The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council held a Regular Council Meeting on January 26, 2016 at the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Administration Office, Council Chambers.

**Attendance:**
- Chief Leslee White-eye
- Clinton Albert
- Jacqueline French (+6:33)
- Myeengun Henry
- George E. Henry
- Darlene Whitecalf
- Raymond Deleary
- Larry French
- Carolyn Henry
- Betsy Kechego

**Regrets:**
- Raymond Deleary, Murray Kechego

**Guests:**
- Lena Weeks

**Members:**
- Clifford Henry, Warren Huff, Sam Kechego, Eldon French, Eva Jewell,
- Felicia Huff, Daphne Kechego, Austin Henry

**Staff:**
- Mark French, Executive Administrator
- Janet Galant, Public Works Director
- Brenda Young, Justice Director
- Candace Doxtator, Council Secretary

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**Meeting Called to Order at 6:17 pm**

**Additions:**
- Item 7.0 Class Action
- Item 7.1 Board Appointment
- Item 4.4 CCP Review
- Item 7.2 Staff Issue – IN-CAMERA
- Item 7.3 Water Quality Meeting – March 10, 2016 (Guelph)
- Item 7.4 Facebook, conference calls and attendance
- Item 7.5 Call-out for Elders to sit on Negotiation with MCFS

**MOTION: 2016-01-170**

It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve today’s Regular Council Meeting agenda with noted additions.

CARRIED
Guest – Lena Weeks
Mrs. Lena Weeks was present to seek approval for Membership Transfer to Chippewas of the Thames. She informed Council of her bloodline relationship with Chippewas of the Thames. She also indicated that for the 2 paperwork for membership transfer. Paperwork will be made to the membership clerk who will follow-up with membership transfer applications. Chief Leslee White-eye informed Mrs. Weeks that currently, the Nation is looking at individuals that have been previous members.

BIN: Mrs. Weeks left her documentation, which will be forwarded on to the Membership Clerk for follow-up.

ITEM 2.0 Notice of Intent
Ms. Eva Jewell was present to seek Council’s approval to move forward with her doctoral work. Council asked questions around the type of research that will be conducted, benefits of research, how we fit our knowledge into our community, the need to be supportive to the research being conducted.

Band Council Resolution BCR 2015-2016/41 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation has the inherent right to retain its original knowledge and intellectual property and;

WHEREAS, the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation has the inherent right to determine if requests to conduct research within its territory and with its members is ethical, non-invasive, and beneficial to the community and nation as a whole and;

WHEREAS, the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation is favourable of the dissertation research “Research as Resurgence: Honouring Anishinaabe story in strategic visioning” proposed by Ms. Eva M. Jewell, Chippewas of the Thames Member and Doctoral Candidate at Royal Roads University and;

WHEREAS, the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation consents to this research with the understanding that research deliverables will be provided to the Nation for its own archives and use and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Chief and Council acknowledges and recognizes Ms. Eva M. Jewell’s doctoral research with Royal Roads University and grants her permission to conduct her doctoral research in accordance with Anishinaabe customs, values and beliefs of our Nation and ethical scholarship.


MOTION: 2016-01-171
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve the Band Council Resolution BCR 2015-2016/41 as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor, Jacqueline French arrived at 6:34 pm
Item 4.4 CCP Review – Research Tool
Ms. Eva Jewell provided a presentation on the research work being done on the approach to reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Community Plan. Ms. Jewell provided Council with an update on the timeline and approach that will be carried out during the review process. The research design was highlighted and how the group anticipates on carrying out this aspect of the review approach. The methods were mentioned that includes a departmental phase, youth & elder, family adult, off-reserve phase, promotional booth, creative and unique engagement opportunities. A draft forecasted budget and expenditures was reported.

BIN: It was noted that the anticipated research budget is $13,740.00.

Comments:
- A review is needed in which beneficial to members and program staff
- There is a need for costs to be established that can be tied to strategies identified within the new version.
- Would like to see the development of strategic plans that have measurables and operational plans
- Need to allow the document to be used as a foundational document, whereby they can be enhanced and expanded to meet gaps or levels of services.

