



Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 3, 2025
Council Chambers

Approved by Council
on April 7, 2025

Present: Chief Kimberly Bressette, Jack Brown, Alison Price, Dave Cloud, Carla Oliver,
Melissa Monague, Vince George, Stan Cloud

Regrets : Liz Cloud - Councillor
Verna George – First Nation Manager/CEO
Toni George – Recorder

Resources:
Alex Shone – Videographer
Melodie Bressette - Executive Assistant – Recorder

Guest: Jordan Sewell – Legal
Mike George – Southwind & Three Fires Group

Start Time: 4:39 p.m.

1. **Item #1 – Agenda Review and Acceptance**

Add: AD HOC Committee

Motion #1:

Moved By: Councillor Stan Cloud

Second By: Councillor Dave Cloud

March 3, 2025, agenda is adopted with the noted additional items.

MOTION CARRIED

2. **Item # 2 – Conflict of Interest**

- None declared.

3. **Item # 3 – Review of Council Minutes – February 10, 2025**

- **Correction on spelling of ‘Motion’**

Motion #2:

Moved By: Councillor Vince George

Second By: Councillor Dave Georg

The council approved the minutes of February 10, 2025, with the noted correction.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Item # 4 -Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Are we still dealing with item # 2 – bullet one?
 - Yes, Chief Bressette sent out the investigation reports to all councillors on February 19, 2025.

5. **Item #5 – Child & Family Services**

- Looking at getting two – BCR’s approved.
- Two vehicles under CHRT 41 for safe and reliable transportation to support Child & Family Services programming and transportation.
- To purchase 9791 Army Camp Road – to apply for community housing & vehicle under the CHRT 41 capital funding.

Motion #3:

Moved By: Councillor Melissa Monague

Second By: Councillor Stand Cloud

Council motion to approve the application processes for community housing and vehicle under the CHRT 41 capital funding.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion – Councillor Vince asked are we not going to add the undrip wording to our BCRs? Vince provided the wording for the council to consider adding to all BCRs all ongoing forwards.

6. **Item # 6 – Finance Department – Jodi George**

- Amendment 0084
- Amendment 0085
- Amendment 0086

Motion #4:

Moved By: Councillor Stan Cloud

Second By: Councillor Vince George

Council motion to approve the amendment 0084, 0085 and 0086 funding agreements.

MOTION CARRIED

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- **Borrowing with FNFA (Local Revenue and Other Revenue)**
 - The FMA provides for two types of FNFA borrowing: borrowing secured by **local revenues** and borrowing secured by **other revenues**. FNTC provides technical support to First Nations interested in using **local revenues** to support FNFA borrowing. Using the FMA, First Nations have the option to access FNFA borrowing and the option to choose which revenue stream they wish to use to support the borrowing. Specific questions concerning FNFA borrowing or **other revenue** borrowing should be directed at the FNFA.
- **Opting Out of Property Taxation**
 - First Nations can opt out of taxation by repealing their property taxation laws. Repeal laws are subject to the notification and representation provisions under sections 6 and 7 the FMA. However, if a First Nation is a FNFA borrowing member and has an unpaid loan **secured by local revenues** then subsection 11(1) of the FMA applies. In this case, the First Nation must meet certain conditions in subsection 11(1) before repealing a property taxation law or a fee law made under paragraph 5(1) (a.1).
- We can pull out anytime.
 - The answer is yes.

7. **Item # 7 – Land**

- Location for the new Prevention Wellness Centre (community center) and Head Start Day Care.
- Prevention Wellness Center location is beside the KSP Gas and Variety Store.
- Day Care feasibility study has been completed, and the consultant is to go forward with assessing the location area. We are looking at in between the Prevention Wellness Center and the KSP Gas Variety Store as the main location site, the back up site is behind the Youth Centre located on Lake Rd.
 - They would be able to share some of the infrastructure (water, hydro, gas lines, etc.)

Motion #5:
Moved By: Councillor Vince George
Second By: Councillor Carla Oliver

Council Motion to approve the location spot for the Day Care in between the KSP Gas & Variety and the Prevention Wellness Centre and the alternative location is behind the Youth Centre on Lake Road.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Item # 8 – Housing Department – Emergency Housing

- Emergency Housing request was submitted into housing – due to a recent house fire that left a band member and their family home.
- The request went to the housing committee.
- The First Nation does not have emergency housing as it is not offered in the rental housing policy.
- Housing previously denied past housing emergency requests and to be fair to past and future housing requests.
- The housing committee recommended that the family is to submit a rental application and reach out to Ontario Works for assistance with a temporary hotel and to see if Child & Family services emergency housing may be available.

Council Discussion

- The First Nation should have emergency housing available or something when things like this occur.
- We had two houses, not sure what happened to them?
- Councillor Monague – if we can define some empty, torn down houses and renovation them for emergency housing?
 - I would like a report on the number of
 - Abandon
 - Save able houses.
 - Member that owes housing loans on empty, torn down houses.
 - We can get Housing and Lands department to work on this report for Council.

