Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg
Chief and Council Meeting
May 20, 2026

1. **Opening of Meeting**
   a. opening prayer : Marie McWatch
   b. Confirmation of Quorum :
   Marie McWatch, Myles Kwissiwa, Norman Desmoulin, Dion Desmoulin,
   Online: Michelle Ward, Patrick Miller, Frankie Desmoulin
   c. Call to Order : 5:02 p.m. close: 7:40 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda: Motion:** Dion Desmoulin; Second: Norman Desmoulin

   April 22 2026 Chief and Council mtg Minutes approval: no one read them – moved to next agenda

3. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest –** none declared

4. **First Nations Financial Management Board (FNFMB) Presentation:**
   An overview of services available was provided and FNFMB would like to learn what Nation wants
   FNFMB has a data management specialist which is also a free service;
   Nadia, FNFMB employee, provides free financial services, financial systems can be updated to meet NN's needs; communication is essential - for interactions with other departments, outside agencies and Council; review policies that may be impact FAA and vice versa;
   Patrick offered for him and Dion to work on Financial Policy with FNFMA
   Workshops offered include: Nadia and bookkeeping tasks, getting ready for audits, can do workshops and training sessions to support department managers with budgets, understanding agreements, tracking narrative portion of funding agreements, understanding excel to track budgets and expenditures,
   Tools to manage conflict, for council can provide understanding financial terminology
   Assist council with Strategic planning
   Walk council through preparing for a planning session – 3 to 5 years
   Action: Catherine to forward information on FNFMB for council to educate selves
   Ask finance if one thing can be changed to make improvements – what would that be?
   Policies need to be updated
   What are the best practices
   Membership updated on financial state
   Nadia attending C & C June 3 mtg

5. **Robert Sabourin and Warren Sabourin Presentation: K-DEN Construction**
   Have all tools, storage containers and a vehicle
   Presented to previous council
   Not in same position as they were in last year, so will require materials to be purchased for projects
   They want to restart their business – contracting, want to employ NN people, Robert is a carpenter and all jobs

will be under his direction, Rhonda has finance experience to manage the finances
Are searching for a lead hand for projects
Believes there would be less outside contractors in community if they were able to move forward with contracts last year
Warren was an operator for underground machines, and other equipment on surface. Was signed off as an operator at a mine
Company is registered, need to pay WSIB and reinstate insurance
Action: return to next council meeting for further discussion
Action: Norman, Michelle and Lorrie will meet with Mark next week to see how housing can meet with K-Den

6. **Chief and Council Summer Break**
Month of August for a break was agreed to

7. **National Indigenous Peoples Day**
June 19 day of celebration – day off for staff is June 22 - approved

8. **Canada Day**
Wednesday July 1 is the holiday, Host C & C meeting moved to Tuesday June 30 at 5 p.m.

9. **Treaty Payment Letter from ISC**
Action: CP to make poster and post to update membership, share with C&C before it's posted

10. **Cheryl's Variety**
Market valuation was discussed.
Action: CP to draft letter

11. **MLG BCR**
Approved by Council, digital signature approval Michelle Ward; and Frankie Desmoulin;

Renovation for unit 32 10th Street- BN reviewed.
The infrastructure dept should have maintained this building when it was vacant
Action: -Renovation work to be put out to tender

12. **Chief and Council meeting with Michipicoten First Nation**
Action: CP send to Michipicoten dates from Council meeting June 12 or 13 or June 26.

13. **Dilico Jurisdiction for Child Welfare**
All signed, Michelle and Patrick directed for electronic signature

Add on: **Heros Gala:** Dion as portfolio holder to attend, along with a youth. June 11 in Ottawa.
Action: Dion to work with Monique and Amber to select a youth to participate.

Add on: WLLP Review: Buset: Michael Strickland lawyer – referred by Brad Smith's firm.
Motion to accept Michael Strickland as legal: 1st Norman Desmoulin 2nd by Dion Desmoulin
Action**:** Lorrie to sign contract