



Oneida Nation of the Thames
Regular Council Meeting
OPO Boardroom
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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APPROVED February 14, 2023

Present: Chief Todd Cornelius

Councillors: Rosalind Antone, Misty Deleary, Charity Doxtator, Brandon Doxtator, 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

1. **Call to Order at 9:12am.**

Opening Prayer: Councillor Ursula Doxtator

2. **Approval of Additional Items & Agenda:**

Council consensus to approve agenda for February 14, 2023

3. **Approval of Council Minutes – November 29 & In camera Minutes of December 19, 2022**

Council consensus to approve the Council Minutes of November 29, 2022, with noted changes.

Council consensus to approve In-camera Minutes of November 29, 2022.

December 19, 2022, Council Minutes – Deferred

4. **Oneida Language Session**

Council introduced each other in the Oneida Language with a new additional saying.

Councillor Rosalind Antone suggested purchasing Oneida Language books from Oneida Language and Cultural Centre. Galah Antone, Chiefs Assistant will follow-up with OLCC about ordering books for Chief & Council.

5. **Chief Updates**

i) *December Updates*

Chiefs December updates were provided in the Oliwase

ii) *Tobacco Project – Interested Portfolio Members*

Law making – Looking for interested members to sit on this portfolio. Councillor Liz mentioned Adrian Chrisjohn for the tobacco project. Several names were suggested for the Tobacco Project. Chief will approach mentioned community members.

- iii) *AFN Annual Water Symposium – Request to attend – Calgary AB, Feb 7-9, 2023.*
Chief Todd Cornelius is requesting for himself, Ron Elijah, and Rob Cornelius to attend the Water Symposium.

Council consensus to approve Chief Todd Cornelius, Ron Elijah, Public Works Administrator and Rob Cornelius, Water Treatment Plant Manager to attend the AFN Annual Water Symposium in Calgary, AB, February 7-9, 2023.

- iv) *Glenn Hill, Fire Chief – Presentation*
Fire Chief Glenn Hill, Dave Van Dyke, Safety Officer and Salakwa Doxtator, Deputy Chief was here to present Chief Todd Cornelius with a Medal on 25 years of service, 30-year service bar and a certificate.

BREAK 10:00 AM

6. Erin White, Finance Administrator

- i) *Roads Subsidy Report & BCR # - Deferred*

7. Council Updates – Round Table

- i) *Chief Updates*
-Community meeting dates to give updates and how to present to the community.

-Police Update – Requesting a BCR to not allowing this non-Oneida member to enter Oneida due to being caught with break in tools and stolen vehicle.

-AIAI request for Oneida to host the Youth Development Camp, July 3-5, 2023. To be held at Lamplighter Inn and Oneida Community Centre. Budget of \$85,000.00 (Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars).

Council consensus for Oneida to host the AIAI Youth Development Camp, July 3-5, 2023, at Lamplighter Inn and Oneida Community Centre with a budget of \$85,000.00 (Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars).

Tri-Council meeting January 19, 2023, at the Antler River Seniors Complex. Topics will include Water, Public Safety, potable water, and Fibre Optics.

Date suggested for the Community meeting is April 14-16, 2023. First day to be Elders, second day Community and the third day Youth.

Present previous Council Strategic Plan.

Councillor Holly Elijah FYI – Greg Elijah-Brown and Anahalis Doxtator will be going to Albany, NY, to try out for the Men's Lacrosse Team. If successful in making the team will be travelling to San Diego in June 2023.

- ii) Councillor Alizabeth George Antone – Request to attend the Language and Education Conference February 7-9, 2023, in Toronto. Also, Councillor Rosalind Antone and Councillor Joel Kennedy would like to attend.

Council consensus to approve Councillors Alizabeth George-Antone, Rosalind Antone, and Joel Kennedy to attend the Education and Language Forum to be held in Toronto, February 7-9, 2023.

Note: The February 7 council meeting will be rescheduled to February 14, 2023, due to council members attending other meetings.

