nation-Saskatchewan as governments representing Metis in their respective provinces. Chiefs of Ontario (COO) is contesting this bill, calling for it to be removed, more engagement with First Nations. COO wants to rally on Parliament Hill on September 20. Has passed its 2nd reading of bill, we need to take a stance now.

RBC Place,

Councillor Rosalind Antone, Ursula Doxtator, have volunteered to go.

5. Council Updates/Requests

Councillor Brandon Doxtator - DEFERRED

- i) *Dr. Diana Lewis, Academic Co-Lead – Research Ethic Agreement BCR #2549*
- ii) *Diane Simon, Midwife – Indigenous Midwifery Research Project BCR #2460*

Councillor Tekatenyes Doxtator

i) *BN – Staff Appreciation Day*

Staff Appreciation Day will be held on September 8, 2023, from 9am-1pm with games and team building activities. Councillors Alizabeth George-Antone, Misty Deleary and Holly Elijah will be volunteering to help and would like all councillors to be available. Budget of \$2400.00 (Two

Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) with a call out for program donations. Erin White, Finance Administrator will provide GL #'s and Administrators to send recognition to staff and number of years of service as well as recognition of retirees.

Council Consensus to approve budget of \$2400.00 (Two thousand Four Hundred Dollars for the Staff Appreciation Day on September 8, 2023. Erin White, Finance Administrator will provide GL numbers for the event.

Councillor Misty Deleary - DEFERRED

- i) *Women's Group Update*
- ii) *Request to Meet with Chief & Council form for approval.*

Councillor Alizabeth George-Antone - DEFERRED

- i) *Public Safety Comms Process*
- ii) *Policing Needs Survey*

Councillors Rosalind Antone, Alizabeth George-Antone, and Martin Powless - DEFERRED

- i) *Iroquois Caucus Update*

IN-CAMERA

Councillor Deborah Hill - DEFERRED

- i) *Administration Issue*

Councillor Deborah Hill's In-Camera item will be at the top of the agenda for the next council meeting.

Jordan's Principle has a lot of concerns and meeting will be set up.

Closing: Councillor Ursula Doxtator

Adjourned: 7:25pm

 Chief
Angie George
 Recorder

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