

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2017**

Start 9:10 am

Finish 4:15 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme (Away on Council Business)

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Casey Jonathan

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Margaret Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Stephanie Laforme

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

A/LMR Director

Julie Laforme

DSED

Kevin Wassegijig

DOCA Director

Mark LaForme

PW Director

Arland LaForme

HR Manager

Kerri King

Housing Program Director

Lorraine LaForme

Housing Assistant

Alicia Sault

Legal Counsel

Kim Fullerton & Alex Monem

Band Member

Carolyn King

Guest

Andreas Wiatowski

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Casey Jonathan opened the meeting at 9:10 am. Chief is away on Council business. Councillor Stephanie Laforme will be a few minutes late.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 18a) – Beaver Problem (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 18b) – Questions Regarding Newsletter (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 25a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 30a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 30b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 34a) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES FROM MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the Public Minutes of Infrastructure & Development Council dated Monday, January 9, 2017.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

LANDS, MEMBERSHIP & RESEARCH

A/LMR Director in at 9:02 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – ELECTIONS & VOTING REGULATIONS

The LMR Department is continuing to move forward with Elections & Voting Regulations

The LMR Department has been tasked with working on the development of a Mississaugas of the Credit Election Code. New Credit is currently under the *Indian Act* Election & Voting Regulations and has been for decades.

The First Nations Elections Act & Regulations (FNEA) came into force in April 2015.

Given the amount of development work, public education, and ratification for the continued development of a MNCFN Elections Code it may take at least another year to get to the ratification stage. It would require approximately 700 Band Members to participate in voting and would require at least 50% of those to vote in favor of an MNCFN Election Code.

FNEA requires a Band Council Resolution (BCR) be sent to the Minister six months in advance of an election. Once in FNEA the requirements to opt out would be the same as listed above for ratification.

Remaining under the *Indian Act* is another option, however, MNCFN and other First Nations have continuously voiced concern with the Act.

A/LMR Director stated that If New Credit decides to go with FNEA, there will be a lot of costs. One way to avoid some of these costs is to mail the ballots to only the Band Members who request it.

Councillor pointed out that once New Credit opts in to the FNEA, New Credit can still develop their own Election Code.

A/LMR Director reiterated that if going with FNEA, New Credit will only need a BCR as opposed to 50% of the vote.

Councillor questioned if Toronto Purchase dollars could be used to cover the cost of the Election and Executive Director answered yes.

A/LMR Director stated that her department does not look after the Election, but only oversees it.

Executive Director noted that there is a provision in the Code which says that sitting Council is in control until everything is settled.

A/LMR Director stated that she will have to find out what happens when an Election is set aside.

Councillor Stephanie Laforme in at 9:20 am.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council directs the Lands, Research & Membership Department to begin public education on the First Nation's Elections Act to see if the First Nation is in support of Council opting into FNEA in 2017. In the meantime the First Nation will continue to work on the development of an MNCFN Elections Code.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council agrees that pursuant to the *Indian Act* Election Regulations, Council will tentatively set the date of the 2017 General Elections as **December 9, 2017** with **Nomination Day held on November 4, 2017**.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 9:45 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved Out of Camera at 12:10 pm.

Carried

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 26.

Guest – Andreas Wiatowski in at 1:25 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 26 – GUEST – PRESENTATION BY SILO WIRELESS REGARDING FIBER OPTIC CABLE INTO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The DSED introduced his guest, Mr. Andreas Wiatowski. DSED further stated that this is a grant application to install fiber optic cable broad band connection to the Band owned buildings. The application will be submitted to Innovation, Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED) for the Connect to Innovate Program (CTI) that will provide 75% of costs to bring fiber optic cable to the Community. The intent of the CTI Program is to bring high quality broad band connections to underserved rural and remote communities.

Mr. Wiatowski informed that there is \$500 Million going to 300 communities. He is looking for a partnership to put together a winning application to bring fiber optic cable to the Community. Silo Wireless has a good relationship with Bell. If the cost was \$1 Million, the government would pay 75%. The government has deemed internet services a necessity.

Silo Wireless is owned by Mr. Wiatowski and has been providing broadband service to the area since 2007.

DSED suggested that an application could also be made to INAC under the First Nation Infrastructure Fund however, Mr. Wiatowski stated that the timeline is very tight. The CTI Program was launched December 15, 2016 and the application process opened January 18, 2017 and closes March 13, 2017.

