

DATE: *March 22, 2023*

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Oneida Nation of the Thames  
Regular Council Meeting  
OPO Boardroom  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Present:** Chief Todd Cornelius

**Councillors:** Rosalind Antone, Misty Deleary, Charity Doxtator, Brandon Doxtator arrived at 10:10am, Holly Elijah, Ursula Doxtator, Alizabeth George-Antone, Joel Kennedy, Tekatenyes Doxtator, Deborah Hill, Gloria Doxtator

**Regrets:**

**Absent:**

**Staff:** Pam Tobin-CEO, Kailey Thomson-CAO, Erin White-Finance Administrator, Galah Antone-Chief's Assistant

**Guests:**

**Recorder:** Angela George

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1. Call to Order at 9:15am.

Moment of silence for passing of community member.

Opening Prayer: Chief Todd Cornelius

2. Approval of Additional Items & Agenda:

Council consensus to approve agenda for February 14, 2023.

3. Approval of Council Minutes – December 6, December 19, 2022 – In-camera minutes, January 17, 2023, minutes/in-camera minutes & January 27, 2023, minutes/In camera Minutes of December 19, 2022

Council consensus to approve the Council Minutes of December 6, 2022.

Council consensus to approve In-camera Minutes of December 19, 2022, with noted changes.

Council consensus to approve Council Minutes of January 17, 2023.

Council consensus to approve the In-camera minutes of January 17, 2023, with noted changes.

Council consensus to approve the Special Council minutes of January 27, 2023.

4. Oneida Language Session

5. Chief Updates

i) *Water symposium Update*

Council Consensus to acknowledge Chief Cornelius's update on the Water Symposium held in Calgary, AB, April 7-9, 2023.

**6. Erin White, Finance Administrator – Master Card Discussion – In camera****BREAK****7. Martin Powless, Policy Analyst – Chabre Update**

Martin presented Chabre Inc purchased for 1 million not yet in trustee under Oneida Nation of the Thames. Taxes being paid under duress.

Removed Charles Brudenell and Brenda Reid as Chabre Directors. Named Joel Abram, Harry Doxtator, and Clinton Cornelius as Directors. Prepared Leases and rented lands for 8 of the 10 years, alternately Frank Van Oirschot and Mother Earth Farms, 2 years Fallow due to COVID. Maintained HST payments on rental income. Corporate documents held by Robert Livingstone until 2019 when he retired, file over to Max Prince. Started application process draft to ISC for Conversion, then COVID and theft of Documents at the Political Office. Had Corporate documents stolen out of Martin's office June 14, 2020. Shortly thereafter we had 3 community members start a legal action to claim ownership of the acquired lands in their own names. They used stolen documents from Martin's office to file suit. Chabre retained Paul Williams who prepared an answer to our claim.

1. Trustee document
2. Get ISC to hold in trust for Oneida Nation of the Thames
3. Plaintiff's Darryl Chrisjohn, John Elijah and Anthony Nicholas filed claim to ownership. (Due to break in at the OPO).

Kailey – Liability for Oneida if we don't move forward. An addition to reserve process is needed.

Lawsuit needs to be settled and taxes need to be paid in full each year. BCR needed to start process with ISC (addition to reserve/settlement).

1. Appoint new directors.
2. Lawyer to officially recognize new directors.
3. Dismiss Lawsuit.
4. ISC to issue letter of halt process.

Chief thanked Martin Powless for the update on Chabre.

**LUNCH 12:05 pm**

**Councillor Rosalind Antone left the meeting at 12:17 pm.**

**8. Pam Tobin, CEO Updates**

- i) *Request for OLG Funds*

Requesting to use OLG funds to hire a water project manager until the funding comes in from ISC. Pam will bring back to council when she has more information.

ii) *Community Committees*

Environment Committee – 3 new committee members and looking for 2 more.

Public Safety – Pam will work with Alizabeth on the Public Safety committee.

Health – Tekatenyes will be the lead.

Special Events, Youth – Misty Deleary

New hires in the youth department (recreation).

iii) *Oath of Confidentiality*

CEO reminded Chief and Council of the Oath of Confidentiality that was signed at the swearing in ceremony on July 7, 2022. Confidential items have been leaked to the public. Oath of Confidentiality forms were available for those who wanted to sign it again.

Chief Todd Cornelius acknowledges report from Pam Tobin, CEO updates.

**9. Kailey Thomson, CAO Membership Transfer Request – In camera**

**10. Ashley Doxtator – LNHL Donation Request**

**Councillors Charity Doxtator and Alizabeth George Antone declared conflict.**

The Oneida families attending Little NHL March 12-16, 2023, are requesting financial supports with the related costs due to lack of fundraising efforts and supports due to COVID, safety and illness.

