



Oneida Nation of the Thames
Regular Council Meeting
OPO Boardroom
Monday, June 19, 2023
9:00 am till 5:45 pm

ONEIDA COUNCIL
APPROVED

DATE: *Aug 1, 2023*

PER: *A.G.*

Present: Chief Todd Cornelius

Councillors: Misty Deleary, Rosalind Antone, Brandon Doxtator, Charity Doxtator, Tekatenyes Doxtator, Ursula Doxtator, Alizabeth George-Antone, Deborah Hill (Zoom 10:25am)

Excused: Councillor Joel Kennedy

Regrets: Councillors Holly Elijah, Gloria Doxtator

Absent:

Staff: Pam Tobin, CEO, Rochelle Cornelius, Chief's Assistant, Renae Hill, Sandra Doxtator (11:00am)

Guests: Troy Antone, Kevin Doxtator, Darren Elijah, Bette Summers, LLL Administrator, Branavan Tharmarajah, Growcer (Zoom), Loni Doxtator, Lead Band Rep (Zoom) Laura Phillips, Interim Lands & Estates Administrator

Recorder: Angie George

1. **Opening:** Councillor Ursula Doxtator

Call to Order: 9:24am

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Council consensus to approve Council Meeting Agenda for June 19, 2023, with additions.

3. **Oneida Language Session**

Chief, Council and Staff introduced themselves in the Oneida Language.

4. **Chief Todd Cornelius**

i) *Monthly Update*

In Our Community

- a) May 5, 2023 – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Walk
- b) May 16, 2023 – Naloxone Training
- c) May 17, 2023 – Community Sacred Fire

Council Meeting

- a) May 2, 2023 – Planning for Upcoming Community Engagement Meeting

With Our Partners

- a) May 4, 2023 – CMO Declaration on Drugs in our Communities
- b) May 9, 2023 – AIAI Chief's Council Meeting

ii) *Approval of April 25, 2023, Council Minutes*

Council consensus to approve the April 25, 2023, Council Minutes.

iii) *Approval of May 2, 2023, Council/In-Camera Minutes*

Council Consensus to approve May 2, 2023, Council Minutes with noted changes.

Council consensus to approve the May 2, 2023, In-Camera Minutes with a request for a Special Meeting scheduled for June 29, 2023, from 3pm-6pm.

iv) *Mnaasged Child & Family Service Golf Tournament*

Mnaasged Child & Family Services is a non-profit charitable organization and will be hosting a Charity Golf Tournament. They are asking to consider donating to their upcoming Charity Golf Tournament. All proceeds raised will be donated to their Ashendawin (Sharing of Good Food) program which is available to member families on an emergency basis and their Youth in Transition Program.

There are several ways a company can help achieve their fundraising goals.

1. Sponsor a team, reward your staff for hard work.
2. Sponsor a golfer to play.
3. Donate a gift/prize
4. Sponsor a hole - \$200.00. (Company name will be displayed)
5. Other donations towards food programs are also welcome.

Council Consensus to approve sponsoring 2 (Two) teams in the amount of \$500.00 each (Five Hundred Dollars) to attend the Mnaasged Charity Golf Tournament, 1(One) team consisting of Council and 1 (One) youth team, being held at the Wardsville Golf Club in Wardsville, ON, July 27, 2023.

v) *AIAI Elders Gathering 2023*

AIAI Health/Social Advisory Board will be holding its 24th Annual Elders Gathering on August 22-24, 2023, hosted by Batchewana First Nation at the Quattro Hotel & Conference Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

Youths between the ages of 18-25 are also invited to attend the Elder's Gathering to network and engage with the Elders.

Councillor Brandon Doxtator will follow-up and bring back to council along with a budget and interested community members willing to attend.

vi) *Niagara Falls Border Crossing Celebration – July 15, 2023*

A suggestion was made to rent a bus for any interested community members wanting to attend. Will be crossing from the US to the Canadian side. Renae Hill, Interim CAO suggested assigning a budget up to \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars).

Chief Todd Cornelius, Renae Hill, Interim CAO and Rochelle Cornelius, Chief's Assistant will work on a budget.

Councillor Deborah Hill joined the Meeting at 10:25

vii) *New Date for Education Meeting*

June 29, 2023 – 1:00pm – 4:00pm Special In-Camera
4:00pm – 6:00pm Education

5. Administration

CAO Update/Requests

i) *Bette Summer, LLL Administrator – Requesting Approval to Sign Proposal*

Applying for all 3 Streams as follows:

1. Oneida Language and Cultural Centre to cover the day-to-day operations, increase part time staff to full time, maintain current contractors and cover costs for speaker involvement. This is currently funded at \$109,000.00 (One Hundred and Nine Thousand Dollars) and must be supplemented by proposals. Activities that will be funded or enhanced include digitization of the language, history events and future research, FDK-12 curriculum resources, and input into the community language strategy. Currently EEP and an MOU with LLL is covering contractors. The multi-year ask is not likely to be implemented this year as it is more of a survey to determine what they can fund Nationally moving forward. \$483,233.00 (Four Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars) (approximately) per year is the ask.
2. Annual Multi-year Project funding as is under the \$150,000.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) limit per year.
3. Language Circle position for one year to begin a commission-like working group to coordinate language initiatives into a formal strategy for Council approval. A position would be funded for one year to get it up and running. This work will begin using alternative funding through an RFP.

Sandra Doxtator, Executive Assistant arrived at 11:00am.

