

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, February 9, 2015**

Start 9:33 am

Finish 4:45 pm

Chief Councillor

Bryan LaForme (Vacation)

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Arland LaForme

Councillor

R. Stacey LaForme

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

Clynten King

Councillor

Cecil Sault

Councillor/Chair

Sharon Bonham

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

LMR Director

Margaret Sault

PW Director

Barbara Hill

Mackie Capital Research Corporation

Scott Barker, Joseph Debus

Director of C & A

Mark LaForme

Legal Counsel

Katherine Hensel

Guest

Abby Bushby

Band Member

Carolyn King

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Sharon Bonham opened the meeting at 9:33 am. Councillor R. Stacey Laforme was absent until 10:30 am.

NOTE: Mackie will be bringing lunch.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Agenda with additions listed below:

- Agenda Item No. 16a) – Letter from Band Member;
- Agenda Item No. 20a) – Update on Two Issues;
- Agenda Item No. 23b) – Purchase of Land from Band Member;
- Agenda Item No. 29a) – Council Chambers (EF).

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE JANUARY 12, 2015 EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Education & Social Services Council (Public) Minutes dated Monday, January 12, 2015.

Carried

SEPARATE DISCUSSION

There arose a question of what happens when a Councillor is late and does not call in? How long does a Councillor have to be present at a meeting in order to be paid the weekly honorarium? Councillor requested the Executive Director to go and get a copy of the Policy for Chief and Council, which she did. There will be further discussion later on the Agenda regarding this issue.

HR Manager will not be in attendance today due to difficult road conditions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS

PW Director in at 9:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – APPROVAL OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (MTO) 2014 ANNUAL SUBSIDY

PW Director informed that Bridge No. 13 (by the cemetery) and Bridge No. 16 (Spring Creek close to the intersection of Mississauga Road and New Credit Road) are the two that will be repaired. The bridges are now in the second stages of design.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the Petition for Subsidy on Road Improvements under the Provisions of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act on Expenditures made during the 2014 calendar year in the amount of \$203,466.49 (Two Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Six Dollars & Forty-Nine Cents).

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Rationale: So that report can be submitted immediately.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – TRANSFERRING DOLLARS FROM HOUSING RESERVE FUND TO HRRS PROGRAM – 2014/2015

It was noted that the Executive Director approved one application as it was over \$10,000.00. This is on the condition that approval is given to transfer the dollars from the Housing Reserve Fund.

Councillor stated that he would like to see an update on next month's Infrastructure & Development Council meeting regarding the conditions of some houses from the Housing Program Supervisor. For example, one Band Member was approved, but will not start building until the spring; existing house – any movement on currently constructed houses (Band Member's home on Townline); are there applications which are deferred etc.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the transfer of dollars in the amount of \$25,000.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) from the Housing Reserve Fund to the Housing/Repair/Renovation/Sanitation (HRRS) Program in order to complete all applicants for the 2014/15 fiscal year and to have dollars set aside for emergency purposes should emergency issues arise prior to March 31, 2015.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Rationale for 2nd Reading: So as the Public Works – Housing can carry on with approvals under CMHC/RRAP.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

PW Director out at 9:55 am.

LANDS, MEMBERSHIP & RESEARCH

LMR Director in at 9:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – NANFAN PROJECT UPDATE

It was agreed that a Special Council meeting will be convened on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 2:00 pm in Council Chambers. Phase 2 from Joan Holmes will be approved on this date.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to schedule a meeting with Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel) regarding the Phase 1 report on the NanFan Project. Also, to discuss next steps of this project regarding the ATR process; Six Nations media releases, MNCFN Traditional Territory and the history of New Credit. It is agreed that Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 2:00 pm in Council Chambers is the date scheduled for the above meeting.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – APPRAISAL FOR THE 115 KV POWER LINES, 2ND LINE

LMR Director pointed out that the agreement says “rural residential”. Councillor stated that Hydro says New Credit is rural residential and this is a contentious issue with him as he believes that all of New Credit land is prime property. He also pointed out that some Seniors are receiving hydro bills that are over \$600.00 per month. Where is the renewable energy going?

