



**Oneida Nation of the Thames
Regular Council Meeting (Administration)
OPO Boardroom
Tuesday, November 21, 2023
5:00pm-8:00pm**

**ONEIDA COUNCIL
APPROVED**

DATE: Jan 30, 2024

PER: A.J.

Present: Chief Todd Cornelius (Zoom)
Councillors: Rosalind Antone (Zoom), Brandon Doxtator (Zoom), Charity Doxtator (In-person), Gloria Doxtator (Zoom), Tekatenyes Doxtator (Zoom), Ursula Doxtator (Zoom), Holly Elijah (In-person), Alizabeth George-Antone (Zoom)
Regrets: Councillors Misty Deleary & Deborah Hill
Absent:
Staff: Sherry Monastyrski-Interim CEO, Rochelle Cornelius-Chief’s Assistant, Adrienna Antone-Interim CEO Assistant, Public Works Administrator
Guests: Ron Elijah-Public Works Administrator
Recorder: Angie George

- 1. **Call to Order: 5:pm**
Opening Prayer:
Approval of Agenda

Council recorder missed this portion of the meeting.

Council consensus to approve Council agenda for November 14, 2023, with noted addition.

2. **Chief’s Update**

2.1 Meeting with London Mayor Josh Morgan.

Council consensus to accept Chief Cornelius verbal update as presented with a written report to follow.

3. **Ron Elijah, Public Works Administrator**

3.1 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PLANNING STUDY

- Oneida Nation of the Thames Capital Planning Study recommends a Solid Waste Management System Planning Study.
- Third priority of the Capital Planning Study.
- The anticipated cost is approximately \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars).
- Oneida has last completed a waste management plan in 2001 and is now out of date.
- Green Lane Landfill will reach capacity by 2027.
- Oneida will need to develop and incorporate a solid waste management plan before Green Lane closes.

Council consensus to approve signing BCR #2467 for the Solid Waste Management System Planning Study submission to Indigenous Service Canada presented by Public Works Administrator Ron Elijah.

3.2 WASTEWATER FEASIBILITY STUDY

- Oneida Nation of the Thames Capital Planning Study recommends a Wastewater Feasibility Study.
- Estimate cost for the Wastewater Feasibility Study is \$200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars).
- Second priority in the Capital Plan.
- Wastewater Treatment plants are nearing their design capacity.
- Will need replacement or upgrading within the next 5 (Five) years.
- Many homes have reported failed septic systems.
- Most homes septic systems are reaching the end of their design life.
- The study will confirm the most feasible options to service the community's demands throughout the 20-year planning period.

Council consensus to accept BCR #2471 to move forward with the Wastewater Feasibility Study presented by Public Works Administrator Ron Elijah.

3.3 TREE REMOVAL FAIRGROUNDS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

- Fairgrounds Road reconstruction is on hold pending Hydro One relocating the hydro poles.
- Hydro One design is complete and approximately 10 trees will have to be removed at 1866 Fairgrounds Road to relocate the poles.
- Poles to be moved January 15, 2024.
- Public Works hired a tree expert to provide a Fair Market Value of the trees.
- The assessment quote came to \$3500.00.

Council consensus to approve that the property owner of 1866 Fairgrounds Road be compensated in the amount of \$3500.00 (Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for tree(s) removal on Fairgrounds Road in the reconstruction project. The compensation will be taken from the Fairgrounds Reconstruction Project Funds.

4. Sherry Monastyrski – Interim CEO

4.1 BCR #2459 – *Developing an Indigenous Value Based Environmental Health Risk Assessment* – **DEFERRED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

4.2 BCR #2460 – *Indigenous Midwifery Research Project* – **DEFERRED**

4.3 BCR #2464 – *No Tolerance* – **DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

4.4 BCR #2469 – *OK Ltd Board of Appointment* – **DEFERRED**

4.5 BCR #2470 – *Police Hire Rebecca Jamieson*

Council consensus to approve BCR #2470 for Oneida Police Service to hire Rebecca P. Jamieson as Constable with Oneida Police Service.

5. Councillor Tekatenyes Doxtator Update

- Meeting with MP Karen Vecchio from Middlesex County.
- December 20, 2023, from 1:30pm-3:30pm at the Oneida Political Office if possible.
- Councillor Tekatenyes will provide email to council.

Council consensus to acknowledge Councillor Tekatenyes Doxtator update as presented.

6. Meeting approvals for AFN, IC, and ISC

Council consensus to approve Chief & Council to attend COO and AFN Chiefs Assembly. Chief Todd Cornelius, Councillors, CEO Sherry Monastyrski and Rochelle Cornelius to attend December 5-7, 2023, in Ottawa.

- Councillor Holly Elijah agreed to support the 7 Councillors, Chief Cornelius, Sherry Monastyrski and Rochelle Cornelius to attend. Portfolios ensure to attend sessions that pertain to their portfolios.

Council consensus for Councillor Rosalind Antone and technical support Rochelle Cornelius and Colleen Seary to attend the Ontario Regional Roundtable meeting and Iroquois Caucus meeting in Ottawa, November 28-30, 2023.

Council consensus to approve Martin Powless to attend the Iroquois Caucus Harvest Working Group meeting in Tyendinaga, November 24, 2023.

7. Ontario First Nation Policing Association

Councillor Alizabeth George-Antone, Tekatenyes Doxtator and Chief Cornelius will attend First Inaugural Event on November 29, 2023. Sargeant Jamie Doxtator, Constables Mark Lefebvre, and Willard Williams are to be acknowledged.

Closing: Councillor Ursula Doxtator

Adjourned: 7:30pm

 Chief
Angela George
 Recorder

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