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**CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGIA ISLAND**  
**COUNCIL REVIEWS AND UPDATES**  
**June 6, 2011**

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### COUNCIL REVIEWS AND UPDATES

JUNE 4, 2011

**Present:** Chief Donna Big Canoe  
Councillor Patricia Big Canoe  
Councillor Brett Mooney  
Councillor Bill McCue  
Councillor Lorraine Big Canoe

**Band Staff:** Barbara McDonald, Karen Foster, Lynn Mooney, Suzanna Howes, Janice Taylor, Scott Jacobs, Laurie Williamson.

**Band Members:** Amy McCue, Hannah Big Canoe, Alexis Charles, George Snache, Johnny Snache, Albert Big Canoe, Georgina Wolske, Ellie Big Canoe, Gord Metcalf

**Law Enforcement:** Sergeant Greg Buffett, Constable Sinclair Gagnon

**Opening Prayer:** Elder Barbara McDonald, Hannah Big Canoe, Alexis Charles

**Minute Taker:** Natalie Priester

#### **Community Announcements:**

- ✓ Council congratulates Sheri and her family on the safe arrival of her baby girl born last week. Also congratulations to grandparents Brett and Lynn Mooney.
- ✓ The Chief also attended the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party for Albert and Ann Big Canoe. It was a wonderful evening planned by the children of Ann and Albert. Chief and Council sends them their best wishes on this very special occasion and a successful marriage.
- ✓ The Chief attended the multi-media film festival, this includes independent films that are created by various people in the region. Our First Nation had submitted a couple of films that were very interesting and informative. This annual event takes place at the Stephen Leacock Centre in Keswick.
- ✓ The Chief also attended the D-Day Parade on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and laid a wreath on behalf of the First Nations Veterans from our First Nation.
- ✓ On Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Chief spoke at the Military Museum. This museum recognizes the veterans from our First Nation. It was an amazing day with all the World War 1 and World War 2 machinery on display, as well as the armour. The Chief encourages people to attend the museum, which has so much information on our First Nation veterans from the First, Second and Korean Wars, and also the veterans from all Georgina Township including letters that people have donated.

### **Coldwater Treaty:**

Chief and Council attended the press release with Canada regarding the Coldwater Claim at Coldwater on May 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a well attended event and we had the various media in attendance. INAC has posted information on their website which now confirms with us that we can now start flowing information through mail outs or e-mails.

Suzanne Howes, Community Consultation Worker has already been sending out the various correspondence regarding the Treaty through e-mails and posting on our website. Please contact Suzanne for further information and she'll get the material out to you. Council would also like to thank Suzanne for her diligence during this busy time by keeping membership questions and concerns regarding the process as well as flowing the information to Council. This is one of many duties that Suzanne is working on.

A community engagement session has been arranged with our lawyer Kim Fullerton to start the discussion on the Trust Agreement with the membership. It's being held on Saturday July 9th @ 1:30 p.m. so that any members living off the reserve can attend the meeting to voice their opinions on the trust in person. If membership choose to put their opinions on paper they will also be given to the lawyer to discuss. Please sign any letter or emails, so that Council has a record of the information to be kept on file.

The Chief wanted to inform the membership that all the C. T. C. First Nations and Nawash have begun the process to start developing their Trust Agreements. This is good news, in that we can all complete our Trusts at the same time and move on the next stage with ratification. Our website has also been updated under the membership section where there is a specific section for the Coldwater Claim.

Also Councillor Brett Mooney and Councillor Patricia Big Canoe sit on the working group with Canada for the Coldwater Treaty. The past meeting we dealt with the next steps with Canada in preparations for a vote and how the Additions to Reserve Policy will work and where Nawash stands for their preparations. The next meeting is planned for June 20<sup>th</sup>. That meeting will deal with these issues and other things which Canada may have for us over the summer.

### **Finance:**

The auditor has been scheduled to come on June 13<sup>th</sup> to begin the audit. The Finance Department has been preparing the paper work to be seen, and closing out year-end reporting so that the auditors can complete their work in a timely manner.

