

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION**  
**Executive Finance Council Meeting**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 26, 2015**

**Start: 9:01 am**

**Finish: 4:15 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**Bryan LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Larry Sault**

**Councillor/Chair**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Arland LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Cecil Sault**

**Councillor**

**Clynten King (Excused)**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Sharon Bonham**

**Executive Director**

**Cynthia Jamieson**

**Recording Officer**

**Charlotte Smith**

**Finance Director**

**Lilia Moos**

**DSED**

**Kevin Wassegijig**

**DOCA**

**Mark LaForme**

**Peace Hills Trust**

**Georgina Villeneuve, Jeff Frketich**

**Mackie Research Capital Corporation**

**Joseph Debus, Scott Barker**

**Legal Counsel**

**Kim Fullerton**

**Band Member**

**George (Clyde) King**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor R. Stacey Laforme opened the meeting at 9:01 am. Chief Bryan LaForme will be a few minutes late as he is attending the CANDO Conference. Councillor Clynten King is away on other Council business. Band Member George (Clyde) King in at 9:03 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA**

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Agenda with the following deletion and additions:

- Agenda Item No. 6 – Deferred to Infrastructure & Development Council on November 2, 2015;
- Agenda Item No. 14a) – Proxy for Councillor Clynten King;
- Agenda Item No. 14b) – Climate Summit Follow-Up;
- Agenda Item No. 14c) – Document for Council – Question from Councillor Erma Ferrell;
- Agenda Item No. 14d) – Chief & Council Orientation;
- Agenda Item No. 18a) – In-Camera Item - Letter From Band Member;
- Agenda Item No. 18b) – FYI – Draft Agenda for Hydro One Meeting on November 16, 2015;
- Agenda Item No. 18c) – In-Camera Item - Outstanding Letter/Response to Band Member (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 18d) – Empire Communities Statement of Support (Communications Director).

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 (PLEASE SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 ON PAGES 3 & 4. DOES COUNCIL WANT TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM IN THE PUBLIC MINUTES?)**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Executive Finance Council (Public) Minutes of Monday, September 28, 2015 with the exception of Agenda Item No. 7 on Pages 3 & 4 which will be moved to the In-Camera Minutes.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES**

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – POW WOW WRAP UP REPORT 2014**

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Pow Wow Committee to apply to other funding sources ie. Peace Hills Trust including Chief and Council for dollars for the next Pow Wow.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the final report on the 2014 New Credit Cultural Committee 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering as presented, and to consider the \$54,300.00 donation provided by the MNCFN as reconciled under the Events Funding Assistance Policy.

Carried

Finance Director in at 9:20 am.

Chief Bryan LaForme in at 9:25 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – EMPLOYMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES REVISIONS (HR MANAGER)**

This item was deferred to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 10 while waiting for Peace Hills Trust and Mackie Research Capital Corporation.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – CASH FLOW & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Finance Director informed that the Financial Statements are all up to date. Councillor questioned if we offer the Financial Statements to the Community how will they understand them? Executive Director stated that the Community could be provided with a summary similar to the one she prepared earlier.

Councillor reiterated that the various departments should be applying for outside funding dollars instead of always using the Casino Rama dollars.

It was pointed out that the new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wants to work with First Nations. It is also noted that the White Paper in 1969 not be forgotten.

Councillor questioned the Executive Director about an update on the budget of LSK. Executive Director answered that she had met with the Principal and Education Director. The Principal is very aware of many things and that she knows she is responsible for the budget. Education Director is responsible for oversight. There is a supply budget of \$42,000.00 and each teacher has their own budget.

Finance Director pointed out that the Enterprise Fund is over budget. Executive director advised that the DSED is in the red because his budget has not been actioned yet. She will follow up with DSED.

Councillor stated that he would like to see line by line items regarding the bingo dollars. Finance Director stated that no dollars have been taken out of that account.

Councillor questioned the Finance Director about how she communicates with the DSED regarding 839 Co. Finance Director answered that she was away sick. Councillor then questioned if these kinds of things (dollars and budgets) are discussed at the OMT meetings. Executive Director pointed out that the OMT meetings are more for general issues and initiatives. But normally, the Finance Director follows up with the DSED and then she informs the Executive Director. Executive Director also advised that when money is transferred to 839 Co. a Council Motion is required.