Nordicity is a leading consulting firm specializing in policy, strategy and economic analysis in the media. Engaging Nordicity would cost \$20,000.00.

Mr. Wiatowski was thanked for his presentation and left at 1:55 pm.

DSED stated that he does not have all the details yet.

Councillor advised that she would like to see the Financial Statements of Silo Wireless, and questioned the DSED if he contacted Six Nations to find out any information regarding Silo Wireless. DSED replied no.

Executive Director pointed out that fiber optics is very expensive. She advised the DSED to investigate unlimited data and the base charge.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council gives direction to the DSED to bring back further information i.e. unlimited data and a base charge regarding Silo Wireless and Fiber Optic Cable and the cost. This information will be brought back to the next Education & Social Services Council Meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017.

PUBLIC WORKS

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 19.

PW Director in at 2:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19 – COST SHARE BRIDGE #19 REPAIRS – DUE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

PW Director noted that a Motion is required in order to authorize the Public Works Department to process the attached invoices in the total amount of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Zero Cents (\$9,915.00) to uphold the “cost share” understanding with Six Nations boundary road stipulations to address Bridge #19 repairs.

MNCFN has had a Boundary Road Agreement with Six Nations Public Works Department with the understanding that all boundary road maintenance issues will be “cost shared” between First Nations and dependant on odd/even years.

MNCFN received a call from Six Nations PW Director following up on information received from the OPP Report of the MVC at Bridge #19 location (Cayuga Road). On Tuesday October 18, 2016 as a result of a Motor Vehicle Collision, Bridge #19 sustained damage to the northbound lane concrete abutment and guardrail system.

MNCFN PW Director reassured Six Nations PW Director that MNCFN would uphold the understanding currently in place and “cost share” the required repairs to the bridge and Six Nations will exercise best efforts to recoup the bridge repair costs from the individual’s insurance company.

Six Nations was in the process of conducting bridge repair on a separate site and suggested that this contractor be approached to provide an estimate for the scope of work to address the bridge repairs (McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. and Premier Concrete Inc.).

Executive Director requested that the PW Director do a transmittal letter when sending this information.

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council authorizes Public Works Department to process an invoice payable to Six Nations dated January 23, 2017 Invoice No. IN000165333 in the amounts of: One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,940.00) and Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,975.00) for a total of: Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Zero Cents (\$9,915.00); to uphold the “Cost Share Agreement” with Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation regarding the boundary road stipulations; to address Bridge #19 repairs with the understanding that Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation will exercise best efforts to recoup the costs from the individual’s insurance company and reimburse MNCFN’s Public Works Department for their share of the cost. This project will be funded from MNCFN Public Works Budget.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

PW Director out at 2:15 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

HOUSING

Housing Program Director and Housing Assistant in at 2:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21 – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Housing Program Director noted that the deadline date to apply for Expressions of Interest dollars is February 17, 2017.

The intent for Housing was to ask Council to allow Housing to apply for another CMHC Section 95 loan to construct another multi unit 5 Plex this year, however, Housing has made application to the Immediate Needs Fund via INAC for funding for (for the second time) for constructing another 5 Plex.

If Council would consider constructing a unit with their own funds, all rental dollars would stay within the First Nation and no loan would have to be paid back.

Councillor questioned if there was any housing available yet for single people. Housing Program Director answered no, not yet.

Housing Program Director is recommending not to proceed with Section 95.

MOTION NO. 15

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council agrees that the Housing Department will not proceed with Section 95 “Expression of Interest” this year, as an application has been made to INAC for funding to construct another 5 Plex.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22 – CMHC YOUTH INTERNSHIP

MOTION NO. 16

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the additional CMHC funding in the amount of \$5,512.50 (Five Thousand Five Hundred Twelve Dollars, and Fifty Cents) and the newly revised Contribution Agreement dated December 9, 2016 in the amount of \$25,200.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars) that replaces the prior Contribution Agreement dated July 21, 2016 in the amount of \$19,687.50 (Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents). Further, approves the MNCFN’s contribution in the amount of \$2,400.00 (Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) to carry on until March 31, 2017. Funding to come from the 2016/2017 Housing Budget.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

MOTION NO. 17

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 2:25 pm.

Carried