

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

PUBLIC MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Start 9:06 am

Finish 4:47 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Casey Jonathan

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Margaret Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson (Vacation)

Communications Director

Deanna Dunham (Filling in for Ex. Director)

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

PW Director

Arland LaForme

Director of C & A

Mark LaForme

DSED

Kevin Wassegijig

A/LMR Director

Julie Laforme

Housing Program Director

Lorraine LaForme

SHS Director

Rachelle Ingrao & Yvonne Bomberry

Legal Counsel

Eliza Montour

Legal Counsel

Kim Fullerton & Brian Finnigan

Band Member

Carolyn King

BDO Auditors

Edward Brink & Matthew McInally

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Casey Jonathan called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the Agenda with the following addition and deletion:

- Agenda Item No. 19 – In-Camera Item - Moved to Executive Finance on Monday, August 22, 2016;
- Agenda Item No. 25a) – Request for Additional Funds for Pow Wow Budget for 2016.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES FROM MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016**

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the Infrastructure & Development Public Council Minutes of July 4, 2016.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

LANDS, MEMBERSHIP & RESEARCH

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 8.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – REQUEST A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR MRP DRAFT SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER 2016

It was agreed that Councillor Casey Jonathan would email everyone to set up a time for a Special Council Meeting regarding the MRP Draft.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – NATIVE HORIZONS TREATMENT CENTRE

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council gives direction to Councillor Erma Ferrell (who is also a Board Member of the Native Horizons Treatment Centre NHTC) to contact NHTC and set up a time for a Special Council Meeting between Council and NHTC Board Members. Councillor Ferrell will also arrange a time when Council can tour the NHTC Building.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 9:25 am.

Carried

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

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

Carried

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

BDO Auditors – Edward Brink, Matthew McInally and Finance Director in at 10:12 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GUESTS – BDO AUDITORS TO PRESENT THE 2015/2016 AUDIT

Guests were introduced and Mr. Brink spoke first. He stated that this is the first year that BDO has done the Audit for MNCFN. There are changes in format and presentation.

Page 3 is the Independent Auditors' Report. Mr. Brink advised that it is a very good audit. Councillor informed that she has a problem with this opinion. Mr. Brink clarified and used the words "in all fairly" and gave an example: if there is a \$1,000.00 error, that would not be a problem, but if there is a \$1 Million dollar error, then there is a big problem.

Mr. Brink reminded Council that BDO did not do a 100% material audit. He stated that if the Audit is approved today he will take off the word DRAFT and finalize it. He also stated that one of the changes is the Other Matters Paragraph which states:

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, which explains that certain comparative information for the year ended March 31, 2015 has been restated. The consolidated financial statements of Mississaugas of The New Credit First Nation for the year ended March 31, 2015 (prior to the restatement of the comparative information) were audited by another auditor who expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements on August 17, 2015.

On Page 5 "Aboriginal" will be changed to "Indigenous".

Mr. McInally stated that when doing the Audit they look at approvals for cash disbursements and controls. He also pointed out that all the revenues have been confirmed. All the controls were accurate.

Finance Director noted that last year there was \$10.3 Million in the Toronto Purchase Trust.

Mr. Brink stated that anything over and above the budget has to be approved by Chief and Council.

On Page 8 there is a slight change. In the prior year NCVGB and Country Style were not included, but are included in 2016.

Page 15 – the Business Development Corporation has to be disclosed as the performance procedures still have to be done, but this does not have to be in the Audit.

The Community Trust Land Claim Revenue will be included.

Page 17 gives an account of what New Credit spent in 2016.

On Page 19 Note No. 14 – Reserve Funds. This is very important. Reserve Funds represent funds set aside by Council Resolution for specific purposes.

Page 20 Note No. 16 lists other Trust Funds. The New Credit Community Trust Fund is externally restricted as is the Band Trust Fund.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves and accepts the Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2016, with noted changes.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – Chief & Council never reviewed the March 31, 2016 Financial Statements & then new budgets were approved; Did not receive an answer to my question; Process for reviewing the Audit was rushed; We are accountable to our Band Membership.

Edward Brink and Matthew McNally were thanked for their presentation and left at 11:15 am as did the Finance Director.

Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel), Mark LaForme and DSED in at 11:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – GUEST – LEGAL COUNSEL KIM FULLERTON TO PRESENT ON ABORIGINAL TITLE TO WATER

This item was moved In-Camera.

Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel), Mark LaForme and DSED out at 12:35 pm.

LUNCH BREAK 12:45 TO 1:45 PM.