LMR Director stated that this is a blanket agreement from Hydro. This agreement only includes the land on 2nd Line. Chief and Council gets a payment from Hydro in lieu of taxes. She will check with the Finance Director to see if there are dollars available to assist with these hydro bills.

Regarding payment in lieu of taxes Councillor noted that every municipality got 5% and no First Nation has received that. Payment in lieu of taxes was supposed to be administrative.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY CLYNTEN KING

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approve of the appraisal for the easement for a 115 KV power line over part of Mississaugas of the Credit IR #40A done by Andrew, Thompson & Associates Ltd, 642 Welham Road, Suite 103, Barrie, On L4N 9A1. The current appraisal value for the term December 2014-2019 will be \$6,833.00. December 2019 is the date this agreement comes due.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – ENBRIDGE LINE 11 REVIEW

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to pay the following companies/individuals for work being done on behalf of New Credit on Enbridge Line 11 according to Letter of Agreement:

SVS invoice - \$36,883.67 (Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three Dollars & Sixty Seven Cents); Legal - Pape Salter Teillet LLP Invoice - \$12,000.00 (Twelve Thousand Dollars) plus expenses and William Fitzgerald up to \$5000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) upon receipt of an invoice. The funds will come from Casino Rama Community Development; Acct 65300, Dept 100200. These funds will be reimbursed when funds are received from Enbridge.

Carried

2nd reading waived

Note: An invoice has to be prepared to be sent to Enbridge for the above dollars.

Councillor Cecil Sault left the room at 10:47 am because of a conflict of interest in the next item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – RJ ZONING REQUEST

LMR Director reiterated that when Betty Wybenga owned the property in question the Public Works Department negotiated with Betty at the time the waterline was installed. She (LMR Director) also stated that Betty Wybenga and Rhonda Johnson will have to come to some kind of an agreement as Rhonda's application for re-zoning is because she would like to build a Variety Store/Ice Cream Shop on the property.

Councillor informed that he spoke with RJ and RJ does not think it is her responsibility to talk to BW nor does she think she has to pay for any extra work on the waterline.

It was agreed that the LMR Director would write a letter to Rhonda Johnson informing her of the issue which is the waterline crosses the property in question and that herself and Betty Wybenga will need to come to an agreement. It is also agreed that a timeline of 30 days would be given before Council makes a final decision.

Councillor stated that an updated sketch of the property is required. He also questioned who owns the waterline Chief and Council or the homeowner. He further noted that this is not a political issue. Chief and Council's job is whether or not to approve the zoning amendment.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY ARLAND LAFORME

SECONDED BY CLYNTEN KING

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees that the LMR Director will write a letter to Band Member, Rhonda Johnson regarding her request for re-zoning to inform her that the issue is that the waterline crosses the property in question, and further, both Band Members will need to come to an agreement.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to make a final decision at the Monday, March 23, 2015 Executive Finance Council Meeting regarding the Zoning Request of Rhonda Johnson.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New business.

Council moved to an In-Camera session.

After the In-Camera session was completed Council moved to Agenda Item No. 24.

Abby Bushby and Director of Consultation & Accommodation (DOCA) in at 2:55 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 24 – GUEST – ABBY BUSHBY – TO DO POWER POINT PRESENTATION/UPDATE ON PEACE GARDEN PROJECT

Abby Bushby presented a power point presentation on the Dundas Roncesvalles Peace Garden.

The Peace Garden is in its final stages of development, however a sign is needed for Completion of the project. Abby is requesting funding from the MNCFN to pay for one half of the sign.

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the request, as made by the Dundas Roncesvalles Peace Garden Group, to pay \$895.00 (Eight Hundred Ninety Five Dollars), which represents one-half of the total cost of the sign for the Dundas Roncesvalles Peace Garden. It is further recommended that this \$895.00 contribution be funded out of the Enterprise Fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Arland LaForme – not following process.

Abby Bushby and Director of Consultation & Accommodation (DOCA) out at 3:35 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25 – REPRESENTATIVE NEED FOR SSHRC (SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL) PARTNERSHIPS GRANT PRE-APPLICATION (CK)

Councillor Clynten king brought this item to the Council Table. He is taking the lead role at Six Nations identifying potential solutions to four integrated concerns: flooding, drought wetland preservation and climate change.

