



FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE **ON SAFE DRINKING WATER**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (the “Committee”)

(28 June 2024 – TD TOWER, 66 WELLINGTON STREET WEST, T’KARONTO)

1Reference: CHAIR

Chief Emily Whetung acted as chair of the meeting. John P. Brown (“**Executive Director**”) acted as secretary for the meeting.

2Reference: MEETING PROPERLY CONSTITUTED

A quorum of the Members of the Committee was present in person or virtually as set out in Schedule A.

3Reference:

4Reference: BUSINESS CONDUCTED The Committee considered and addressed the matters set out in the Agenda attached as Schedule B.

5Reference: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 18 MARCH 2024 MEETING

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 18 March 2024 meeting be and are hereby approved.

6Reference: NEW MEMBER

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mario Swampy be invited to become a member of the FNAC.

7Reference: COMMITMENT DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the FNAC continue to identify First Nations who are seeking funding for water and wastewater infrastructure and to provide these First Nations with guidance, support and financial assistance in order that they may access and engage in (a) the new Funding Request Process, and (b) if required, to access and engage in the Commitment Dispute Resolution Process under the Clean Water Class Action Settlement.

8Reference: WATER GOVERNANCE FUND

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; Further to this matter that was initially raised in our meeting of 18 March 2024 the chairpersons of the FNAC write to the Government of Ontario requesting that it cease any current programs that relate to or overlap with the purposes and objectives of the Water Governance Fund under the Clean Water Class Action Settlement.

9Reference: ISC PROGRAM WITH SHERRI LONGBOAT

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members of the FNAC (i.e. Maggie Stothart and Kathleen Padulo) and the Consultant to the FNAC (i.e. Kerry Black) follow up on the matters below that were first raised at our meeting of 18 March 2024 and jointly write an open letter to (a) the Honorable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada; (b) Gina Wilson, the Deputy Minister of Indigenous Services Canada; (c) Nelson Barbosa, Director, Indigenous Services Canada; and (d) Sheila Read, the solicitor for the Ministry of Indigenous Services Canada:

1. requesting that all references to the Clean Water Class Action Settlement be removed from any materials that are being used in relation to the “Initial Fact-Finding for Individual Wells, Cisterns & Septic Systems in First Nations Communities” program;
2. emphasizing that the court-ordered mandate of the FNAC covers the issues that the above program purports to address;
3. clearly stating that the purpose and intent of the Clean Water Class Action Settlement is to centralise water and waste water infrastructure; and,
4. addressing any other issues relating to these subjects as is deemed necessary.

10Reference: MEETING WITH RDGS AT AFN-AGA ON 8 JULY 2024

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chief Whetung and John Brown attend this meeting with appropriate speaking notes and PowerPoint presentation to deliver the FNAC's position regarding the obligations and responsibilities of the RDGs under the Settlement.

11Reference: WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO INAN

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the written Submissions of the First Nations Advisory Committee on Safe Drinking Water attached as Schedule C be

delivered on behalf of the FNAC to the Standing Committee of the INAN.

12Reference: _____ EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND HONORARIA POLICY

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Expense Reimbursement and Honoraria Policy attached as Schedule D be and is hereby approved.

13Reference: _____ THE FNAC WEBSITE

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, seconded and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT John Brown is directed to finalize and launch the FNAC website in accordance with the recommendations provided by the members of the FNAC.

14Reference: _____ ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Schedule A

Members of the First Nations Advisory Committee (“FNAC”)		
Name	Email	Community
Chief Emerita Emily Whetung (present)	emilieee.whetung@gmail.com	Curve Lake First Nation Southern Ontario
Councilor Doreen Spence (absent)	doreenspence@tataskweyak.com	Tataskweyak First Nation Northern Manitoba
Chief Chris Moonias (absent)	chris.moonias@neskantaga.com	Neskantaga First Nation Northern Ontario
Richard Inkster (absent)	rinkster@kitsumkalum.com	Kitsumkalum Band Council British Columbia
Wesley Bova (present)	wesbova@shaw.ca	Akwesasne First Nation Ontario
Kathleen Padulo (present)	kathleen.padulo@coo.org	Oneida Nation of the Thames Ontario
Mario Swampy (present)	mario_73@hotmail.com	Nipisihkopahk (Samson Cree Nation) Alberta
Maggie Stothart, P. Eng., FEC (present)	maggiestothart@nsmdc.com	New Brunswick

Schedule B

Agenda – 18 March 2024		
	Time	Description
1	8:00 to 8:30	Breakfast
2	8:30 to 8:45	Opening & Introductions
3	8:45 to 9:00	Approval of Meeting Minutes of 18 March 2024 and consideration of follow up items
4	9:00 to 9:10	Consideration of potential new member of the FNAC
5	9:10 to 9:40	Consideration of funding First Nations who trigger the Commitment Dispute Resolution Process
6	9:40 to 10:15	Preparing for Meeting with Regional Director Generals – AFN AGA – July 8 th , Montreal
7	10:15 to 10:30	Health Break
8	10:30 to 11:30	Status of Bill C-61, First Nations Clean Water Act A. Attendance before the Standing Committee of Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN) B. Proposed Submission to INAN
9	11:30 to 11:45	Review of Draft Expense Reimbursement and Honoraria Policy
10	11:45 to 12:00	Health Break and Lunch Pick-up
11	12:00 to 13:00	Review and Finalization of the FNAC Website
12	13:00 to 13:15	Closing