9. Item # 9 – Chief Kimberly Bressette – Updates

- Anishinabek Nation – Health Transformation Chief Symposium – March 25, 2025
 - Location Sault Ste. Marie.
 - This gathering will provide an opportunity to reflect on the work accomplished thus far, hear from influential voices in the field, and collectively seek your direction for the next steps.
 - The health transformation team will be reimbursing the cost of travel and accommodation for Chiefs and two councillors’.

- Melissa Monague and Dave Cloud (will be in Sault Ste. Marie for Language conference.)
- Alternative Carla Oliver.

Motion #6:

Moved By: Councillor Jack Brown

Second By: Councillor Vince George

Council Motion to approve to send Melissa Monague and Dave Cloud to the Health Transformation Chief Symposium – March 25, 2025, and Carla Oliver as the alternative.

MOTION CARRIED

- Reclaiming Health, Honouring Traditions – March 19 & 20, 2025
 - Location Best Western plus, Sarnia.
 - Alison Price
 - Dave Cloud
 - Jack Brown
 - Vince George
 - Melissa Monague (March 20)
- Treaty Council Meeting – March 31, 2025
 - Location – Chippewas of the Thames
 - All Council
 - First Nation Manager/CEO
- AES Update – deferred to Education Committee
 - The Education Director will be looking into the AES and will give a report.

The council acknowledges the Chief Update.

Refreshment Break – 6:05 p.m.

Note – Alex Shone & Melodie Bressette left the meeting for in camera at 6:20 p.m.

10. Item # 10 – Legal – Jordan Sewell – In Camera

11. Item # 11 – Membership – Release Member – deferred

Note: Alex Shone and Melodie return to the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

12. Item #12 – Three Fires Group – Mike George

- Baseline Cumulative Effects Assessment - BAPHE
 - Submitting in a funding application in the amount of \$73,920.92 (2025/26) and \$51,076.30 (2026/27) – Research project for two years. – First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment.
 - Looking to get BCR 5197 signed.
 - Overview of project – CKSPFN will collect information on the current, or baseline conditions within the territory through a review of existing information, a series of workshops, and on the land sites with community Elders and Knowledge Holders. This work will be led by CKSPFN and will foreground the voices and knowledge of CKSPFN community members.
 - Documenting the current conditions within the territory will help CKSPFN monitor and track changes over time, which can help to inform future decisions on how to manage the lands and waters with our traditional territory.
 - Over 98% of the land and waters are currently impacted by development, which threatens CKSPFN members ability to carry out traditional practices and ways of life.

Motion #7:

Moved By: Councillor Melissa Monague

Second By: Councillor Dave Cloud

Council Motion to sign BCR 5197 for the Baseline Cumulative Effect Assessment Project.

MOTION CARRIED

- Power Co
 - Mike gave the council an update on PowerCo.
 - Outcome of Court case.
 - TARIF's – March 4, 2025.
 - Now making our products 25% more cost. If the TARIFs happen will not be so good on our side, not sure if this will go.
 - Duty to consult the province did not do. They did not with us losing this land who is going to pay the accommodation cost.
 - Doug Ford and Rickers will not get back to us?
 - Did you schedule a meeting with Doug Ford and did not inform us? Chief Bressette received an email about the meeting.
 - Doug Ford and Rickers want to meet with the Chiefs. This item will be on their Treaty meeting that is coming up.
 - Mike presented to council BCR wording - That the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation (CKSPFN) delegates all consultation on the PowerCo

battery manufacturing plant in the City of St. Thomas to Three Fires Group and Woodward and Company LLP is legal counsel authorized to act on CKSPFN's behalf.

- Discussion – Councillor Jack Brown does not agree and should have duty to consult remain with the Council. I do not feel comfortable with them having full consultation on the this it should remain with the council that we are inform. The Chief should be updated on this in a timely manner.
- Councillor Alison Price asked about amending the wording.
- Councillor Vince George No we vote.
- The council took vote.
In Favour – Melissa Monague, Carla Oliver, Stan Cloud, Vince George
Oppose – Jack Brown

- Councillor Melissa Monague said that she is okay with her motion but wanted to have it noted to include the Chief on all correspondence of meetings to this project.

Motion #8:

Moved By: Councillor Melissa Monague

Second By: Councillor Carla Oliver

Council Motion to sign BCR on the PowerCo Project with the noted item from Councillor Melissa Monague.

MOTION CARRIED

- Meeting with Council
 - Southwind would like to set up a half day meeting with Council.
 - Items would be updates and system.
 - Looking at March or April. Council to submit in their availability dates for April.

12. Item #13 – Adjournment

Motion #9:

Moved By: Councillor Stan Cloud

Second By: Councillor Vince George

Council Motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Recorder: Melodie Bressette