Recommendation to approve \$30,500.00 to support the 61 families at \$500.00 each attending the LNHL and Contingency of \$5000.00 for families who choose to join at a later date.

**Council Consensus to approve \$30,500.00 (Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to support the 61 families at \$500.00 each for LNHL with a contingency of \$5000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) for other families who may choose to join at a later date. Funds to come from OLG.**

**11. Kailey Thomson, CAO Updates and Request**

i) *ISC Amending Agreement #2021-ON-000073 Amendment NO, 0067*

**Council Consensus for Oneida Nation of the Thames Chief and Council to approve and accept the Amending Agreement #0067 in the amount of \$128,079.26 (One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand Seventy-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents). \$72,000.00 (Seventy-Two Thousand) allocated to Education and \$56,079 (Fifty-Six Thousand Seventy-Nine Dollars) allocated to health.**

ii) *ISC Amending Agreement #2021-ON-000073 Amendment NO. 0068*

**Council Consensus for Chief and Council to review and accept the Amending Agreement #0068 in the amount of \$706,298.00 (Seven Hundred and Six Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Eight Dollars) fixed funding allocated to the Life Long Learning Department.**

iii) *ISC Amending Agreement #2021-ON-000073 Amendment NO. 0070*

**Council Consensus for Chief and Council to review and accept the Amending Agreement #0070 which amends Oneida's Agreement in order to include additional reporting requirements for the Health Living Program and Public Health Promotions and Disease Programs for the fiscal years 2022-2023 to 2024-2025. The annual reports are due by July 29, 2023, July 29, 2024 and July 29, 2025.**

iv) *Building of 2, 4 Bedroom Detached Rental Units*

**Council Consensus for Oneida Nation of the Thames Chief and Council approve of the housing department to proceed with building two, 4 bedroom detached rental units located at Williams Road on Lot #38 and Lot #39. The Budget of the project is \$818,000.00 to com from the Enhanced Housing Allocation.**

v) *Thames Valley District School Board Special Education Advisory (TVDSB SEA) Committee Appointment*

Life Long Learning Administrator Bette Summers has already been attending meetings to observe. The representation is listed in our service agreement with the board. If approved the CAO will be required to send a letter notifying the Board of Council's decision.

**Council consensus to appoint Bette Summers as an alternate member to the Thames Valley District School Board Special Education Advisory (TVDSB SEA) Committee in effective immediately for the current term ending on November 30, 2026, representing the interests and well-being of Oneida Students attending Board schools under the current Education Services Agreement.**

Councillor Alizabeth George-Antone left the meeting at 3:00pm.

12. Kailey Thomson, CAO – In camera RD.

BREAK 3:30 pm

Councillor Rosalind Antone returned at 3:45 pm.

13. Council Updates/Requests

Pam will get a legal update.

i) *Councillor Ursula Doxtator – 13 Moon Hunting Camp Donation presented by Dayna and Glen McDougall.*

Councillor Holly Elijah declared conflict.

The 13 Moon Hunting Camp previously received a donation in the amount of \$50,000.00 and from CODA in the amount of \$5000.00.

A core team of knowledge keepers, wilderness guides, hunters/gatherers, trappers, language activators, with extensive knowledge of wild game processing, hide tanning, indigenous food storage, and indigenous Permaculture Sustainability, with life coach skills.

With generous donation of Oneida Program Leads they were able to run for 3 moon cycles and opened registration to all of Oneida with no cost required, from October to December.

Total of \$140,000.00 Secured

Chief and Council requesting financial report from 13 Moons Hunting Camp.

**Council Acknowledges 13 moon hunting report. Financial update in process of reconciling receipts for the \$55,000.00 (Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars) previously approved.**

**14. Meeting Participation Request**

- i) Chief Todd Cornelius – AIAI Governance Working Group Meeting, Hiawatha First Nation.

Chief will be joining by ZOOM.

- ii) Chief Todd Cornelius – AIAI Housing Symposium, Niagara Falls, ON

**Council consensus to approve Chief Todd Cornelius, Councillors Ursula Doxtator, Deborah Hill, and Randy Doxtator to attend the AIAI Housing Symposium in Niagara Falls, ON, March 7 & 8, 2023.**

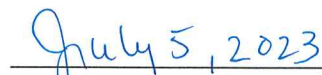
- iii) Chief Todd Cornelius – First Nations with Schools Collective, Casino Rama - Deferred
- iv) Councillor Gloria Doxtator – Health Forum,


**Council consensus to approve Councillors Gloria Doxtator and Tekatenyes Doxtator to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum, February 28-March 2, 2023, in Toronto, ON.**

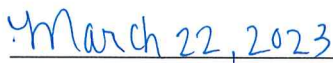
**Closing: Councillor Joel Kennedy**

**Adjourned: 5:05pm**

  
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