MNCFN is a research partner with UofW and COMAP in the research and development of the online cloud-based application called 'Dreamcatcher Geomatics'. This research project is scheduled to end next year.

A new SSHRC grant is being considered and is in the pre-application phase. The title of the new application is: "Capacity Building in First Nations Communities: History, Culture, Land Use, Land Development, Environment and Duty to Consult".

The new SSHRC grant has two main parts: **Part 1** will focus on the continued research and development of the Dreamcatcher Geomatics program at the MNCFN. **Part 2** will focus on the research and development of the Canadian Watershed Evaluation Tool (CANWET) that is owned by the Greenland Group of Companies based in Collingwood.

New Credit will not have to invest any dollars.

Councillor informed that the only issue he has with Six Nations is Nanfan and the outcome of the challenge New Credit has with Six Nations. Councillor King answered that the proposal is made very clear and there should not be a problem with Six Nations.

Councillor King has requested that Mark LaForme (Director of Consultation & Accommodation) be designated as Representative of the new SSHRC Partnerships Grant Pre-application. And further, Council has authorized a Letter of Support to be signed by the Chief or his Alternate.

Letter of Support will come from the Chief and will be signed by Chief's Alternate Councillor Cecil Sault as Chief is away on vacation.

MOTION NO. 18

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council hereby designates A. Mark LaForme (Director of Consultation & Accommodation) to be the MNCFN Designated Representative to the new SSHRC (Social Science & Humanities Research Council) Partnerships Grant pre-application being lead by the University of Waterloo Computer Systems Group. The title of application is "Capacity Building in First Nations Communities: History, Culture, Land Use, Land Development, Environment and Duty to Consult". Council also agrees that a Letter of Support will be addressed to SSHRC for the Chief's signature, to be included in the pre-application.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

It is noted that Councillor Cecil Sault who is the Chief's Alternate will sign above letter on behalf of Chief who is away on vacation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 26 – TO PURCHASE TRUST – COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Executive Director pointed out that Georgina Villeneuve of Peace Hills Trust would like the date of March 21st as she wants to present audited figures.

Councillor Clynetn King is not available on April 25, 2015.

MOTION NO. 19

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CECIL SAULT

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves that the TO Purchase Trust Community Meetings be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015; Saturday, April 25, 2015 and Saturday, November 14, 2015, all meetings starting at 10:00 am.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DSED back in at 4:13 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 27 – WINGERS LEASE FOR INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

The Agreement between Wingers Cabinets and MNCFN has not been signed yet. DSED informed that there will be some changes as the tenants at the Industrial Building do not pay for snowplowing and separate metering. Wingers will stay for five years, but in the event that they leave earlier they will pay to the end of five years. DSED is meeting the architect, electrician and plumber tomorrow (Tuesday, February 10, 2015). The move will be completed by June 1st, 2015. DSED noted that \$4.00 per square foot is the average price.

Regarding the ATR Executive Director informed that the issue now is the lease. Wingers will be moving out. Another issue with the ATR is stale dating. Letters will be stale dated probably on March 31, 2015 and again in July 2015.

Councillor suggested putting up a sign at the house where Wingers is vacating. The sign could say "Office of MNCFN Chief and Council."

AGENDA ITEM NO. 28 – MNCFN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

DSED would like to launch a call for Directors.

Councillor suggested whoever sits on this Board should not be sitting on any other MNCFN Committees.

Councillors Arland LaForme, Larry Sault and Erma Ferrell came up with a list of 25 Community Members as potential Board Appointees. DSED will cc everyone.

The honorarium for this Board will be at least \$300.00 per meeting.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 29a) – IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Councillor Erma Ferrell would like to see some improvements to the Council Chambers. A device is required when there are conference telephone calls in order for both parties to be heard; repairing of electrical outlets; and ordering new cups etc.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the Executive Director to purchase a device to be used for conference calls whereby the Councillors can hear the caller and visa versa; to contact an electrician to upgrade the electricity in the Chambers so as to allow the use of electric, warming trays, slow cooker and tea kettle. Currently when these items are plugged in all at once the breaker trips. PW Director will be consulted. And further, Executive Director will order 2 dozen mugs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 30 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 22

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council adjourns this meeting at 4:45 pm.

Carried