



DRAFT MEETING MOTIONS

MEETING NAME: Annual General Meeting
PURPOSE: AGM
LOCATION: Zoom Video Conferencing
DATE: February 1, 2023
TIME: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

VOTING MEMBERS:

Mary McCue-King, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
Saverio Rizzo, Matawa First Nations Management
Roger Rozon, Nookiiwin Tribal Council Inc.
Theresa Teddy (Proxy), Waabnoong Bemjiwang
Association of First Nations
David Gordon, Independent First Nations Alliance
William Assinewai, Wikwemikong Unceded
Territory
William Hutchison, Keewaytinook Okimakanak
Tribal Council
Jennifer Whiteye, Southern First Nations
Secretariat
Vince Longboat, Mohawks of Bay of Quinte
Fawn Sault, Mississauga's of the Credit First
Nation
Norma Lesperance, Red Rock Indian Band
Leslie Papineau (Proxy), Mohawk Council of
Akwasasne
Marc McPherson, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing-Ne-Yaa-Zhing
Advisory Services
Jonathan Salo, Windigo First Nations Council
Robert Popovic, Shibogama First Nations Council
Melissa Shawboniquit, North Shore Tribal Council
Erik Skirby (Proxy), Anishinaabeg of
Kabapikotawangag Resource Council Inc.
Ryan Small, Mushkegowuk Council
J. Danielson, Bimose Tribal Council
Everett Kicknosway, Walpole Island First Nation

VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:

Kevin Debassige, United Chiefs
and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Jason Batise, Wabun Tribal
Council
Delores Kakegamic, Sandy Lake
First Nation
Todd Kring, Mohawks of Bay of
Quinte

BOARD:

Aaron Genreux, Board Chair
Wendy Landry, Board Vice- Chair
Amy Comegan, Board Treasurer
Kerry Black, Board Secretary
Chris Buckell, Board Director
Monique Dube, Board Director
Paul Schisler, Board Director

BOARD MEMBER REGRETS:

Erin Corston, Board Director

GUESTS:

Donna Debassige, Elder
David Marks, KPMG
Marie Delorme, Imagination
Group
Oliver MacLaren, OKT
Sharon McGuire, Ogemawahj
Tribal Council



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STAFF:

Melanie Debassige, OFNTSC

Joe LeClair, OFNTSC

Glen Goodman, OFNTSC

Drew Hill, OFNTSC

Chelsey Johnson, OFNTSC

Cassandra Dickson, OFNTSC

Angela Trudeau Day, OFNTSC

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1. OPENING PRAYER/ CALL TO ORDER/ ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Aaron Genereux.

Roll call occurred and quorum was established with 17 voting members present.

Opening Prayer was led by OFNTSC elder Donna Debassige.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: AGM 01-22/23: The OFNTSC Voting Members hereby approve the Annual General meeting 2022/2023 agenda, as presented and dated February 1, 2023.

MOVED BY: Mary McCue-King
SECONDED BY: William Hutchison
OPPOSED: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
CARRIED.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No declaration of conflict of interest.

4. RECORD OF DECISION

MOTION: AGM 02-22/23: The OFNTSC Voting Members hereby approve the Annual General meeting 2021/2022 minutes dated January 12, 2022.

MOVED BY: Roger Rozon
SECONDED BY: Norma Lesperance
OPPOSED: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

CARRIED.



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5. ACCEPTANCE OF 20/21 AUDITORS REPORT

The *Acceptance of 21/22 Auditors Report* was led by David Marks, KPMG.

MOTION: AGM 03-22/23: **The OFNTSC Voting Members hereby approve, be it resolved, 2021/2022 financial audit as presented by KPMG dated February 1, 2023.**

MOVED BY: Fawn Sault
SECONDED BY: **Roger Rozon**
OPPOSED: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
CARRIED.

The audit is a clean and unqualified audit opinion dated July 26, 2022. The audit opinion essentially states OFNTSC Audit is presented inline with the accounting framework provided. The organization remains in a strong financial position. Assets certainly outweigh liability to sustain operations on an going basis
State of Operations -
Revenues have increased over previous year mainly in delivery of projects The organization provides.
A small deficit occurred in 2022 fiscal year but overall surplus is about 6.6 million dollars
The cash flow of the organization is very strong.
All notes are consistent as seen in previous years. The accounting policy has remained
KPMG remains independent of organization and operations
KPMG noted full cooperation of management of the OFNTSC.

DISCUSSION OF MEMBERS:

A member raised a question regarding IESO funding.

The Director of Corporate Finance and Administration articulated OFNTSC did not receive funding from IESO for 2022. Funding for the previous project was completed with no additional funding offered.

The same member inquired if there were any issues regarding the funder.



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The Director of Corporate Finance and Administration indicated there was no issue with the funder.

6. OFNTSC ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

The *OFNTSC Annual Report 2020/2021* was led by Chelsey Johnson.

MOTION: AGM 04-22/23: The OFNTSC Voting Members hereby approve the 2021/2022 OFNTSC Annual Report as presented by Chelsey Johnson dated February 1, 2023.