### **Pukwis Project:**

A meeting was held with Elemental and Cape, 2 large investors with the Project. As well, as council met with Enercon and Rankin who are the manufacturers of the turbines and the engineers. It was decided at this meeting the Project would be constructed over a 2 year phase. To begin the Project and

try to meet all the deadlines by freeze up was not going to allow enough time for the turbines to be delivered as well as installed and commissioned. Therefore we are moving to a two year build with the focus on construction with the access roads.

We will not be developing the government dock on the mainland; therefore, we will not have to supply our ramp at the Marina for free to the residents in the surrounding area. The Chief was aware that it had been published in the local newspapers that our ramp at Virginia Beach Marina was going to be free access and that article was misleading the residents, as we are communicating with the Township that we will not be accessing their government dock this summer.

**Health:**

The Health team went away in May to focus on which programs and events would be offered to the community for the next twelve months. They had to decide who was going to do what, where the money was going to come from and when would be the best time, or the best month to offer the program. Budgets were also discussed. The theme for this year is "Healing Through Kindness". A copy of the final report is attached.

**Library/literacy:**

Councillor Patricia Big Canoe, Lynn Mooney and Karen Foster were guided through two tours of libraries in Niagara Falls. One of the libraries was very large and in a complex that housed the YMCA and the United Way. A second library was very small and house in an historic house in the town of Chippewa . Each represented different ways of presenting similar programs. It gave us a lot to think about in relationship to our own library. Apparently studies show that Public Libraries should not be housed together with Public Schools. They explained that " - the differences in the missions of the two organizations are very difficult to reconcile. School libraries are focused on meeting the curriculum needs of the students, while public libraries are focused on meeting the information recreation, cultural and self-education needs of the entire community at every age and stage of life. -"

Councillor Patricia Big Canoe thinks that we will have to look at this if a new school/daycare complex is built.

**Justice:**

Please report is attached.

**Transportation:**

The Aazhawe has been running well and we will continue to have Toromont Cat provide service on the engines and generators. Councillor Brett Mooney will be meeting with Toromont to discuss timelines for overhauls on engines at the end of the season. We have been doing depth checks on the opening and the trail to the Island this will let us know if any further dredging will be necessary. The rest of the material the beach will be cleaned up this week. The new safety railing will be installed on the mainland side. I am also in the process of finding a location for summer storage of our airboats.

**Public Works:**

Andy Godin has been doing cold patch on the roads for now we will be assessing the bad spots and see what we can repair. Fencing will be completed over summer at the public works yard.

**Housing:**

Councillor Lorraine Big Canoe has forwarded a package to Councillor Brett Mooney to look over before the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30, with the housing committee to review the requests.

**Lands:**

Councillor Bill McCue welcomed back Lisa Hall to the Lands Department with full-time status. It's good to have her back again. There is a lot going on in the Lands especially assisting with claims and getting all addresses out, doing the addendums on our lots on Snake Island and Fox Island, our Lands Department is overtaxed and its good that we have a full compliment of staff.

**Economic Development:**

The Economic Development report is attached. Councillor Bill reported that Rachel Big Canoe has developed criteria for the summer student postings that are coming up. She will post these at the high school and on the website. Councillor McCue stated he didn't think there was enough jobs for everyone, but we should be able to fill some positions with students. He said we can draw a positive from this as it shows how many of our children are staying in school.

**Nanabush Trails:**

Councillor McCue stated that we had sent in 2 workers to clean up the site. There was trees and debris on the trails that was somewhat hazardous, because of liability we had to remove it. There is still more work to be done, we are looking at different options and Scott Jacobs is working on developing a strategy. If anyone has any ideas for the trails Council is certainly interested in hearing them.

**Training:**

Councillor McCue reported the E.C.E. training position has been filled at the Daycare. Rebecca Desmosreaux was the successful candidate.

The Infra-structure co-ordinator is still being worked on.

Also the rink manager position has a few glitches to be worked out before we can fill these positions.

**Education:**

Laurie Williamson's report is attached.

The problem with the language teacher at the High School has hopefully been resolved. This position has been made into a full time position with classes in Keswick schools being added to the position. This position will be posted on all Native websites so a further area will be reached.

Also Barb McDonalds classes are inviting the parents and grandparents of those students to participate in the classes. This will enable the students to have someone to converse with at home. This will happen in the fall.

There is a number of summer camps.