- iii) Councillor Rosalind Antone
- Language Committee meeting – Speakers sitting at the table, retreats and funding agreement signed by Chief Todd Cornelius.
 - Public Safety – Approved for a police facility.
 - Environment – Met with UWO regarding 50+ acres of land located and the end of Evan John Road. Asking for support from council. Three options is Partnership, Trust or Land Back.
- iv) Councillor Alizabeth George-Antone
- Youth Portfolio – Doing a Youth Engagement.
 - Iroquois Caucus – No update

8. Pam Tobin, CEO Updates

- i) *Oneida First Nations Police Agreement (OFNPA) Update and Next Steps*

Met with Province last week regarding next steps. Feasibility study will be done by MNP. Proposed start date of April 1, 2023. A lot of planning to take place over the next few months. Receiving \$500,000.00 from Canada. One new position for officer which has been posted.

Future updates will continue to come to council.

- ii) *Communications Policy – Update*

Working on the communications policy and will be brought back to council for approval. Councillor Brandon Doxtator will send a copy of the Communications Policy to Pam

- iii) *Custom Election Code – Update*

Meet to review the Custom Election code. Chief & Council to meet Friday, January 27, 2023, from 1-4pm for Custom Election Code.

- iv) *Drinking Water Class Action – Decision Required*

Olthius Klear Townshend LLP and McCarthy Tetrault LLP commenced a national class action lawsuit to address long-term drinking water advisories in First Nations communities. The litigation aimed to force Canada, through an on-going legal obligation,

to fix the water problems that continue to harm impacted First Nations. Also sought financial compensation for the difficulties that community members have experienced from a lack of safe, clean water. Oneida Nation is an impacted First Nation and signed on as a member of the class.

Next steps are to pass a Band Council Resolution and submit a Band Confirmation List to ensure eligible individuals receive compensation.

Council Consensus for Chief & Council to sign BCR #2442 for the National Drinking Water Class Action Settlement.

Moment of silence for passing of a community member.

Councillors Joel Kennedy and Tekatenyes Doxtator left the meeting.

LUNCH 12:05

- v) *Drinking Water and Fire Flow Infrastructure – BCR #2441*

First Nations Engineering Services Ltd. Was retained by Oneida Nation of the Thames to complete a Water Feasibility Study for the Oneida 41 reserve area.

Council consensus to sign BCR #2441 to retain First Nations Engineering to complete a Water Feasibility Study for Oneida Nation of the Thames.

LUNCH 12:00-1:00PM

9. Kailey Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer Updates

- i) *ISC Amending Agreement Comprehensive Funding Arrangement #2021-ON-000073 Amendment No. 0065*

Oneida Nation's multiyear Indigenous Service Canada Agreement No. 2021-ON-000073 provides for changes to the Agreement by way of "Notice of Budget Adjustment" or an "Amending Agreement". The former where funding for a service or activity is changed in accordance with an adjustment factor and the latter for new funds.

Council Consensus to approve Amending Agreement #0065 which is an amendment to provide fixed funding to Oneida's Jordan's Principle Program in the amount of \$2,582, 976.00 (Two Million Five Hundred and Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six Dollars) for the 2022-2023 Fiscal year.

10. Guest Speakers/Presenters

- i) *Max Prince – Chabre Corporate Documents, Replace Directors*
The properties located at 6355 Carriage Road and 11371 Littlewood Road was purchased in 1997. Ontario Business Corporation Act oversee's this private corporation

owned by Oneida Nation of the Thames. Looking for 3 (Three) Directors to take over the positions for Harry Doxtator (Retired), Joel Abram and Clinton Cornelius. Directors must make sure the HST is paid, and the roll of Directors is to report back to Oneida.

Martin Powless, Policy Analyst, recommendation was for 2 (Two) Council members and 1 (One) community member. Several names were mentioned to be director's and Chief Todd Cornelius will approach the names mentioned to see if they would be interested.

Recommendation:

1. Keep Chabre in place
2. Continue to pay taxes.

Council acknowledges Max Prince's presentation to council. Max will send out consent forms for the new Director if they agree.

ii) *Adrian Chrisjohn – Tecumseh Board Update & Gaming Recommendation*

Tecumseh Community Corporation Development – Is a not-for-profit organization that assists 10 (ten) area First Nations communities and their members on-and-off reserve with workshops, financing, feasibility studies, business planning and economic development start-up capital or entrepreneurship ventures. TCDC can also assist not-for-profit community organizations with funding grants and loans through government funding both Provincial and Federal.

