

the Tłı̨chǫ Community Government of Whatì
Regular Meeting of Council – February 2, 2015
7:00pm – Tłı̨chǫ Local Presence Office
Minutes

Attending: Chief Alfonz Nitsiza Councillor Alfred Flunkie
 Councillor Michel Moosenose Councillor Alex Nitsiza
 Councillor George Nitsiza Councillor Leo Nitsiza
 Councillor Ted Nitsiza Councillor Jimmy Rabesca
 Councillor Sonny Zoe

Staff: Larry Baran, SAO
 Pushp Seth, Finance Manager Trainee

Translation: *(None Available)*

Absent: *(None)*

Chief called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Councillor Jimmy Rabesca offered an Opening Prayer.

01 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chief called for additions/deletions to the Agenda. The following items were added to the Agenda:

- Items 7.c Caribou Issue Update (Chief Alfonz Nitsiza)*
- 7.d Winter Road (Councillor Leo Nitsiza)*
- 7.e Dene Nation Health Conference (Councillor Michel Moosenose)*
- 7.f Arctic Energy Alliance - Solar Panels (Councillor Sonny Zoe)*
- 7.g TCSA Report (Councillor Ted Nitsiza)*

MOTION #: 2015-005

Moved by Councillor Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor George Nitsiza, that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Councillor Sonny Zoe expressed concern that some Councillors are always late to Council Meetings and that reflects badly on everyone. He said that he wanted to discuss this more in the future.

02 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST. *(None)*

03 DELEGATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. RCMP Report (Cpl Neil Logan)
No report was provided for this meeting

- b. Public Works Foreman Report (Alfred Nitsiza)
No report was provided for this meeting
- c. Recreation Coordinator Report (Doreen Nitsiza)
Written report received for information

MOTION #: 2015-006

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Jimmy Rabesca, that Council approve the week of April 8th to 12th will be approved for the **Whati Winter Carnival** and, further, that the Chief will declare the afternoon of April 10, 2015 as a Civic Holiday.

CARRIED

- d. Fire Chief Monthly Report (John Steinwand)
As the Fire Chief is out on training, no report was provided for this meeting
- e. Finance Manager Trainee's Report (Pushp Seth)
No report was provided for this meeting
- f. Assistant SAO's Report (Lisa Nitsiza)
As Ms Nitsiza is on holidays, no report was available for this meeting
- g. SAO Report (Larry Baran)
Written report received for information

08:22 pm Chief Alfonz Nitsiza called for a short recess
08:36 pm Chief Alfonz Nitsiza called the meeting back to order

04 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. January 26, 2015 Minutes - Regular Meeting of Council

MOTION #: 2015-007

Moved by Councillor Michel Moosenose, Seconded by Councillor Leo Nitsiza, that Council approve the January 26, 2015 minutes of the Regular Council Meeting as presented/amended.

CARRIED

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (None)

06 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Need for Council Lobbying for All-Season Road
Chief Alfonz Nitsiza provided a report to Council on his trip to Ottawa where the Tłı̨ch̨ Chief Executive Council met to seek new funding for road development in the Tłı̨ch̨ Region, which would include other resource and economic developments. He discussed the need for building partnerships and working with other agencies to achieve these goals.

MOTION #: 2015-008

Moved by Councillor Sonny Zoe, Seconded by Councillor Michel

Moosenose, that Council direct Administration to draft letters, for the Chief's signature, to the Premier and Federal & Territorial Ministers requesting support for development of an All-Season Road as well as local economic development initiatives (*such as a hotel and café*), and mining training programs.

CARRIED

07 INFORMATION/REQUESTS TO COUNCIL

a. Motion Required for Land Lease - John Beaverho & Celine Beaverho

MOTION #: 2015-009

Moved by Councillor Alex Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor George Nitsiza, that Council approve the Land Application by **John Beaverho & Celine Beaverho** for Lot 165, Plan 3922, and that Administration for the Community Government of Whatì be authorized to draft and execute a land lease for the noted parcel.

CARRIED

b. Adjust Council Meeting Dates for March 2015

MOTION #: 2015-010

Moved by Councillor George Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Leo Nitsiza, that Council postpone the March 16, 2015 Council Meeting to March 30, 2015. Further, that Administration be directed to post this change for public notice.

CARRIED

c. Caribou Issue Update

Chief Alfonz Nitsiza discussed the coming restriction on caribou hunting in the NWT, and the difficulty of maintaining a 'mobile zone'. 2,800 tags have been approved for harvesting (blue-nose) which will have a significant impact on the Tłìchq residents. Another inventory of caribou stocks will be completed in June 2015. Chief Alfonz Nitsiza talked about the difficulty of controlling and enforcement of these changes.

d. Winter Road Quality Concerns

Councillor Leo Nitsiza suggested that Administration draft a letter for the Chiefs signature to the Department of Transportation suggesting that the Community Government provide road services from the lagoon junction to the Gameti Junction. Council is deeply concerned that the current quality of road construction will break-up sooner this winter and not provide enough use to meet transportation and supply requirements.

e. Dene Nation Health Conference

Councillor Michel Moosenose provided a brief report to Council, including some of the concerns about aboriginal patients having a lack of support ... such as translation services while they are sent out to treatment or health centres (*Edmonton, etc.*)

f. Arctic Energy Alliance - Solar Panels

Councillor Sonny Zoe discussed the concept of installing a solar array along the runway which would replace the diesel-powered electrical generation in Whati. Administration will be working with him more on researching this option.

g. TCSA Representative - Report to Council

Councillor Ted Nitsiza discussed some TCSA concerns about patient transfers where children (or mentally-immature) patients are accompanied with an escort where only the patient is transferred without the escort. Better communication is also required between the local clinics and the specialists.

