

# MEETING MINUTES

Meeting #10

**Land Code Development Committee**  
**November 27, 2019**  
**5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Darla Blodgett, LCDC Member  
Tom Cowie, LCDC Member  
Jeff Loucks, LCDC Member  
Kim Musgrave, LCDC Member

Kelly Dickinson, Lands Assistant  
Wanda McGonigle, Lands Officer  
Cassandra Cadeau, LAB Support  
Heather Sawdon, LAB Support

**Absent with Regrets:**

*The minutes of all meetings held are not verbatim. Minutes taken by Kelly Dickinson.*

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The meeting began at 5:42 p.m.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

The Committee approved the minutes from July 17, 2019 as presented and adjusted.

**Current Action Items**

- Kelly to upload video recording of the Land Code Community Information Session to the website as well as on the Hiawatha YouTube page.
- Kelly to work on planning some follow up Community Information Sessions
- Jeff will contact Trisha to ask her if she wants to resume a more active role in the Committee
- Jeff will follow up with Chad Cowie regarding his withdrawal from the Land Code Committee
- Heather to send Kelly the Telus video chat link for use for future meetings.
- Kelly to investigate methods of answering anonymous questions Citizens ask on our website
- Committee to review sample surveys and Land Code feedback received from Hiawatha Citizen and email feedback/input to Kelly

**Addressing Previous Action Items**

- Jeff, Wanda and Kelly met on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm and planned out the agenda for the Land Code Community Information Dinner
- Jeff emailed Trisha to inform her that the Committee has approved her to stay on in a reduced role. Trisha has responded that she is happy to do what she can.
- Kelly submitted the Community Ratification Process (CRP) to the Verifier, and received approval on August 21, 2019.
- Lower Hall was initially booked for September; however, the Land Code Community Information Dinner was rescheduled to November 12 due to a death in the community.
- Kelly prepared a community flyer for the Land Code Community Information Dinner, which was posted on the website, social media platforms, the community newsletter, and email blast.



### **Land Code Information Session Feedback**

Jeff shared he has heard nothing but good feedback about the November Land Code Dinner.

Wanda shared that she felt that many Citizens have questions that they do not feel comfortable asking in an open setting such as the Information Session. She suggested looking at options where Citizens can ask questions anonymously on the Hiawatha First Nation website.

Darla has also received good feedback from Citizens. She shared that one Citizen expressed potential interest in joining the Land Code Committee. Darla directed the Citizen to contact Kelly.

Kim shared that many Citizens have requested another Information Session, focused on Q&A. Cassandra shared various methods of hosting Q&A sessions for the Committee's consideration.

Tom felt that there was tension among the Citizens during the Information Session.

### **Update RE: Chad Cowie's Withdrawal from Land Code Committee**

Kelly gave an update regarding Chad Cowie's withdrawal from the Committee. Jeff will follow up with Chad. Jeff also has hopes that Trisha Cowie may rejoin the Committee on a regular basis now that the 2019 Federal Election has passed. Jeff will also email Trisha to inquire about this.

### **Clarification of Engagement vs. Consultation Terminology**

During the Land Code Information Session, there were some questions raised by Citizens as to whether this meeting was a "consultation" session. Cassandra clarified with the Committee the terms "engagement" vs "consultation". The Government of Canada has a duty to consult with Indigenous peoples when it contemplates actions or decisions that might adversely affect Aboriginal or Treaty rights. In the case of the Land Code, which is a community-driven project, the term "consultation" does not apply. In the future, Hiawatha First Nation will be engaging its Citizens regarding the Land Code, including answering questions and taking feedback.

### **Land Code Feedback Received from Citizen**

Wanda received feedback from a Citizen regarding the Land Code. The Committee will review the feedback for discussion at the next meeting.

### **Follow-up Community Engagement Sessions**

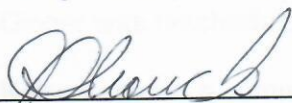
Jeff suggested planning a frequency of Q&A sessions with the Community. This would give Citizens an opportunity to ask questions about the Land Code, Framework Agreement, etc. Chief Kelly LaRocca from Scugog expressed to the Committee a willingness to return as a guest speaker for one of these sessions. Other possible guest speakers could also include Bill McCue from Georgina Island to address leasing/cottages and Leona Irons from National Aboriginal Land Managers Association.

It was also suggested that a "Pizza Night" for youth group as well as and Elder's "Afternoon Tea" could be held to inform these Citizens regarding the Land Code.

### **Set Vote Target Date**

After some discussion, the Committee decided on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 as the target date. This target date is a goal, not a firm vote date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Chairperson

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Date