The cultural mapping project final report is now being written and that will be available to the Community once the final has been written.

The Georgina Island Education Committee have finalized the strategic plan. Councillor Lorraine Big Canoe or Laurie Williamson have copies available for anyone wishing to see this amazing plan which shows everything that needs to be done.

Aboriginal Day festivities theme is "Honouring our Men" celebrations are to be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The parade will start at 12:00 at the Community Centre proceeding to the Island Dock where hot dogs and hamburgers will be available and if Shannon Crate can get a dragon boat there will be timed races. A pot luck feast will follow the men's rib cook-off.

#### **New Business:**

Georgina Wolske said she had been approached by the parents of the students attending the Native Classes at Sutton High. They were concerned about the teacher who was teaching Oji-Cree and our students were having difficulty with this, and parents were going to stop sending their kids to that class. Councillor Lorraine said that this problem would be rectified now that we are advertising for a full time qualified Ojibway Language Teacher. Hopefully we will attract the right teacher.

Councillor Lorraine reported that the Senior's Social on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June was a roaring success. The event had a good turn out with several of our community seniors, and Christian Island and Rama attending. The costumes and decorations were excellent. There was a huge amount of food and everyone was encouraged to take some home. The next event will be in Rama in late September which will be the last one this year. Lorraine thanked everyone who helped out.

George Snache addressed to Chief and Council the fact that his niece who lives in the United States was turned down for education assistance. He stated she is studying to be a lawyer and had applied for funding last year but was told she was too late, she applied again this year but was denied again. George was concerned that these decisions were being made just because she chooses to live in the States. She has already qualified to attend Canadian Colleges and University. She is looking for tuition funding not living expenses.

Chief Donna asked George to tell his niece to put everything in writing and e-mail it to Laurie Williamson and Lorraine Big Canoe and c.c. Chief and Council. Council was unaware of this situation but once they receive the information they will look into it. The e-mails are on the website. Councillor Pat Big Canoe said she has the right to appeal the decision by mail to Chief and Council.

Ellie Big Canoe thanked Chief and Council for making the training program possible for the women. However she wondered if there was any other jobs available because the women fall short of qualifying for E.I.

Councillor Lorraine Big Canoe said the intention of the Course was to train so these people could go and get jobs.

The Chief said Scott Jacobs is developing a casual employment policy and everyone should be sure to have their resumes in to him.

Scott reported that there are 4 women from the training program that have moved forward and in other areas.

Councillor Pat Big Canoe closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting September 12, 2011.

# Education Manager's Report

Chippewas of Georgina Island

June 6, 2011

Prepared by: Lauri Williamson

## Attention: All Students

### Georgina Island Summer School begins July 11<sup>th</sup>

An Ojibwe Immersion and Native Studies Course will run for 4 weeks this summer beginning on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The program is open to all students from grade 8 to grade 12. Upon completion students will receive one high school credit. Adult community members will be able to sign up for the 4-week program also as a general interest course not for credit. The course will run at Waabgon Gamig First Nation School. Please let Lauri Williamson, Education Manager or Erica Kelly, Transition Coordinator know if you are interested. This is a great opportunity and supports our community in retaining the language and culture.

## Waabgon First Nation School News

Students, Family and Friends attended a production of the Lion King at the Princess of Wales theatre in Toronto. Everyone loved it! It was an amazing production.

The grade 2 - 4 students are looking forward to attending a 3-day camp at Camp Couchiching Outdoor Center from June 6 - 8 in Orillia. The students will experience outdoor learning activities such as canoeing, hiking, and archery.

The grade 5 Waabgon students are looking forward to an amazing experience with a trip to Ottawa from June 20 - 23. They will be riding by train and have an itinerary planned that will ensure they experience everything that our capital has to offer.

Our K-4 students will be attending a field trip to H2 Ranch in Woodville for horseback riding lessons and to learn about horses and ranch life on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The year-end school BBQ and awards assembly will be on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Please join the students as they receive their year-end awards.

## Summer Camps

There will be several exciting summer camps available this year for those interested:

The Georgina Island United Church will be offering "Church School Camp" for 2 weeks from Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 8 and from Monday, July 11 to Friday, July 15 from 9am to noon. For more information or to register you may contact Betty Lou.