HOUSING

Housing Program Director in at 1:45 pm.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 21.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21 – CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT INTERNSHIP INITIATIVE FOR FIRST NATIONS INUIT YOUTH – YOUTH INTERNSHIP(S) – CMHC CONTRIBUTION FUNDING, MNCFN CONTRIBUTION

Housing Program Director informed that there is a Contribution Agreement Internship Initiative for First Nations, Inuit and Youth.

This program is set out to employ youth from 15 to 30 years of age; out of school and unemployed for at least six months and not in receipt of E.I. benefits with priority given to single parents and those who are illiterate or disabled.

The Housing Department with the assistance of the HR have also requested that both applicants obtain a police check as he/they may be entering homes where children/elderly reside as well as many dollars that flow through the Housing/Public Works Department.

The Housing Department has been informed by Canada Mortgage & Housing that MNCFN has been approved for 2 youth interns. CMHC's total contribution is in the amount of \$19,687.50 for 25 weeks (based on a 35 hour work week) Tentative start date is August 22, 2016.

In addition to CMHC's minimum wage TRM Assistant – increase of 2.75/hour & Housing Assistant increase of 3.75/hour. Approval process was mainly based on what the First Nations contribution would be to the Youth Internship Program..

MNCFN total contribution up to February 24, 2017 is approximately \$7,211.25 that consists of MNCFN contribution, benefits, if any, and safety equipment, only if required.

Housing Program Director pointed out that she would like these people to start on Monday, August 27, 2016 with interviews on Monday, August 15, 2016.

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the funding from Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation in the amount of \$19,687.50 (Nineteen Thousand, Six Hundred, Eighty-Seven Dollars, and Fifty cents) for the hiring of 2 Youth Interns for 25 weeks, with tentative start date of August 22, 2016 and approves the MNCFN's contribution for the hiring of the Youth Interns in the total amount of \$7,211.25 (Seven Thousand, Two Hundred, Eleven Dollars, Twenty-Five Cents). MNCFN's contribution is to increase pay rate from minimum wage per hour, benefits, and safety equipment, if required. Funding to come 2016/17 Housing Budget.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

Housing Program Director out at 1:50 pm.

CONSULTATION & ACCOMMODATION

Mark LaForme in at 1:30 pm.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 17.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 – EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILD CARE CENTRE WIDE TRIP – AFRICAN LION SAFARI

Mark LaForme from DOCA gave the following background information:

Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre requested DOCA to pay for a centre wide trip to the African Lion Safari on August 12, 2016, and this year they put forth a request to DOCA to pay for the trip. The trip costs approximately \$5,564.00.

Councillor would like to see the money come from another account.

Chief suggested using the Enterprise Fund, and questioned if these dollars are already in the budget, and if not, then they should be as this is an annual event.

MOTION NO. 15

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONIC KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the amount of \$5,564.00 for the Centre wide trip to African Lion Safari for Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre and that these funds be provided out of the Enterprise Fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Margaret Sault – Process is not followed for DOCA; could have utilized the Donation Policy.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council gives direction to the Executive Director to advise staff not to use the DOCA Reserve Fund when applying for dollars as DOCA has no process in place to approve these dollars.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council gives direction to the ECC Supervisor to check and see why the annual trip is not covered in the budget?

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 16.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – RESOLUTION FOR FWRN LP RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT WITH MNCFN

Mark LaForme stated that an MNCFN Resolution is required with regard to the above Agreement.

The **FWRN LP**, acting through its general partner **1021702 B.C. Ltd.** (“**FWRN**”) has developed, constructed and will operate a 230MW Wind Farm Project, comprising up to 77 wind turbines located within the Townships of West Lincoln and Wainfleet and the Town of Lincoln within the Niagara Region and within Haldimand County in Southern Ontario.

An agreement titled NIAGARA REGION WIND FARM RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT was approved by the MNCFN I&D Council on January 4, 2016 (Agreement and Motion attached).

The **FWRN LP** is requesting a MNCFN Resolution indicating that Chief LaForme has been authorized by Council to sign the NIAGARA REGION WIND FARM RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT. Further, the maps and schedules will be attached.

MOTION NO. 16

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the attached MNCFN Resolution No. 167- 2016/2017, authorizing Chief R. Stacey LaForme to sign the Niagara Region Wind Farm Relationship Agreement.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

See Resolution No. 167 – 2016/2017

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 18.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 – GIANT SLIP & SLIDE WITH POOL – SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES

It was stated by the DOCA Director that a request has been made for DOCA to pay for a giant slip & slide with pool for the New Credit Day Camp

Social & Health Services holds the Day Camp every year for Band Members between the ages of 6-12 years. Because of the hot temperatures and Wednesday's are always spent at the Social & Health Services Building, they have decided to rent a giant slip & slide with pool for Wednesday, August 3, 2016. The Community Support Worker reached out to DOCA for assistance. The total amount of the request is \$325.00.