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Financial Statements and Cash Flow from the Finance Director.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 7 as the guests have arrived at 10:25 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – GUESTS – PEACE HILLS TRUST TO PRESENT 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTERLY REPORT – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST**

Georgina Villeneuve from Peace Hills Trust (PHT) was welcomed by the Chair. She highlighted certain areas of her Third Quarterly Report. At year end and in September of each year PHT always inquires if New Credit needs any extra dollars. The income this year is greater than 4% which works out to be \$6.2 Million at the end of the year.

Councillor reiterated that changes have been made to keep the capital gains going higher. He questioned whether New Credit should be investing in gold bullion.

Regarding the shift with the new government, Georgina stated that the Liberal government has always been wanting to help First Nations. She believes the relationship will improve. She informed that the markets are up. Unrealized gains are stocks that have not been sold.

Councillor questioned how much was invested with Dixon Mitchell. Georgina will find out.

Part of PHT's audit is checking current financial statements.

Councillor suggested having a one day session to inform the Community about medical marijuana as he believes the Community and Council need to have a better understanding.

Chief noted that the interest in the US is huge for First Nations for medical marijuana, as well as a huge interest in hemp. When the Chief and Councillor Larry Sault were in Colorado for the Medical Marijuana Conference, there were people who gave presentations on depression, epilepsy etc. It was suggested that these people could come and talk with the New Credit Community. However, New Credit would have to exercise caution about who they bring to speak to the Community.

There are 1,300 medical marijuana licenses in Canada. LCBO is a federal crown corporation and one of the largest income generators in the world and medical marijuana is comparable to this.





Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel) in at 11:30 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – GUEST - KIM FULLERTON – PRESENTATION ON ABORIGINAL TITLE TO WATER CLAIM**

Kim highlighted parts of his letter to Chief and Council dated October 21, 2015. He informed that the Water Claim is moving forward. Whenever a First Nation asserts title, that First Nation has to be consulted. Joan Holmes & Associates are noted for having all their research clarified. Kim questioned Council if they (Council) wants to proceed now. If so, there will be no dollars to get this claim done. This means that New Credit would have to bear all the costs for preparing a Legal Opinion that Kim will prepare. It is Kim's recommendation to proceed with the Water Claim provided that MNCFN is going to fund this.

Both governments (Ontario & Canada) must consult with MNCFN.

Councillor suggested that all this should be accompanied by a media campaign to which Kim agrees.

Another Councillor stated that a budget is needed and then make a decision on moving forward. Kim advised that an approximate budget would be \$45,000.00 plus an extra \$5,000.00 to pay for administrative assistance from Joan Holmes & Associates, total budget would be \$50,000.00.

Kim was thanked for his presentation and left at 12:15 pm.

Mark LaForme (DOCA) out at 12:15 pm.

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY ARLAND LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives approval to proceed with the Aboriginal Title to Water Claim at this time and submit it to Canada and Ontario as soon as possible, in the amount of \$45,000.00 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) for preparation of the Water Claim Legal Opinion and an additional \$5,000.00 to Joan Holmes & Associates for a total of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) In Trust to Kim Fullerton, Barrister & Solicitor, with funds to come from Casino Rama. And further, that MNCFN is updated quarterly with respect to the expenditures for budgeting purposes.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**LUNCH BREAK 12:15 TO 1:15 PM**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – CASH FLOW & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This item has already been dealt with.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – HEALTH CANADA – FIRST NATIONS & INUIT HEALTH BRANCH – CONTRACT AMENDMENT (FNIHB) (TWO COPIES OF AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED BY CHIEF & COUNCIL)**

Councillor stated that AIAI got administration fees for administering this program, and MNCFN should get these fees as well. Executive Director informed that the SHS Department got dollars for health consultation. Councillor stated that if MNCFN funded this program then we (Council) should be reimbursed.

Councillor questioned again, who is representing New Credit at the Chiefs of Ontario (COO)? Executive Director informed that the Communications Director had a difficult time trying to get information from COO on climate change.

It would seem that AIAI is very disorganized as they do not even have a schedule yet for climate change. It was suggested that there is a breakdown at COO, First Nations and AFN. New Credit needs to be able to access information.