MOTION: 2016-01-172
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve the approach being taken to review the Comprehensive Community Plan.

CARRIED

ITEM 3.0 Briefing Note – 2016 Census of Population Program
Chief Leslee White-eye informed Council that she would like to put this back on the table, given there is a researchers opinion provided. Council noted that there is a need for data to make informed decisions; the data we receive through census is helpful. There is a need to allow members to have their own free-will to members that want to participate in it. There are past issues with allowing for Canada to conduct research as well as concerns with not accurately reflecting the off-reserve membership. If we are going to go with stats Canada then we need to have a plan, there is a need to create our own census.

It was requested that the nation look into the options that are available for members who want to participate in the Census.
Member - S. Kechego
Mr. Sam Kechego provided an update on medical marijuana in which he wants to survey members and ask whether or not their support a medical marijuana facility on reserve. Mr. Kechego spoke about a partnership that might be of interest in attracting this type of business opportunity.

Council questioned if this idea has gone through due diligence, it was noted that this opportunity is growing at a fast pace. He fears that the First Nation will not meet the deadline.

Mr. Kechego was informed that a separate meeting will be scheduled to meet with his partners to discuss the business model, given that the First Nation will have its technical support to provide recommendations back to Council. (Dana Clarke)

Council granted permission for Mr. Sam Kechego to survey band members as an independent consultant to determine whether or not they approve of a medical marijuana facility on reserve.

ITEM 2.1 Aboriginal Sports & Wellness Council of Ontario Presentation
The Regional Representative, Mr. Austin Henry was present to provide an update on the ASWCO. Mr. Henry provided an historical overview of the re-creation of the ASWCO. Mr. Henry presented a listing of venues that will be run by the ASWCO. The funding that they seek is in competition with the Right-to-play initiative. The ASWCO promotes healthy living and offers training, certifications and support for coaches, athletes and other organizations in each of the 6 regions: Northwest, North Central, Northeast, Central, Southeast and Southwest Ontario.

It was noted that the North American Indigenous Games will be held in Toronto, August 2017.

BIN: There is a need for $20,000.00 to be set aside from the budget to support NAIG Athletes that will be attending the 2017 NAIG in Toronto, Ont.

ITEM 3.1 Briefing Note – Small Community Fund Proposal Update
The Public Works Director was present to provide an update on the proposal that was submitted in the fall. It was noted that a water main upgrade was on the proposal; February 12, 2016 is the next deadline for the project. The total is $11.7M, and the First Nations contribution is $3.9M, there is a third party that maybe a contribution to the project. During Phase II they will be looking for a letter of support from the neighbouring municipality to support the project.

The Public Works Director would like Council’s support to consult with an Engineering Firm to gather additional information on the project. It was noted that there would be a response back to the First Nation by August 2016 on the status; as well it was felt that, this project would create jobs and would assist with water capacity.
It was reported that the First Nation could possibly include natural gas and fibre optics while the trenches are dug. It was suggested that financing opportunities be sought out. Council discussed that there is a real need for this project to get done; Council discussed the costs if this project was stretched out over the next few years, noting that the cost would be significant.

There would be a need for funding into 2017-2018 and it was suggested that a project team be put together to develop a cash-flows, tendering, design etc.

**MOTION: 2016-01-173**  
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve and direct the Public Works Director to move forward with the next steps of the proposal process.  
CARRIED

**BIN: Band Council Resolution to be presented at the next Regular Council.**

**Item 6.1 Briefing Note – Property Services**  
The Public Works Director provided a briefing note that stipulates it will cost $10K for installation of Hydro lines. Hydro One will not install lines/poles unless the First Nation maintains year-round servicing of the road, which will cost approximately $250K based on the estimate received from AAR-CON. There was some concern with the costs associated with building the road; the First Nations roads department could build a road at a reduced price, however it wouldn’t be eligible for funding like the rest of the Nations roadways.

**BIN: Councillor, Carolyn Henry declared a conflict of interest in the above noted matter and left the room.**

Council discussed the priorities of the Nation in terms of road construction, housing policy, no road maintenance funding (O&M). It was noted that if the member chose to live in an unserviced location then the member should be expected to pay the price.