Sutton Public School will run "The Summer Institute" for four weeks, July 4-July 8, July 11-July 15, July 18-July 22 and July 25-July 29 from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Contact Lauri for registration and information.

A Horse Ranch camp will be offered from July 18- July 22 for grades 4, 5 and 6 students only. H2 Ranch in Woodville offers a variety of horseback riding and art activities for students. Contact Lauri for registration or more information.

Elephant Thoughts Science Camp will run at the Georgina Island Community Center from August 15-19. Contact Rachel Big Canoe for registration and information.

Several students have also registered to attend Camp Big Canoe this summer. Have fun!

Camp Registration Forms will be sent home with students soon.

High School Exams  
begin June 20th

Canada's Wonderland  
Community Trip  
Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Sutton High School  
graduation  
Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of School  
Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Our students have been  
invited to attend the  
Mississauga's of Scugog  
Career Fair. Bussing will  
be provided.

Education Banquet  
~~Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>~~  
honouring all education  
achievements for the past  
year.

YRDSB is posting for  
Ojibwe language  
teachers. A 4-week  
summer school position  
on G.I is and a 1.0 full  
time position in Georgina  
Schools.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Stephanie Martin, our junior teacher at Waabgon Gamig. She will be starting a new teaching position at Sharon Public School this fall but not before she completes a teaching assignment in China this summer! We wish her well.



Report to Chief and Council  
Economic Development Department  
April 2011

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**Pukwis Wind Farm:**

We are continuing to move along with the project, but are in several negotiations and agreements with different levels of government, that need to fall into place before construction is able to begin. A community meeting was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> to answer questions and share information about the project.

Please keep in mind that Scott Jacobs, the Human Resources Coordinator, is developing a resource base for the Pukwis Project.

Anyone interested in becoming involved is asked to drop off their resumes to Mr. Jacobs, along with a cover letter identifying relevant skills and trades.

Businesses that wish to submit work proposals must be registered, have WSIB coverage and liability insurance.

**Nanabush Trails:**

A community meeting was held on May 19 to discuss the trails. Thanks to those who came out. There were lots of great ideas. More community input is needed. A short community survey is being developed to guide the future development of the Nanabush Trails.

**Summer Student Employment Program:**

An information brochure has been developed for students and their parents who are interested in the summer student employment program. Due to funding cutbacks, students are not guaranteed work placements. However, positions will be posted by May 16<sup>th</sup> in the First Nations Study Centre at the highschool, and on the Georgina Island website.

To obtain a copy of the quarterly Economic Development Newsletter, *Maajiigi*, you can contact Rachel Big Canoe at the Georgina Island Band Office, or view it online at [www.georginaisland.com](http://www.georginaisland.com).

# Health - Annual General Meeting May - 2011

Health – do we need a mission statement

## May 2011 – May is sunsense month

- May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup> – Workplan Development Meeting – Niagara Falls
- Spa Day
- Full Moon Ceremony – May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Baby Moccasin Workshop (FASD) – May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Healthy Choices (Eating) with Carolyn and Shannon
- Youth Bingo – Fundraiser – May 18<sup>th</sup>
- 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> – Lois “Baby and Me”
- 25<sup>th</sup> – BP/BS Clinic – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Lion King – Seniors
- Berry Feast (Traditional Feast) – May 26<sup>th</sup> – need volunteers – 12:00 need helpers
- 4:00 feast, wear skirt from in the morning to all day
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Rabies Clinic
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Neil Monague – Mary

## June 2011 – June is safety month

- Water and bike safety
- Dragon boat
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Transit Adventure – students going to college – journey with challenges for each team members
- Every Thursday – “Baby and Me”
- 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – Soldiers Memorial - students
- 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – Soldiers Memorial – parents
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Aboriginal Day/Social/Rib Fest – “Honouring our Men”
- Blue Hills – Daycare – Healthy Communication – Monday mornings
- Gardening Workshop
- Start aqua fit for seniors

## July 2011

- Mom and daughter – self-esteem workshop
- 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> - Public Service Announcement with Jennifer Podemski
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Health Fair
- Strawberry Cleaning
- 20<sup>th</sup> - BP/BS Clinic
- Addiction Awareness Week