Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg
Chief and Council Meeting
July 29, 2026

1. **Opening of Meeting**
   a. opening prayer: Marie McWatch
   b. Confirmation of Quorum: Councillors Norman, Dion, Patrick, Thurston, Derek, and Chief Clyde; Online: Councillors Myles, Frankie, and Michelle
   Administration: Lorrie and Crystal
   Observer: Theresa Black
   c. Call to Order: 5:18 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**
   Motion: Councillor Frankie 2nd: Councillor Michelle

3. **Declaration of Conflict of Interests**
   None Declared

4. **July 8, 2026 Chief and Council meeting minutes**
   Motion: Councillor Michelle 2nd: Councillor Marie

5. **July 15 2026 meeting minutes**
   Motion: Councillor Michelle 2nd: Councillor Dion

6. **2026-27 Operating Budget**
   Sandra presented an overview of the budget as it was shared with council prior to meeting.
   Provided history on development of budget and how it is similar year to year.
   Overview of each major area/departments and assumptions therein
   Overview of revenue and associated departments and where deficits exist
   Council requested being provided with notice for funds that are scheduled to be returned to administration from all funding agencies/departments.
   A briefing note will be provided re: funds that are to be returned to account for next meeting
   For 2027-28 portfolio holders can discuss budgets with dept leads on updates and go forward
   Quarterly participation Hemlo payments go into treasury account until the last year's Christmas payment is returned
   Have managers and directors present to discuss budgets with finance department – check and balance for expenditures and needs
   Aiming to have 27-28 budget to council prior to start of fiscal year
   Councillor Myles asked if the CFO position posted and do we need one? Sandra suggested sharing the WLLP CFO, Andrew, as he only works part time work with WLLP.

Finance to identify what additional resources required within the finance department and provide to admin.
Council to discuss forecasting expenditures on discretionary funding

Motion to pass/accept budget: Councillor Thurston and 2nd: Councillor Derek

7. **Fiber Optic Telecommunications:**
$100,000 grant received
Current wireless system is insufficient
BCR signed to apply for additional funding
Bell has fibre optic lines in community and won't give us access

Motion to approve fibre optic funding application:

8. **BCR CRTC Funding Request**
BCR signed that supports the application

9. **Cemetery Restoration**
An existing crew is cleaning the graveyard
Norman will reach out to former Chief Twance to get a copy of the previous mapping that was done
To include Anglican graveyard
To include graves by Joe Porter's house
There are 2 graves in Cherneski yards that also need to be explored

10. **Peninsula Canada**
To be booked into a future meeting for presentation

11. **Nokiiwin Board of Director Assignment**
BCR to support Band General Manager as BOD signed

12. **Supercom Board of Director Assignment**
Chief unanimously supported to be BOD for NN

13. **WLLP Board of Director Assignment**
Councillor Derek wants an extension to the application period
Councillor Michelle supports extending application process and keeping current board until the application process is completed
Councillor Patrick stated that he wants Councillors Patrick, Norman, Dion, and maintain current BOD Stan Sabourin and have Councillor Marie sit as the elder to become an interim BOD for WLLP until the renewed application process is completed.
Councillor Myles supports extending the application period

Councillor Thurston shared that 4 days may not be enough but people applied and a process was completed. He also shared that councillors want to appoint themselves in seconds but yet state that a 4-day posting period is insufficient time
Councillor Michelle is ok with extending the application time and leave the current BOD active
Councillor Norman believes the application process was too short and should be extended by 2 weeks
Councillor Dion shared that the BOD and management are on pause and decisions needs to be made sooner than later
Councillors Patrick and Myles suggested a third party accept and review the BOD applications
Councillor Michelle shared that councillors were accepting an in-camera session to change board but yet won't accept the 4-day application process.
Councillor Myles supports the existing BOD stays in effect until a new BOD is selected and approved
Councillor Michelle not replace the BOD but have Norm, Michelle and Frankie sit with BOD as transition takes place

Action: BN by CP inform WLLP BOD of decisions made - open for 2 weeks, 1 week review and decision made.

Motion: existing BOD stays in place with Councillors Michelle, Frankie and Norm until a new BOD is decided upon. A one week period after the closing will be allowed to review the applications and a decision made and applicants advised. Councillors will step aside after new BOD is decided and Frankie returns to liaison role. A transition period of 2 meetings will be required.

Motion: Councillor Derek 2nd Chief Clyde

Abstain: Councillors Thurston and Patrick

14. In Camera: 1 agenda item – Thurston lead – moved to future meeting

Next Meeting: September 9, 2026

Motion: Councillor Frankie 2nd: Councillor Derek

After motion was passed Councillor Patrick raised the issue of portfolio assignment and that it needed to be discussed. Chief Clyde interjected and stated that after consideration his decision stands and portfolio holders will remain as he assigned.

Adjourned: time not recorded as meeting ended abruptly as a result of unruly behavior by councillors.

*Consent agenda items will be included in each agenda going forward.

*Date for War on Drugs meeting: no decision as meeting quickly

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