



Oneida Nation of the Thames
Regular Council Meeting
OPO Boardroom
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
3:00 pm – 5:15 pm

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Present: Chief Todd Cornelius

Councillors: Charity Doxtator, Gloria Doxtator, Tekatenyes Doxtator, Holly Elijah, Alizabeth George-Antone, Deborah Hill, Joel Kennedy

Regrets: Councillors Rosalind Antone, Misty Deleary, Ursula Doxtator

Absent: Councillor Brandon Doxtator

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

Guests: Tim Ruffilli, BMO

Recorder: Angela George

1. Call to Order at 3:10pm.

Opening Prayer: Chief Todd Cornelius

2. Approval of Agenda:

Council consensus to approve agenda for October 25, 2022, with 1 (one) in-camera addition

3. Tim Ruffilli – BMO Presentation

Council was made aware that there are surplus dollars that are sitting in the bank and not earning interest. BMO Informed us that it could be earning 3.75% interest per year in a Guaranteed Redeemable Short Term Investment Certificate.

Long term financing and investments will be discussed separately at another time.

Council consensus to approve an investment of \$13,000,000 (Thirteen Million Dollars) into a Guaranteed Redeemable Short Term Investment Certificate; \$8,000,000.00 (Eight Million Dollars) from Community Benefits Agreement and \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million Dollars) from Ontario lottery & Gaming (Deferred Revenue). Another meeting will be arranged to discuss long term investments.

4. Approval of Council Minutes – October 11, 2022

Council consensus to approve Council Minutes of October 11, 2022.

Council consensus to approve the Action Report of October 11, council meeting and October 19 Contribution Agreement meeting.

5. Chief

- *BCR #2432 MNAASGED AGA Director and Appointees*

Council consensus to approve Councillor Gloria Doxtator to the MNAASGED Board of Directors and Councillor Charity Doxtator and Band Representative Loni Doxtator, as appointees to attend the MNAASGED Child and Family Services Annual General Assembly.

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6. CEO Update – Imagine Build

Pam Tobin, CEO came back with answers to questions raised by council.

1. **Are we generating revenue from the home construction?** No

The mortgage payments will go back into the Imagine Build account with the goal to continue to build homes.

2. **Will the mortgage be guaranteed through BMO?** No

The funds are there so the bank won't have to guarantee it.

3. **Should the homes be free of charge?**

To align, with all other programs (new build through ISC rentals) it was decided that the home would hold a mortgage.

4. **Do homes go on individuals own land?**

A long time ago there were plans to build a 93-home subdivision in the Nicholas Road area. The area is easily serviced with water and sewer. That is why Nicholas Road area has been chosen

7. Council Requests

- i) *Councillor Joel Kennedy – Request/Approval to Attend AIAI's First Nations Education Forum November 9 & 10, 2022 in Toronto*

Council consensus for Councillors Joel Kennedy and Alizabeth George-Antone to attend the AIAI's First Nations Education Forum November 9 & 10, 2022 in Toronto.

- ii) *Councillor Charity Doxtator – Request/Approval to attend COO Fall Chief's Assembly, November 15-17, 2022, in Toronto*

Council consensus to approve Councillor Charity Doxtator to attend the COO Fall Chief's Assembly through ZOOM on November 15-17, 2022, and for Chief Todd Cornelius to attend in person which is being held in Toronto.

- iii) *Councillor Alizabeth George-Antone – Approval for Communications Plan for Iroquois Caucus*

At the Iroquois Caucus meeting in July 2022, the Iroquois Caucus Communications Plan was presented for final signature. The Communications Plan focuses on doing things more efficiently with less time commitments. The components of the Communications Plans include:

1. Centralized information Distributor and General Inquiry: centralization of incoming information and distribution.
2. General Assembly: To introduce items and to provide discussion and direction.
3. Grand Chiefs/Chiefs table: to serve as a decision-making body to accept new introduced items and to review characterizations to ensure the agenda is not overflowing with too many items.

- 4. Technicians: to streamline housekeeping items.
- 5. Addressing Continuity of Operations: to ensure actions items continue to be addressed by the Iroquois Caucus even after elections or changing coordinators.

Council consensus that Oneida Nation of the Thames sign the Iroquois Caucus Communications Plan. All member Nations have signed the plan and it is ready to be implemented once Oneida signs.

- 8. In-Camera – Kailey Thomson, CAO Lands & Estates
In-Camera – Chief Todd Cornelius, BN & BCR #2436

9. Chief – Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting November 1, 2022
Doodle poll for 2nd council meeting in November
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Moment of silence for the passings.


10. Closing 5:15



Chief

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Recorder

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