Executive Director will follow up regarding the administration fees.

**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY BRYAN LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council signs and dates the Health Canada- First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Agreement 1516-ON-000121- Amendment 0002. Amendment inclusive of the following:

- Pandemic funding (\$2,000)
- Health Consultation (\$2,250)
- HIV/AIDS (\$3,298),
- Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative (ADI) funding for the last 9 months of the fiscal year (\$34,316) and the remaining of the funding cycle (\$45,755) as well as ADI food security dollars for 2015-2016 (\$2,750)
- Maternal Child Health for July 1-March 31 2015 (\$28,225) and the remaining of the funding cycle (\$37,633)

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Director to find out if MNCFN is receiving administration fees as AIAI received these fees for administering these dollars. This information will come back to Education & Social Services Council Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015.

DSED in at 1:35 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – 839 CO. (BACK-UP TO FOLLOW)**

This item has been deleted.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (DSED)**

DSED informed that Ontario has committed \$3.5 Million and Canada has been approached to match the same amount of dollars. As the Host First Nation (New Credit) we will have to be the Guarantor. Councillor echoed that as Guarantor this means that New Credit is taking its political role to bring in American counterparts. It does not mean we have to put any dollars up front. However, the Guarantor will have to put in some dollars at some point. New Credit will be the key body and will be very professional. Chief reiterated that New Credit would be in on it from the ground floor. Brian Finnigan (Legal Counsel) is working on the MOU right now.

Councillor was concerned about the dollars being the sole responsibility of New Credit. She would also like to see the MOU before making any decisions.

**MOTION NO. 9**

MOVED BY SHARON BONHAM

SECONDED BY CECIL SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council endorses a Memorandum of Understanding with Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario for MNCFN to sign as Guarantor for the 2017 North American Indigenous Games (NIAG).

Carried

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – concerned about the dollars being the responsibility of New Credit; should wait for Brian Finnigan’s (Legal Counsel) response.

This item will come back to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14a) – SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY ON THE SALE OF HYDRO ONE- PROXY FOR COUNCILLOR CLYNTEN KING**

**MOTION NO. 10**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves Councillor Clynten King to be Proxy for Chief Bryan LaForme at the “Special Chiefs Assembly on the Sale of Hydro One” on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 being held in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14b) – CLIMATE SUMMIT FOLLOW-UP**

Councillor Larry Sault informed that he was invited to speak at a MOECC meeting in Thunder Bay at the Treaty 3 Climate Summit and will get all the proper documentation and times of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14c) – COUNCIL BOOKLET – COUNCILLOR ERMA FERRELL WOULD LIKE PERMISSION TO SEND THIS BOOKLET TO OTHER FIRST NATIONS**

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council grants permission to Councillor Erma Ferrell to share the Booklet titled “Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation – Council General Information – Internal/External dated December 2013” with other First Nations.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14d) – CHIEF & COUNCIL ORIENTATION**

Councillor suggested that new Council should do a Personality Profile course/workshop. The LDM Coordinator has a contact number for someone who does these kinds of workshops.

Executive Director has met with the Communications Director and HR Manager and they are already planning. For example, booking of rooms if Council Orientation is going to be off-site; a Facilitator is needed; need a proposed Agenda which should be two tiered: 1) Administration and 2) Political and a date is needed to finalize the Agenda.

The reports from each of the Directors can be done by the Executive Director.

Chairs for Executive Finance, Education & Social Services, Executive Finance and Infrastructure & Development have to be appointed. Cheque signers are needed.

This will come back to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015 for further discussion and approval.

The Swearing In Ceremony will take place on Monday, December 14, 2015 at the New Credit Community Centre. Executive Director will bring back a name of the person who will be officiating the Ceremony.

**DIRECTION NO. 6**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Director to arrange an external meeting for approximately 2 to 3 days for the Chief and Council Orientation of New Council. Rooms will be booked, a Facilitator is required, Agenda is required, Chairs for Executive Finance, Education & Social Services, Regular Council and Infrastructure & Development will be chosen, cheque signers are needed etc. It is noted that the Executive Director will do the presentation on all the departments.

Council moved to an In-Camera session at 2:25 pm.

