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ALGONQUIN NATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SECRETARIAT / ALGONQUIN
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38TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
“The Path Forward”

Hosted by Timiskaming First Nation
Co-Chairs: Chiefs Wayne McKenzie, Harry St. Denis & Casey Ratt
September 27, 2018 Timiskaming Arena – Timiskaming First Nation

MINUTES

1. OPENING OF ASSEMBLY

Registration is taken by Annie Presseault and Donna Chief. Quorum is established. Assembly is opened at 10:50am with smudge and opening prayer by Elder Hank Rodgers.

2. WELCOMING REMARKS

Chief St. Denis opens the assembly and makes some initial welcoming remarks.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (handout available) (Resolution #2018-01)

4. WELCOMING REMARKS (continued)

Chief McKenzie makes some welcoming remarks and sings a welcoming song.
Chief Ratt makes some welcoming remarks and notes the new council from ABL who are attending their first AGA.

5. RULES OF ASSEMBLY

Rules of assembly are noted to be at the registration table at the entrance with the other handouts available. (Handout available)

6. RESOLUTIONS PROCEDURES & APPOINTMENT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chief St. Denis explains the resolutions and calls for volunteers to serve on Resolutions committee. Resolutions committee is appointed (Resolution #2018-02)

7. COMMUNITY UPDATES

Chief St. Denis starts with the community update for Wolf Lake
-carrying on their tourism projects
-3 community owned operations
-discusses some challenges related to staffing during tourist seasons
-new hiking trail
-wolf collaborations with universities
-were able to get Canada 150 money for projects

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- worked with KFN on replacement of dam
- worked with TFN on Ottawa River study
- looking for other ways to move forward without having to rely on government funds
- it would be good to have more interaction between the three communities on projects and things instead of doing things in isolation; more sharing with the communities

Chief Ratt continues with the community update for Barriere Lake

- 4 new members of council
- they will be going into co-management November 1
- they stopped mining speculating in their territory
- challenging the mining act
- hired ABL member to do a feasibility study for what tourism would work best for their territory

Chief McKenzie does the community update for Timiskaming

- updates on many of the buildings on the reserve
- public security funding
- school extension
- possibility of mining developments and impact benefit agreements
- the Algonquin village project
- construction company hoping to get licenses to do other work off-reserve
- Colas recently purchased Miller Paving and hoping to get MOU to get people trained
- asks Lindsay and Tara to update on their projects

Lindsay McLaren-Polson and Tara Dantouze update on the Natural Reserves Project

- the Wild Basket
- Nidakinan
- did research to find what could be marketed, forest products that don't include timber
- mushrooms, teas
- contracts with chefs
- important way of occupying the land

BREAK FOR LUNCH (12pm)

8. ELECTIONS PROCEDURES

Chief St. Denis explains the elections and calls for a volunteer to serve on the election committee (Resolution #2018-03)

9. NOMINATION FOR ELDER'S REPRESENTATIVE

The floor is opened to nominations. Hank Rodgers and Arthur Wabie are nominated. Only Hank accepts his nomination. Nominations are then closed. Hank Rodgers is then acclaimed as Elder's Rep. (Resolution #2018-04)

10. APPROVAL OF 37TH AGA MINUTES

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The minutes are reviewed by the assembly. It is noted that the registration list was accidentally left of the draft, these will be added to the final minutes. No changes are requested. (Resolution #2018-05)

11. ANPSS PROGRAM REPORTS

Donna Chief, Hospital Liaison Worker presents her report (handout available). Debra Stanger will be returning and Donna is finishing her term.

12. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF ANPSS AND ANS AUDIT REPORTS

Annie Presseault presents the audit, questions are asked regarding the differences in ANS/ANPSS. Audits are accepted. (Resolution #2018-06)

13. PRESENTATION ON AFN MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14-15

Chief St. Denis discusses the AFN meeting that was held September 14-15 regarding the rights recognition framework. He talks about the issues with the proposed framework and how the communities aren't being consulted despite being the rights holders. He also talks about how it would place a lower level of recognition on First Nations. It is troubling and it is likely it will pass when introduced at parliament. There is some discussion about what it means and a draft resolution is read and discussed.

14. LAND CLAIMS REPORT

Alison McBride presents the land claims report (handout available). Chief St. Denis elaborates on the 1849 claim.

15. OTHER RESOLUTIONS

See Resolution #2018-07

16. NEXT YEARS ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ABL will host the 39th AGA (Resolution #2018-08)

17. CLOSING

Assembly is closed with a closing prayer by Elder Hank Rodgers at 2:50pm

