

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
Executive Finance Council Meeting
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, September 28, 2015

Start: 9:11 am

Finish: 2:45 pm

Chief Councillor

Bryan LaForme (Vacation)

Councillor

Larry Sault

Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme (Sick)

Councillor/Chair

Arland LaForme

Councillor

Cecil Sault

Councillor

Clynten King

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Sharon Bonham

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recording Officer

Charlotte Smith

DSED

Kevin Wassegijig

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Arland LaForme opened the meeting at 9:11 am. Chief Bryan LaForme is on vacation. Councillor R. Stacey Laforme is away sick. Councillor Clynten King had to leave but will be back soon.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 7 – Has been deleted and changed to Human Rights Complaint with McMaster;
- Agenda Item No. 7a) – Breakdown of Casino Rama Dollars (CJ);
- Agenda Item No. 9a) – Gathering of Nations (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 9b) – Aboriginal Community Energy Plan (ACEP) Program (DSED);
- Agenda Item No. 9b) – In-Camera Item
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – In-Camera Item
- Agenda Item No. 17b) – Open Forum – Edmonton, AB – Who is Going?

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL – MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY SHARON BONHAM

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Executive Finance Council (Public) Minutes of Monday, August 24, 2015.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL DATED FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015

Executive Director informed that the Financial Statements will not be ready until the next Education & Social Services Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 as the Finance Director is currently working on the budgets.

Councillor noted that the last set of Financial Statements (which Council did not review or approve) reveal that a lot of information is missing. Councillor questioned if the job was too overwhelming for the Finance Director. Executive Director assured Council that was not the case.

Another Councillor stated that the Financial Statements should be put on the next Executive Finance Council Meeting (Monday, October 26, 2015) which will give the Finance Director ample time to have them completed.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY CECIL SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Executive Finance Council (Public) Minutes of Friday, August 28, 2015.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from either set of above Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – ONTARIO WATER POWER ASSOCIATION – 15TH ANNUAL POWER OF WATER CANADA CONFERENCE (CK)

Councillor Clynten King in 9:35 am.

Councillor Clynten King has requested that himself and DSED attend the Annual Power of Water Canada Conference.

Councillor questioned if the DSED was up to date on all his projects, and Executive Director answered no. Therefore, DSED will not be attending this conference.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY SHARON BONHAM

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council supports the request of Councillor Clynten King to be excused from Regular Council on Monday, October 19, 2015 in order to attend the 15th Annual Power of Water Canada Conference from October 18 – 20, 2015 at the White Oaks Conference Resort, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. Councillor King will bring a written report back to Council. Councillor King will use his discretion regarding payment for this conference.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – CHIEF & COUNCIL – HONORARIUM & TRAVEL POLICY REVISIONS

It was pointed out that when the Chief goes to outside meetings he does not report to Council. For example, Chief went to the AFN Conference in Edmonton on October 7, 2015. AFN received \$400,000.00 from Elections Canada and Chief did not report this to Council. Is there a Motion of Council that says the Chief and Council do not have to report on outside meetings? Executive Director informed that the Office Clerk has tried to contact AFN as New Credit has not received any information whatsoever from AFN.

Councillor pointed out that since New Credit is now independent, Council needs to know what is going on politically and otherwise. He suggested that Council Orientation should be done by Chief and Council and not by Administration.

This item will come back to Regular Council and will be dealt with at that time. In the meantime Executive Director will locate the Motion pertaining to Chief and Council reporting on external meetings, if such exists.

SEPARATE NOTE:

It was agreed by Council that Agenda Item No 7 would be removed from the Executive Finance Council (Public) Minutes and placed in the In-Camera Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a) – MNCFN OWN SOURCE FUNDS 2015/16 BUDGET (CJ)

It is noted that the Executive Director provided a report of the above funds showing Own Source Revenue commitments for the 2015/16 budget requirements reflecting both one-time and ongoing both in summary and detailed format. The Finance Director will incorporate the cash flow which will be brought to Executive Finance Council on Monday, October 26, 2015, along with the Financial Statements.

Councillor reiterated that New Credit has to start bringing in more dollars instead of continual spending. It was noted that in 2032 the dollars from OFNLP runs out.

Executive Director pointed out that the Brantford Casino is being privatized. How will this impact New Credit?

Councillor Clynten King introduced the Small Communities Fund to which Six Nations has applied for funding. He questioned if anyone on staff is looking at this new funding. The second intake is due on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. Councillor had earlier informed the DSED. Councillor suggested that the SED Assistant could research and find funding to address various issues in the Economic Development Department.

Executive Director has been encouraging the DSED to bring the Kuiper Property and Industrial Building Projects up to date.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council authorizes the Executive Director to submit an Expression of Interest to the Small Communities Fund. This funding can cover up to 2/3 of an eligible infrastructure project. The deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

SEPARATE ISSUE

Regarding the Community Trust Meeting held on Thursday, September 24th – this item needs more discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – CHRISTMAS DINNER 2015

It was agreed that the Christmas Dinner 2015 will be held at the Erie Beach Restaurant in Port Dover on Thursday, December 17, 2015. Councillor disagrees as she stated that this is one of the reasons why the Community Centre was built – to have our Christmas Party there instead of an outside venue. It is also noted that no booze is allowed at the Community Centre. Hence, the outside venue. Councillor informed that the Community Christmas Party is being held at the Community Centre on December 4, 2015.

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY CECIL SAULT

SECONDED BY LARRY SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives approval that the Staff Christmas Dinner will be held at the Erie Beach Restaurant in Port Dover, Ontario. Total cost for dinner is \$7,000.00 (Seven Thousand Dollars). Dates available will be determined.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – would like to see Staff Christmas Dinner held at our New Credit Community Centre.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – GATHERING OF NATIONS (EF)

Councillor Erma Ferrell provided an update on the meeting she, Councillors Sharon Bonham and Larry attended – Gathering of Nations at Blind River. Chief LaRocca of Scugog First Nation has requested that New Credit share their information on the Comprehensive Community Plan, the Williams Treaty and the Nanfan Deed.

Councillor Larry Sault informed that Chief Reg Niganobe questioned if the collective of the Mississauga Nations have signed off on the Nanfan Deed.

The Nationhood Group will meet the evening of the AFN Conference which is being held on October 8th and 9th.

Councillor Larry Sault will follow up with Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel) on the release of information on the Williams Treaty (hunting and fishing) and Nanfan Deed.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY SHARON BONHAM

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council agrees to provide Chief LaRocca of the Scugog First Nation with a copy of the MNCFN Comprehensive Community Plan.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to Councillor Larry Sault to follow up with Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel) on the release of information regarding the Williams Treaty and Nanfan Deed.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to Councillor Erma Ferrell to contact Chief LaRocca of the Scugog First Nation and convey that the MNCFN Comprehensive Community Plan will be forwarded to them.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b) – ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN (ACEP) PROGRAM (DSED)

DSED stated that this item was discussed at the meeting of the 839 Co. There are dollars available if the funding application is successful in the amount of \$90,000.00 to assist Native Communities in developing a Community Energy Plan. The application is due on Thursday, October 1, 2015.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY CLYNTEN KING

SECONDED BY CECIL SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council confirms their intent to develop a Community Energy Plan; expresses their support for the submission of an ACEP application on behalf of MNCFN and directs DSED to complete appropriate application process and open bids for consultants to assist in the development of MNCFN Community Energy Plan.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Council moved to an In-Camera session at 12:00 pm.