It was agreed that the dollars would come from the Enterprise Fund.

MOTION NO. 17

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the amount of \$325.00 for the Giant Slip & Slide with Pool and that these funds be provided out of the Enterprise Fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19 – WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VAN – SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES

Mark stated that the DOCA Department is here to represent MNCFN's Treaty Rights and we should take care of our Elders, however, he feels that this is a Council decision and not his.

Chief pointed out that Council would like further discussion on the DOCA funds and have a way to track these dollars.

This item was deferred to the next Executive Finance Council Meeting on Monday, August 22, 2015.

Mark LaForme out at 2:20 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 23

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23 – INAC FUNDING – AMENDMENT #11 (2 COPIES TO BE SIGNED)

MOTION NO. 18

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council authorizes the signing of the Indigenous Affairs & Northern Development 2016/17 Amendment #11 for set non-core funding in the amount of \$45,700 for the MNCFN Education Department which is comprised of the following:

- \$20,000.00 for school effectiveness
- \$16,200.00 for Parental & Community Engagement
- \$ 9,500.00 for teacher recruitment and retention

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 24 – CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE

Chief and two Councillors would like to remain status quo on this item.

Chair voted In Favour and broke the tie.

Aside from the above Chief stated that clarification on “abstention” is needed. Councillor added that this should be in writing.

MOTION NO. 19

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the purchase of food cards in the amount of \$50.00 for all eligible MNCFN staff. This includes all permanent and contract staff who are working with the organization as of November 1st.

Carried

Opposed: Chief R. Stacey Laforme, Councillors Erma Ferrell and Veronica King-Jamieson.

Chair voted in favour and broke the tie.

2nd Reading was not allowed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25a) – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR POW WOW BUDGET 2016

Carolyn King (Band Member) brought a revised budget for the Annual Pow Wow which highlights areas of a funding shortfall.

The budget for the 2016 Pow Wow was submitted (Feb 2016) and given an approval by Motion in the amount of \$62,300.00 of the \$83,000.00 requested. Further to this Motion there was a Direction to the New Credit Cultural Committee (volunteers) to pursue other sources of funding for the 30th annual event (1987-2016). Other sources were approached (with encouragement and support from Council) and via Peace Hills Trust, this resulted in \$15,000 from the investment firms (Mawer, Beutel Goodman, Dixon Mitchell @ \$5,000 each).

Based on the revised budget the current shortfall is \$18,200.00 as follows:

- \$5,700.00 outstanding/not received in the original request;
- \$7,500.00 for 2 evening concerts - the celebration of our talent (estimate for 2nd sound system/stage, MC, and several bands and performers which may include other Mississauga Nation talents);
- \$5,000.00 for repair to the existing arbor and grounds & dance arena) in the Grove. As the event is proposed to move to the Green Willow Park next year this repair work is to make the arbor and grounds safe for this year's event and a few years beyond. (8 new posts, a new cover, and dance area rehabilitation – level out area for the dancers, contractor fees)

At the meeting of the New Credit Cultural Committee on Wednesday July 27, 2016 the Committee has agreed to the desire of Council to move the annual Pow Wow event to the property commonly known as Green Willow Park and agree to participate in the planning process, with all the appropriate entities, for the development of a new Cultural grounds along with ancillary services and amenities. It is proposed that community engagement can be done at this year's event and through the year.

Some discussion centered around moving the Pow Wow to the former Green Willow Property and the Band Member informed that the Pow Wow Committee has agreed to the move. Councillor questioned if this decision also involved the Community, and if not, then if the move is forced then the voting rights of Band Members will be taken away. Band Member answered that the Pow Wow cannot grow if it stays where it is. Chief suggested letting the Community decide where to hold the Pow Wow.

Band Member suggested that there could be two events. There is an opportunity to do an initiative in 2017. There are also current funding opportunities that are available for the 150th Anniversary of Canada, and the sources are Canada 150 (Federal and Ontario) and Ontario 150 (Provincial) with deadlines fast approaching – September 18, 2016.

It was agreed that this item would be put on the Agenda for the Monthly Gathering on September 24, 2016.

MOTION NO. 20

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council approves the amount of \$18,200.00 (Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars) to support the remainder of the Cultural Committee – Pow Wow Budget for 2016. Dollars will come from the Gaming Account.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

NOTE:

The original Cultural Committee – Pow Wow Budget increased to \$80,500.00 due to expansion and the 30th Anniversary of the Pow Wow.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council gives direction to the Communications Director to put “Moving the Annual Pow Wow to the former Green Willow Property” back on the Monthly Gathering Agenda for September 24, 2016.

MOTION NO. 21

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 2:55 pm.

Carried