08 COUNCIL CONCERNS

Chief Alfonz Nitsiza asked if Council or Administration had any final thoughts or concerns that they wanted to discuss.

Councillor Sonny Zoe asked why there isn't a Renewable Resources Officer in Whati. Chief Alfonz Nitsiza discussed the topic and suggested that this was something that needs to be re-addressed.

Councillor Alex Nitsiza reminded Council about the importance of supporting the local Inter-Agency Organization and the various agencies that attend.

Administration advised Council about some topics discussed at the DRAFT All-Season Road Impact Study review, and one of the topics discussed was the possibility of re-activating the *Nechi* addictions counseling program to be delivered in Whati.

09 IN CAMERA SESSION (None)

10 NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting of Council – February 16, 2015

11 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #: 2015-011

11:10 pm Moved by Councillor George Nitsiza, Seconded by Councillor Sonny Zoe, that Council adjourn.

CARRIED

Chief Alfonz Nitsiza reminded Council that it was Councillor Sonny Zoe's birthday today, so he wished him well and asked Councillor Zoe to offer the Closing Prayer.

Minutes were approved this 16 day of February 2015.


Chief Alfonz Nitsiza


Larry Baran, SAO

Note: Effective May 2, 2011, Council requested that a copy of the original agenda be attached to the minutes to ensure that all topics were covered or addressed.

**The Tłıchq̓ Community Government of Whatı
Regular Meeting of Council
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(7:00pm - Tłıchq̓ Government Local Presence Meeting Room)
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 - a. *Land, Legal and/or Personnel Matters*
- 10 NEXT MEETING - February 16, 2015**
- 11 ADJOURNMENT**



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The Honourable Robert R. McLeod
Government of the Northwest Territories
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February 3, 2015

Dear Premier McLeod:

RE: All-Season Road from Highway 3 to Whatı

On behalf of the Community Government of Whatı, I want to voice an important concern to the Territorial Government regarding the All-Season Road to Whatı.

While an all-season road to Whatı has been discussed for decades, back into the 1960s as far as I can remember, the topic has been of much higher profile these last few years. The reason for this increased discussion, of course, is due to the resource development potential that is now available.

Whereas the oil and gas industry appears to be taking an extended down-turn, development of other natural resources would benefit everyone. For example, the royalty revenues that the Federal and Territorial Government may, on one hand, be *losing* from oil and gas, may very well be supplanted by increased attention to mineral resource development. To make that revenue stream a reality, however, there is a need for all-season road development in the Tłıchǫ region: Specifically the link between Highway 3 and Whatı.

True, the All-Season Road will create an access to one Tłıchǫ community, however the reality is that it would provide a benefit to more than Whatı. All four Tłıchǫ communities, the Northwest Territories, and all of Canada would realize benefit. This is one of those rare *Win-Win-Win-Win* situations. With each phase of development ... whether road construction, mine development, mining activity, and product transportation ... everyone will benefit from the increased employment and business activity.

It is also important to remember that the resource development in the Tłıchǫ region will not create benefit for mere decades but, more correctly, a century or more. This infrastructure investment will create *both* a lasting legacy as well as a long-term revenue stream. Finally, not only mineral access made possible, but clean hydro-electric generation becomes economically feasible.

When interest rates at all-time lows, when contractors are increasingly available as the oil and gas industries slow, and when mining companies are eager to find new ventures, Council of the Community Government of Whatì sincerely hopes that the Premier's Office will consider the many benefits of an All-Season Road from Highway 3 to the Whatì Junction.

Council of the Community Government of Whatì looks forward to discussing this initiative with you in more detail in the near future.

Kindest regards,



Chief Alfonz Nitsiza
Community Government of Whatì

cc: Deputy Premier Jackson Lafferty
Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger, Minister of Finance
Honourable Tom Beaulieu, Minister of Transportation, and PW & Services
Honourable Robert C McLeod, Minister of Municipal & Community Affairs, Lands
Honourable David Ramsay, Minister of Justice
Honourable Glen Abernathy, Minister of Health & Social Services
Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus, Tłìchq̓ Government
Chief Clifford Daniels, Community Government of Behchokó
Chief David Wedawin, Community Government of Gametì
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February 3, 2015

Attention: Laura Duncan
Executive Officer

Dear Ms Duncan,

RE: Hotel and Restaurant for Whatı

Council for the Community Government of Whatı wants to ensure that the Chief Executive Council appreciates how important that the proposed Hotel and Restaurant for Whatı is perceived in our community. Unlike the other three Tłıchǫ communities, Whatı does NOT have a hotel or restaurant.

As any member of Chief Executive Council or the Tłıchǫ Government staff will understand from any over-night visits to Whatı, 'accommodation' is both rudimentary and expensive. Visitors must stay in a room of one of the mobile homes owned by the Lac La Martre Development Corporation (LLMDC) and fend for themselves when it comes to meals. Visitors can purchase pre-packaged microwavable sandwiches at the Community Store, or maybe a frozen dinner, or bring their own food in with them.

Unlike some other Tłıchǫ communities, who may be waiting for a new local presence building, at least they currently have a local presence building for residents to meet with the Chief and staff. Whatı has NO hotel and NO restaurant.

Council for the Community Government of Whatı is extremely pleased that, after a decade waiting for a new Tłıchǫ Government to take action to assist our community, it appears that this basic community service may soon become a reality. We extend our thanks and will to do all we can to assist the Tłıchǫ Government in making this a reality.

Kindest regards,

Chief Alfonz Nitsiza
Community Government of Whatı