



**Michipicoten First Nation 2017-2019 Leadership  
Chief and Council Strategic Planning Session # 5  
Whitefish Lake Lodge, Wawa, July 18th, 2018**

**1.0 Attendance**

Gimma Kwe Patricia Tangie  
Councillor William (Bill) Swanson  
Councillor Evelyn Stone  
Councillor John Paul Chalykoff  
Councillor Janet Demary  
Councillor Don Humphries  
Holly Hughes, Interim Band Manager  
Irene Armstrong, Executive Assistant  
John Kim Bell, Community Advisor  
Colin Lachance, Community Advisor

**2.0 Opening Prayer: Bill Swanson**

**3.0 Introductions**

Gimma Kwe Tangie welcomed participants and provided an overview of session expectations. Councilor Swanson commented that he looked forward to better understanding “process” in support of becoming more pro-active in advancing community objectives. Councilor Stone stressed the importance of returning to regularly scheduled council meetings, to be supplemented by more special project meetings. She also referenced the need for the community to return to the Teachings and to further discuss the merits of a Clan system model of governance. Councilor Humphries suggested that a number of approaches to good governance be investigated, facilitated through a comprehensive orientation session and supported by a strategic plan. He highlighted the need to work on the interplay between governance and administration. He also stressed the need for balance between on-reserve and off-reserve membership needs. John Kim Bell then requested permission to provide an

overview of various strategic projects including Nextbridge, Prodigy Gold, Hart Gold and Goldcorp.

#### **4.0 Prodigy Gold**

John Kim provided an update on the Prodigy Gold file, highlighting that the Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) term sheet was currently under review. He then answered specific questions. A major discussion took place regarding the potential loss of lakes and wetlands associated with the project.

#### **5.0 Hart Gold**

John Kim provided an update on the Hart Gold file, highlighting that information had surfaced in support of Michipicoten's territorial interests extending as far as the Pukaskwa River. He asked permission to send the report to Ontario in support of a request for a "deep" consultation. Council agreed.

#### **6.0 Goldcorp**

John Kim provided an update on the Goldcorp file. He emphasized that the supporting traditional knowledge study was weak given that it did not include much information about the Chapleau area and that he had recently asked for more information. He outlined the need to develop a "strength of claim" approach in support of raising the compensation recently offered by the company. He also explained that the compensation stakes may rise given that Goldcorp expressed an interest in securing territorial rights to 70 square kilometers of land rather than just the Borden Lake site. Councilor Stone suggested that ceremony be undertaken at the Michipicoten Reserve in Chapleau in support of resolving this issue in a good way.

#### **7.0 Nextbridge**

John Kim provided background information regarding the purpose of the meeting that is to take place with Nextbridge tomorrow. He noted that he had petitioned for the meeting given that lack of engagement on the file, particularly on the part of key provincial agencies. He explained that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) had been drafted, was recently amended and was now under review. He further noted that Nextbridge was expected to respond to MFN comments at the meeting tomorrow. He added that provincial officials were expected to be in attendance. The leadership subsequently discussed and provided direction on the following needs:

- A long-term Caribou management plan that includes animal transfer back to Michipicoten Island
- A plant relocation program along the proposed corridor
- A bat mitigation strategy including the installation of bat boxes
- The creation of a joint monitoring board

- A water quality management regime
- A more comprehensive Traditional Knowledge approach

## **8.0 Other**

A number of other strategic discussions took place, summarized as follows:

- Identify the best way to manage governance workload by looking at options such as a working council, portfolio system, or a delegation of work approaches;
- Plan a community visioning exercise;
- More timely info to be provided to Council;
- Establish a Sault Ste. Marie satellite office as soon as possible;
- Acquire additional financial management capacity as soon as possible;
- Challenge the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) letter that recently rejected the MFN source water protection proposal;
- Circulate the community Socio-Economic Plan survey as soon as possible;
- Better balance accounts receivable/accounts payable to track monies, supported by a strategic financial plan;
- Undertake a demographics assessment pertaining to community population growth and impacts on future financial and other community resources;
- Communication is key: need to hire a communications officer;
- A membership meeting is required to discuss trust agreement issues;
- Advance the Chapman/Supercom discussions.

## **9.0 Closing Comments**

The following offers a summary of closing comments made by session participants:

- I like to see things moving forward – I support everything
- A good day – I have faith in our resource people
- Fabulous day – good, constructive dialogue
- We are heading in the right direction in a precedent setting way
- We consolidated a lot of thoughts – cleared away the mud
- Much work left to be done but we are making good progress

## **10.0 Closing Prayer: J. P. Chalykoff**