Council Consensus to approve the LLL Administrator signing authority for the 2023 Indigenous Languages and Culture application and reports only. It is anticipated that a future council consensus will grant authority to a language body (commission, circle) to approve future funding proposals and language allocations and receive accountability reports.

ii) *BN Standing Stone School Calendar – 2023-2024*

The Thames Valley District School Board Elementary School Calendar of Professional Development Days plus two early dismissal Days.

Council Acknowledges the Standing Stone School 2023-2024 school calendar update as presented.

IN-CAMERA

iii) *Trevor Martin, Social Services Director – 2 BCR's – TABLED*

iv) *Loni Doxtator, Band Rep Lead – Formal Customary Care Agreement*

Lands & Estates

v) *Laura Phillips, Interim Lands & Estates Administrator – Application for Administration*

LUNCH

GUESTS

i) *Troy Antone, Kevin Doxtator, Darren Elijah – Oneida Gas Bar OCS*

Owner Troy Antone along with Kevin Doxtator and Darren Elijah were here requesting a BCR/Letter of Support to receive gas exemption at Oneida Gas Bar. He has done everything that was requested previously from Chief and Council. Troy has been donating to the community and helping community members when needed.

6 – agree

1 – does not agree

Motioned by Councillor Brandon Doxtator to support Troy's gas station. Seconded by Councillor Ursula Doxtator. MOTION CARRIED

Is Council voiding their May 1, 2019, Consensus? Councillor Brandon Doxtator and Pam Tobin, CEO, will take this question to the Ec. Dev. Commission to clarify Chief & Council consensus of March 28, 2019.

Invite Troy Antone to next Public Safety committee meeting.

ii) *Ron Elijah, Public Works Administrator – MNP, Water Distribution*

Moving Forward – Andrew Henry is doing the off-reserve portion(?), designing how long it's going to take (March). Tender will be ready at the end of March.

On-Reserve – Posted for a Project Manager with a budget of \$275,000.00 (Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars). Will be doing design and build. Timeline matches off reserve timeline. Bid came in at \$450,000.00 (Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars). Will meet with ISC to discuss the shortfall of approved budget.

Chief thanked and acknowledged Ron's update.

9. Council Updates/Requests

- i) *Councillor Holly Elijah – FYI Southern First Nations Secretariat Meeting Minutes and Student Intake – **TABLED***

This item is tabled to give Chief & Council time to read and if they have any questions, can be asked at the next council meeting.

Housing – In-Camera

Chief declared conflict and step out of the meeting.

- a) *Two-4 Bedroom Posting*
b) *E. Schuyler Rental Unit*

Chief returned to the meeting.

9. Continued with Council Updates/Requests

- ii) *Councillor Brandon Doxtator*
a) *Thirteen Moons Hunting Camp Funding Decision – **Table***

Requires more information. Will bring back to July 4, 2023, council meeting.

- b) *Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation River Race*

The River Race is aimed to raise funds to continue providing clean drinking water to reserves under the boil water advisories. Chief is interested in participating along with Sako Whiteye. Chief will ask if Sako would like to participate. Sponsorship is \$100.00/team.

Council Consensus to support the Dreamcatcher Race Challenge up to \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars). \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) per team to come from Council Donation.

- c) *Land Guardian Insurance Approval – **Tabled***
d) *Growcer*

On December 8, 2021, BCR #2410 was approved by Oneida Chief & Council. BCR #2410 relates to Oneida Nation of the Thames agreeing to work with Growcer Inc on the development of a commercial hydroponic growing projects.

Since then, Oneida Staff Including Pam Tobin, CEO, Ron Elijah, PW Administrator, and Environment and Consultation Coordinator Brandon Doxtator have been meeting with Growcer representative Branavan Tharmarajah to scope out a project. In March and May 2023, the Growcer proposal was presented to the Oneida Economic Development Committee for discussion. The OEDC believes a viable project has been developed and is ready to be presented to Oneida Chief & Council to move forward.

Options

1. Do nothing
2. Invest in 2 modular
3. Invest in 4 modular

Requesting a council meeting Re: Environment

Council acknowledges Councillor Brandon Doxtator's report and will bring back to the July 4, 2023, council meeting.

- e) Greenlane Update – TABLED to July 4 Council Meeting

10. Council Roundtable/Requests

i) Councillor Misty Deleary – Women's Group Update

On May 31, 2023, a meeting was held with Dawn Chrisjohn and the Women's group along with a group of men. Misty was unclear of what the meeting request was. Talked about a building for Treatment, detox, and aftercare. Someone from Atlohsa mentioned that they have money for a new building but needs space to build.

Misty to follow-up with Atlohsa to see if the Director was aware of Atlohsa employees coming into the Political office with this request.

ii) Councillor Ursula Doxtator

There are 10 (Ten) students graduating from the Twatati Program at Fanshawe College. Completed 2 (Two) year language course and conversations fluent. Councillor Ursula Doxtator is requesting a \$1000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) donation to purchase gifts for the Graduates.

Council Consensus to approve \$1000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) donation to purchase gifts for the Twatati program Graduates at Fanshawe College.

FYI: Band Representatives & Prevention workers do not have an office to work out of.

Closing: Chief Todd Cornelius

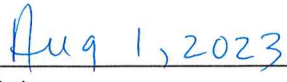
Adjourned: 5:43pm



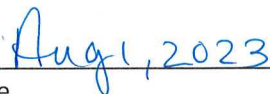
Chief



Recorder



Date



Date