Like most organizations in the world, the Pandemic had similar effects of TCDC. Operations had to make the switch from full-time office hours to working remotely with limited budget, capacity, and connectivity on-reserve. TCDC persevered and had many meetings via teleconference to approve loans as a Board to assist the many existing as well as new clients throughout the pandemic. Many of the approvals were for COVID relief funding from governments.

Funds available for loans are:

IEDF Funding (Provincial) \$3,375,490 (Three Million Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Dollars)

CFDC Funding (Federal) \$2,334,930 (Two Million Three Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Dollars)

Economic Development Commission

The EDC was formed at the end of last term and established as a mechanism to fully scope new economic development opportunities prior to bringing plans to council for review and approval. New opportunities may be brought to the EDC by community members or outside agencies/organizations or through opportunities generated by the EDC itself.

EDC consists of the following members:

Adrian Chrisjohn, Chair

Pam Tobin, CEO
Kailey Thomson, CAO
Erin White, Finance Administrator
Deana Doxtator, OCC Manager
Brandon Doxtator, Councillor
Holly Elijah, Councillor

Standing meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and as required. They have reviewed the Gaming initiative and have made recommendations that will be brought forward for council consideration.

EDC members who have put forward ideas will develop their feasibility/business plans to bring back to the table for early February.

Gaming Recommendation (CONFIDENTIAL)– In 2019, MJM Enterprises approached the sitting council about a gaming opportunity that included the construction of a casino, restaurants, hotels, and shopping to Oneida. Letter of Intent was signed, and discussions have been taking place since then to determine the scope of the project.

Initially, MJM Enterprises stated they had funding secured through an investor but due to delays in starting the project, the investor pulled out. Since that time, MJM Enterprises has been seeking interested investors but to no avail to date.

Recommendation: Based on MNP’s reviews, legal reviews, and the review of documentation and meetings with Mike Malik Sr. and Mike Malik Jr, it is the decision of council not to move forward with the casino project and to advise Mike Malik Sr. and Mike Malik Jr. of the decision to the sever all ties with this project. Any statements to community need to have legal opinion reviewed. A letter from Chief Todd Cornelius will be sent to Mike Malik Sr. and Mike Malik Jr. Pam Tobin, CEO to wait for legal opinion and send to Council for their review before sending.

Council consensus to agree with the recommendation to sever all ties with the Gaming project.

BREAK 2:15-2:30PM

Continue with Speakers/Presenters

iii) *Glen McDougall, Dayna McDougall & Josephine McDougall – 13 Moon Hunting Camp*

In existence for 13 years. Reclaiming and rebuilding culture. Follows the cycles of the moon. Has sweat lodge ceremonies, moon ceremonies etc. There is no fee to attend its all volunteer. Open from Monday-Friday at 668 Hazel Road. Twenty-five people attend their camp. Seeking donations for camp to continue. Sweat ceremonies ongoing every week. Their children are home schooled – learning Oneida Language. Seventeen youth attend every weekend – find individual gifts and learn who they are.

Chief thanked them for coming to Council. They can be reached on social media at 13 Moons Land-Based Learning or email for more information or to register at Turtleclan2020@gmail.com.

11. Council Requests – In camera

Councillor Brandon Doxtator – Housing Emergency Crisis In-Camera


Imagine Build Approval – Kailey Thomson

Housing Application Process – Kailey Thomson – In Camera

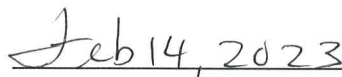
12. IN CAMERA - Kailey Thomson, CAO

- i) Estate Appointments (3) - **Deferred***
- ii) Land Transfer Agreements (5) - **Deferred***
- iii) Formal Customary Care Agreement*
- iv) Membership Transfer Request (2) - **Deferred***
- v) HR Processes - **Deferred***
- vi) Imagine Build BN*
- vii) Housing Application Process – **Deferred***


13. Closing – Councillor Alizabeth George-Antone
Meeting adjourned – 5:35



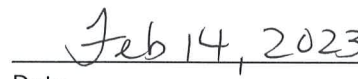
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