MOVED BY: Mary McCue-King
SECONDED BY: William Assinewai
OPPOSED: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
CARRIED.

DISCUSSION OF MEMBERS:

No discussion occurred.

7. OFNTSC STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT 2023- 2028

The *OFNTSC Strategic Plan Report 2023/2028* was led by Dr. Marie Delorme.

The 2023-2028 OFNTSC Strategic Plan was reviewed by Dr. Marie Delorme which included a retweeted Vision, Mission and Values.

OFNTSC Vision 2023-2028:
To support and empower First Nations on their journey to technical self-reliance.

OFNTSC Mission 2023-2028:
Supporting First Nations in their right to technical self-determination through the delivery of culturally respectful professional technical services and training.

OFNTSC Values 2023-2028:
In carrying out its governance responsibilities, the Board is guided by the following values:



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Respect – Supporting one another through respectful interactions with all forms of life, water and Mother Earth.

Trust – Having and maintaining faith and confidence in each other, both for our team, and with our client communities.

Humility – At OFNTSC, we will embody the qualities of selflessness and humility as we work together to create stronger First Nations communities and resources.

Honesty – Open and honest communication is a requirement of all staff, management and directors.

Peace – We strive to maintain a peaceful work environment, free from unnecessary stressors, by maintaining a sense of balance, tranquility, and respect in all interactions with each other and the communities we serve.

Knowledge & Wisdom – Braiding traditional Indigenous knowledge and wisdom with Western ways of knowing strengthens our understanding of the work we do. We will strive to utilize the best of both worlds for the betterment of ourselves and our communities.

DISCUSSION OF MEMBERS:

A member mentioned that it is important to get a mandate from Chiefs of Ontario and mentioned moving forward most of this is geared to unaffiliated first nations which is a change in the mandate which should go to Chiefs of Ontario regarding a mandate.

Voting members would like a review of services as well as getting a core budget for unaffiliated First nations. Our Chiefs are questioning why we are part of this organization if we are not part of this, then why are we even a voting member.

The Executive Director responded that tribal councils have separate agreements with Indigenous Services Canada. The board was comprised of voting members who were making decisions for Unaffiliated First Nations. OFNTSC went through external and internal and financial review in-depth regarding core funding which hasn't increased at all since that time and actually should be doubled to serve the unaffiliated first nations. The question is how can ISC make amendments to that for OFNTSC as well as Tribal Councils.

The Executive Director articulated the understanding and concern that Tribal Councils are underfunded and articulates what is the core funding coming in for tribal councils for technical services and who is that money meant to serve. In 1993 OFNTSC was developed and incorporated in 1995. This was a past mechanism to get the corporation off the ground. When OFNTSC dove into the financials and operations of OFNTSC.



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There was a realization that the 22 unaffiliated communities are not represented by Tribal Councils. We do provide some technical services to tribal councils because of funding arrangements made between OFNTSC and tribal councils outside of the funding arrangements Tribal Councils have with Indigenous Services Canada. OFNTSC can provide 12 hours to each tribal council based on the current funding model.

The Executive Director agreed the funding formula for tribal councils isn't accurate in how it was initially set up.

The Executive Director indicated this discussion will be taken back to the OFNTSC Leadership Advisory Committee. OFNTSC must be invited to the table to have these types of discussions with First Nation leadership. She reminded members that OFNTSC is asked last for assistance and most times not even asked at all even though OFNTSC has experts in the field. OFNTSC is the technical subject matter experts when it comes to water as OFNTSC has the largest water portfolio in the country along with other technical services.

The Executive Director put to the floor how nationhood can be moved forward and core funding increased collectively for the organization and for tribal councils.

The Board President and Chair thanked Bimose for bringing forward this very important topic. A Briefing note will be brought forward to the Leadership Advisory Committee. OFNTSC believes unity and cohesion are very important. This will be brought forward to the OFNTSC Leadership Advisory Committee for discussion as a standing item.

8. OFNTSC BOARD MEMBER EVALUATION REPORT

The *OFNTSC Board Member Evaluation Report* was led by Melanie Debassige, Executive Director.

There was a comprehensive view of the OFNTSC Board of Directors. The OFNTSC Board ranked from B+ to A- which shows growth. The four committees of Board and Governance and Nominating committee should take these recommendations and implement them.

One key recommendation was to have the report reviewed within 60 days of release and was reviewed in the fall.



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Another recommendation was to implement Board training. OFNTSC went to ISC for a governance proposal for increased Board training.

The strategic plan was recommended at the time Dr. LeBlanc recommended this. Since then OFNTSC has gone through a strategic planning session and included various teams and committees along with the whole board.

DISCUSSION OF MEMBERS:

No discussion occurred.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Closing remarks were given by Board President, Aaron Genereux thanking everyone for attending and for their discussion points.

MOTION: AGM 05-22/23: The OFNTSC Voting Members hereby approve to adjourn the Annual General meeting 2022/2023 at 10:33 AM dated February 1, 2023.

MOVED BY: Fawn Sault
SECONDED BY: William Hutchison
OPPOSED: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
CARRIED.

The closing prayer was given by elder, Donna Debassige

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.