AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Margaret Sault called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened in prayer. Chief R. Stacey Laforme is away sick.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1
MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT
That the MNCFN Regular Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 11 - Moved In-Camera;
- Agenda Item No. 13a) – New Paths for Education Project Report;
- Agenda Item No. 13b) – Summary of Monthly Gathering Minutes (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 13c) – Special Education Follow-Up (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 16a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 18a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 18b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 13c) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 13d) – In-Camera Item.

Carried
AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

MOTION NO. 2
MOVED BY CASEY JONATHAN SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME
That the MNCFN Regular Council accepts the Public Minutes of Regular Council dated Monday, March 20, 2017.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – OPP INSPECTOR PHIL CARTER SENDS HIS REGRETS THAT HE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND – SEE MONTHLY OPP REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

MOTION NO. 3
MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL
That the MNCFN Regular Council acknowledges the OPP Monthly Report for March 2017 from OPP Inspector Phil Carter.

Carried

Band Member Tim Sault and Joanne General in at 6:50 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – BAND MEMBER TO DO A PRESENTATION ON KOOLER YOUTH FOUNDATION

Introductions were made around the Council Table.

Band Member Tim Sault was invited to speak on his presentation. He informed that Kooler Youth Foundation is in the developmental stages, and would be more like a building block.

Tim is requesting whether or not Chief and Council would be willing to write charitable tax receipts on behalf of Kooler Youth Foundation. His place of business is 3410 Mississauga Road, R. R. # 6 Hagersville, ON.

With regard to Tim’s Proposal, he has people who are willing to donate dollars to the Foundation. For example, if someone donated $10,000.00, he would like to funnel the dollars through MNCFN Finance Department. He also stated that there is nothing like this in the New Credit Community – a First Nation sponsored car garage.

Councillor questioned Tim if there had been any follow-up from the last meeting where he attended Council i.e. what types of projects would there be, cars would need insurance etc. Tim’s response was the two New Credit Band Members who passed away in the recent motor vehicle accident, and how he would like to help.

Chair thanked Tim for his presentation and informed him that he would hear from Chief and Council after further discussion.
This item will be further discussed later in the evening.

Margaret Copeland (Community Health Nurse for MNCFN) and Beverly Stevenson in at 6:55 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – GUEST – BEVERLY STEVENSON TO PRESENT ON MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES & FORESTRY’S RABIES PROGRAM

Guests were introduced and Beverly Stevenson began her power point presentation.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is seeking authorization to distribute rabies vaccine baits in the New Credit Community for the next 3-5 years (without requiring annual permission).

On December 4, 2015 the City of Hamilton Public Health Services received a call from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) had confirmed a raccoon positive with raccoon rabies strain. This raccoon was the first case of terrestrial raccoons in Hamilton since 1994 and the first raccoon rabies strain in Ontario since 2006. Initial suspicions were that the raccoon was a stowaway transported through the Niagara Region/United States border however in June 2016; Hamilton Public Health was informed by MNRF and CFIA that the raccoon originated from the Southeastern parts of New York State indicating the raccoon was translocated hundreds of miles into Ontario.

The goal of the raccoon rabies response program is to reduce the risk of transmission to humans through the distribution of rabies vaccine baits.

The current situation is that there have been six raccoons bagged and tagged since March 2017, but no confirmed raccoon rabies thus far, however, two raccoons with rabies have been confirmed in Six Nations.

MNCFN would be notified in advance each time the MNR plan on distributing baits if permission is granted.

MOTION NO. 4
MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT
That the MNCFN Regular Council authorizes the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to distribute bait traps annually for the next five years. It is recognized that MNCFN will receive advance notice of bait drops.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Margaret Copeland and Beverly Stevenson out at 7:45 pm.
AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE COMMITTEE – APPLICATION TO PARKS CANADA - HAVE SENT THEIR CORRECTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE

It was agreed that a copy of the Executive Summary would be given to A/LMR Director and DOCA Director to review and present their comments. Darin Wybenga has already submitted his comments which are attached. The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake submitted an application to Parks Canada for designation of a part of the town to be designated as a World Heritage Site. The Committee for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake presented the Executive Summary and application to Council on Monday, March 20, 2017, however, it was noted that there were some mistakes which are highlighted in yellow.

This item will come back to the next Executive Finance Council Meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017 for approval.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST – FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER (APRIL 2017) FOR APPROVAL TO BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE

MOTION NO. 5
MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME
That the MNCFN Regular Council accepts the First Quarterly Newsletter of the Toronto Purchase Trust dated April 2017 from Peace Hills Trust, and further, this Newsletter will be put on the MNCFN Website.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

It is noted that the percentages in the pie chart will be added.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – REQUEST TO HUNT & FISH IN MNCFN’S TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Direction was given to the Chief to write a letter to Mr. Black giving him permission to hunt in MNCFN’s Traditional Territory.

DIRECTION NO. 1
That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Chief to write a letter to Joseph Edward Black, 202F – 4203 Kingston Road, Toronto, ON, M1E 5B4 explaining connectivity and giving Mr. Black permission to hunt and fish in MNCFN’s Traditional Territory.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – QUESTION ON DELOITTE INVOICING (EF)

This item was moved In-Camera.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – NAIG 2017 VOLUNTEER VILLAGE AT THE BAND OWNED PROPERTY AT MNCFN (VKJ)

This item is deferred to the next Executive Finance Council Meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017 after more information is obtained from the Public Works Staff.
AGENDA ITEM NO. 13a) – NEW PATHS FOR EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

Executive Director gave some background information regarding the above Education Project Report. She and Kent Elson (Legal Counsel) discussed that the most strategic way to get a COO resolution of support was to have it added with Julia’s Special Education items at the COO Assembly, then perhaps the Chief could move or second the resolution. The report recommendations will affect all First Nations in Ontario and INAC will want a comfort level that is acceptable to them.

Executive Director reiterated that there is systemic discrimination in the system as well as in the funding. Mr. Elson and MNCFN have to make sure that everything is followed through.

MOTION NO. 6
MOVED BY VERONICA KING JAMIESON SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN
That the MNCFN Regular Council approves the submission to INAC of the New Paths for Education Program Report for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

Tim Sault and Joanne General out at 8:25 pm.

DOCA Director in at 8:25 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13b) – SUMMARY OF MONTHLY GATHERING MINUTES (VKJ)

This is an FYI for Council. What is now needed is a summary of the questions Band Members have asked about last year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13c) – SPECIAL EDUCATION FOLLOW-UP (EF)

Councillor informed that a parent was informed that there were no special education dollars for his/her child. Councillor would like this clarified.

Education Director did recall a situation in 2015/16, but it was resolved by the end of the school year and had been taken care of. Education Director recalls no other recent situation.

DIRECTION NO. 2
That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Executive Director to follow up with the Chief regarding the comment that was made by a parent at one of the Monthly Gatherings regarding special education dollars. It is noted that the Chief has the comment cards.

DOCA Director out at 8:35 pm.

MOTION NO. 7
MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT
That the MNCFN Regular Council moved In-Camera at 8:35 pm.

Carried