**MOTION: 2016-01-174**  
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council that based on the presented costs associated with committing to a year-round maintained roadway to support the request of Ms. Karen Deleary is denied.  
CARRIED
ITEM 4.2 Governance

Band Council Resolution BCR 2015-2016/42 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, this Council of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation recognizes that strong and effective governance foundations are key elements in creating stable and sustainable communities and;

WHEREAS, Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development Canada has announced a Call for Applications for the 2016-2017 Professional and Institutional Development (P&I) program which provides support funding for community-focused governance initiatives and;

WHEREAS, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation has identified ongoing governance initiatives under its 5-year Governance Strategic Plan and;

WHEREAS, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation recognizes the need to focus on supporting the Nation’s governance initiatives through the development of an implementation process for two interrelated streams of strong governance mechanisms being: 1. Dispute Resolution; and 2. Law-making;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation supports the application being made to the Professional and Institutional Development Program 2016-2017 in the amount of $35,000.00 and acknowledges that a $3,500.00 in-kind contribution will be made by Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

Dated at Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, in the Province of Ontario, this 26th day of January, 2016.

Signed Chief Leslee White-eye, G. Clinton Albert, Jacqueline French, Larry French, Carolyn Henry, George E. Henry, Myeengun Henry, Betsy Kechego, Murray Kechego, C. Darlene Whitecalf

MOTION: 2016-01-175
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve Band Council Resolution BCR 2015-2016/42 as presented.

CARRIED

ITEM 4.2 OFNPA Update
The Justice Portfolio provided an update on the Ontario First Nation Policing Agreement. It was highlighted that the Nations are still holding out, and still in the same boat. It was highlighted that this matter started in 1981 and we are still no closer to coming to a mutual agreement. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed signifying that all Nations will stay together, and unified on this matter. Canada brings their representatives to persuade and threaten the nations to sign the agreement.

Councilor, Betsy Kechego was excused at 10:12 pm

MOTION: 2016-01-176
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to acknowledge the two reports provided by the Justice Portfolio, Darlene Whitecalf.

CARRIED
ITEM 4.3 Terms of Reference – Environment
It was reported that there is funding to secure the Environmental Officer through other funding source.

MOTION: 2016-01-177
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve the Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee as presented.

CARRIED

ITEM 7.1 Tecumseh Development Corporation Board Re-appointment
Councillor, Darlene Whitecalf indicated that she is available to sit on the Tecumseh Board as a replacement for Councillor, Betsy Kechego.

MOTION: 2016-01-178
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to appoint Councillor, Darlene Whitecalf to the Tecumseh Development Corporation Board and directs that a Band Council Resolution be drafted up for signature at the next Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

ITEM 7.1 Stepping Stones Board Re-appointment
Councillor, Larry French indicated that he is available to sit on the Stepping Stones Board, as a replacement for Councillor, Betsy Kechego.

MOTION: 2016-01-179
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to appoint Councillor, Larry French to the Stepping Stones Board of Directors and directs that a Band Council Resolution be drafted up for signature at the next Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

ITEM 5.0 Tri-Council Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2015
BIN: Councillor, Larry French name needs to be amended within the minutes.

MOTION: 2016-01-180
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve the Tri-Council Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2015 with amendment.

CARRIED
ITEM 6.0 Land Transfers
Council was informed that the following land transfers have taken place at AANDC between the band members. The following Land Transfers from Leslie P. Grosbeck to Rawleigh H. Grosbeck have been approved by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and Certificates of Possession have been provided to Mr. Rawleigh Grosbeck for the following parcels:

a. The whole of Lot 5-1-1 Range 3 - COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, shown on plan No. 4016R, Regional Survey Ontario.
b. The whole of Lot 6-4 Range 3 - COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, shown on plan No. 53074, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
c. The whole of Lot 6-1 Range 3 - COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, shown on plan No. 53074, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
d. The whole of Lot 6-5 Range 2 - COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, shown on plan No. 53072, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
e. The whole of Lot 5-2 Range 4 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
f. The whole of Lot 6-1 Range 4 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
g. The whole of Lot 7-1 Range 4 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
h. The whole of Lot 8-1 Range 4 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
i. The whole of Lot 14-3 Range 4 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
j. The whole of Lot 22 Range 2 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
k. The whole of S1/2 Lot 23 Range 2 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
l. The whole of N1/2 Lot 23 Range 2 Village of Colborne Except Lot 23-1, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
m. The whole of S1/2 Lot 24 Range 2 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
n. The whole of N1/2 Lot 18 Range 2 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
o. The whole of S1/2 Lot 19 Range 2 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
p. The whole of S1/2 Lot 20 Range 2 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
q. The whole of Lot 20-2 Range 2 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
r. The whole of S1/2 Lot 21 Range 2 Village of Colborne, COTTFN Indian Reserve No. 42, Shown on plan No. 53070, Canada Lands Surveys Record.
MOTION: 2016-01-181
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to acknowledge the land transfers (a-r) from Mr. Leslie Grosbeck to Mr. Rawleigh Grosbeck as presented.
CARRIED

Land Transfer – R. Grosbeck to L. Grosbeck

MOTION: 2016-01-182
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve the land transfer from Mr. Rawleigh Grosbeck to Mr. Leslie Grosbeck for whole of Lot 18-1, Range 2 Village of Colborne.
CARRIED

Land Transfer – R. Grosbeck to K. Deleary

MOTION: 2016-01-183
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve the land transfer from Mr. Rawleigh Grosbeck to Ms. Karen Deleary for whole of Lot 18-2, Range 2 Village of Colborne.
CARRIED

ITEM 6.2 Band Council Resolution BCR 2015-2016/43 reads as follows:

WHEREAS The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation maintains its inherent and sovereign right to Nation building and self-determination through internal reflection, dialogue, and strategic planning and;

WHEREAS The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation believes in the quality of life for its citizens and for future generations to come and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation wishes to serve as an addendum to Section P of the Big Bear Creek Trust Statement of Investment Policies and Guidelines dated June 10th, 2015 that Enbridge Inc. will be treated as a restricted investment and shall not be held in the portfolio(s) of the Big Bear Creek Trust until further advised.


MOTION: 2016-01-184
Moved by Myeengun Henry, seconded by George E. Henry that this Council of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council hereby approves Band Council Resolution BCR 2015-2016/43 as presented.
CARRIED
2-Opposed
BIN: Councillor, Larry French stood opposed to the above made motion because he feels that the First Nation should be taking every nickel from Enbridge Inc.
BIN: Councillor, Darlene Whitecalf also stood opposed to the above made motion.

ITEM 5.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2016

IN-CAMERA SESSION CALLED at 10:53 pm

BIN: Audio Recording was turned off and members were asked to step out of the room.
IN-CAMERA SESSION CALLED at 11:11 pm

MOTION: 2016-01-185
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED

ITEM 5.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2016

MOTION: 2016-01-186
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2016.

CARRIED

ITEM 5.2 BBC Trust Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2015

MOTION: 2016-01-187
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to acknowledge the BBC Trust Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2015.

CARRIED

ITEM 7.3 Water Quality Meeting – Guelph, ON

MOTION: 2016-01-188
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to delegate Councillor, Myeengun Henry to attend the Water Quality Meeting being held in Guelph, ON March 10, 2016.

CARRIED
ITEM 7.4 Social Media, Conference Call, Council Attendance
There was some concern expressed with members of Council expressing Council business on Facebook, the First Nation doesn’t have a social media policy and this should be looked at.

Conference Calls
It was noted that Councillor, Larry French is not in-favor of Councillors utilizing the conference calls; it’s not fair for the rest of Council who choose to be at the meeting in person. It was suggested that it only be used in special circumstances.

Council Attendance
It was highlighted that this will be discussed when most of Council is present.

ITEM 4.0 Draft Membership Transfer Policy - TABLED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION: 2016-01-189
It is the consensus of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Council to adjourn today’s Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Meeting Concluded at 11:36 pm

Minutes recorded by: Candace Doxtator, Council Secretary

Minutes approved by Council this 9th day of February, 2016

Chairperson: [Signature]