

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, February 8, 2016**

Start 9:40 am

Finish 4:30 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Arland LaForme

Councillor

Casey Jonathan

Councillor/Chair

Evan Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Margaret Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Day Care Supervisor

Patti Barber

Communications Director

Deanna Dunham

Education Director

Amanda Sault

SHS Director

Rachelle Ingrao

Communications Director

Deanna Dunham

Legal Counsel

Kent Elson

Mackie Research

Joseph Debus, Scott Barker

Peace Hills Trust

Georgina Villeneuve, Jeff Frketich

Band Members

Carla Campbell, Carolyn King

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

This meeting was moved to the New Credit Community Centre. Chair/Councillor Evan Sault opened the meeting at 9:40 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY ARLAND LAFORME

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Agenda with the following changes and deletion:

- Agenda Item No. 12 deferred to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016; in its place will be an In-Camera Item from Councillor EF;
- Agenda Items No. 18 and 19 will be dealt with together.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE JANUARY 11, 2016 EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY ARLAND LAFORME

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Education & Social Services Council (Public) Minutes of January 11, 2016.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Band Member Carolyn King in at 9:46 am.

SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES

SHS Director in at 9:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – WEIGHT ROOM MONITOR

SHS Director pointed out that the contract for the Weight Room Monitor expires on March 31, 2016 and she would like to see it posted as a two year position.

There has been some discussion on renovating the gym and if a person is hired on a two year contract, and then the gym is closed for renovations, what would that person do.

Executive Director suggested adding to the posting and put in the letter of offer “possibly up to two years and ongoing”. She also suggested a further three month extension.

With regard to renovating the gym, this item will be put on the Special Council Meeting of Monday, February 29, 2016 for further discussion.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to extend the current contract of the Weight Room Monitor to the end of June 2016.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT ASSISTANT POSITION

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to the posting of an approximate two year contract for the position of the Part-Time Employment Support Assistant. (April 1, 2016-Dec 15, 2017), pending continued availability of funding.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

SHS Director out at 10:05 am.

DAY CARE

ECC Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor in at 10:05 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – PURCHASE OF SERVICE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FUNDING WITH LANSDOWNE CHILDREN’S CENTRE

Day Care Supervisor brought her Assistant, Elisa Machida, and introduced her to Council.

Day Care Supervisor stated that consideration was given to an in-house person to do this job, but that person did not qualify.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to utilize Ministry of Education Special Needs Resource funding for F'2016-2017 in the amount of \$44,900.00 (Forty four thousand nine hundred dollars and zero cents) to enter into a Purchase of Service contract with Lansdowne Children’s Centre (LCC) and further agrees to the following payment schedule with LCC to be invoiced by LCC and paid in the following installments by the dates noted in the agreement as follows:

Invoiced by LCC on:	Invoice Amount	Paid by ECC no later than:
June 1, 2016	\$ 11 225.00	June 30, 2016
September 1, 2016	\$ 11 225.00	September 30, 2016
December 1, 2016	\$ 11 225.00	December 31, 2016
March 1, 2017	\$ 11 225.00	March 31, 2017
Total Allocation	\$44 900.00	

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

ECC Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor out at 10:10 am.

Guests Georgina Villeneuve, Jeff Frketich, Joseph Debus and Scott Barker in at 10:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10a) – ROLE & RESPONSIBILITY OF PEACE HILLS TRUST & COPY OF THE TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST AGREEMENT

Guests were introduced. Georgina thanked everyone for being invited to the First Nation. She decided to do the roles and responsibility of Peace Hills Trust (PHT) first. She also gave Council a copy of the Toronto Purchase Trust Agreement. She went through the Agreement and how the Trust was created. On Page 8, Section 1.29 describes who Peace Hills Trust is and what they do. Peace Hills Trust is the Trustee for the Toronto Purchase Trust Agreement.

Regarding the roles and responsibility of Peace Hills Trust – the legal relationship is Council directs the Trustee (Peace Hills Trust) who then directs the Investment Managers and authorizes their expenses. Duties of Peace Hills Trust are listed on Page 4 and 5 of the power point presentation. The Investment Policy Statement is consistent with the Trust, but also separate. Jeff Frketich monitors the Investment Managers on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. This is not a legal requirement however, Jeff monitors the Quarterly Financial Statement and Explanation of Authorized Expenses monthly.

The Audit is in draft and the final Audit will come to Council on May 8, 2016. Regarding Banking and Custody Systems, Peace Hills Trust does daily cash transactions. PHT has a program called Mercers and this program is used all over the world. She will introduce this at the next meeting.

Georgina advised that she is willing to come and go through her report on a slower basis in order for the new Councillors to have a better understanding of how everything works.

Councillor questioned if PHT questions the Investment Managers purchases. Jeff answered no because PHT has no legal right to do this, nor does PHT have the expertise to do this. Georgina stated that these Investment Managers are some of the best in Canada. Councillor questioned that if an Investment Manager makes a mistake, does PHT have to follow up and correct the mistake. Jeff answered yes. It was noted that the Financial Advisors have strict regulations which they must follow.

Georgina stated that there is a pertinent investment rule – “don’t put all your eggs in one basket”. She also stated that Council has the right to make the Investment Policy Statement. Jeff reiterated that every rule is followed consistently. At the next scheduled Toronto Purchase Trust Community Meeting PHT and Mackie Research Capital Corporation (MRCC) will ensure the Band Membership that the Investment Policy Statement has never changed.

Georgina pointed out that she will bring the Investment Policy Statement to the next meeting. She also stated that it can be amended. The Investment Policy Statement is a governance document.

Finance Director questioned who assures that the Agreement complies with the Financial Advisors. Georgina answered that this is Chief and Council’s responsibility.

Chief questioned the Fiduciary Relationship – are we in compliance if we are Financial Advisors and giving information to Band Members? Jeff answered that it is too strong to say Chief and Council are Financial Advisors.

Band Member Carolyn King is still not satisfied that New Credit is not in breach. The following are her questions: Should we do an overall view of the Trust and roles of the players? Who is checking the checker? Who is our point person that we talk to? Georgina answered that people from the First Nation email her, and Carolyn can email her as well.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – GUESTS – GEORGINA VILLENEUVE FROM PEACE HILLS TRUST – INTERIM REPORT OF TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST

Georgina went through the Interim Report. Page 1 is the Statement of Financial Position. The net assets total \$120,967, 146.00. Page 2 is the Statement of Operations. A decision of Council was to place one half of the capital gains back into the Trust and the amount of \$6,642,215.00 which is the income payment is transferred to the First Nation. PHT has no more responsibility of the dollars once they are transferred to New Credit. Chief questioned that if Council wanted to amend this one half of the income, how long does Council have to do this? Georgina answered that this has to be done before December 31, 2016.

Page 3 – Capital Funds Statement, Georgina stated that PHT has to be diligent in tracking revenues.

It is still too early for Dixon Mitchell to have made any money yet.

Georgina noted that the financial advisory fees are a lot less in comparison to other financial institutions. Finance Director stated that the previous Financial Advisors charged \$60,000.00 and Mackie Research Capital Corporation charged \$153,571. Georgina answered that she would go back and check the audit.

Georgina and Jeff noted that when they return they will bring the Mercers Report.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – GUESTS – JOSEPH DEBUS & SCOTT BARKER OF MACKIE RESEARCH CAPITAL CORPORATION (FINANCIAL ADVISORS) OF THE TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST – PRESENTATION OF INTERIM REPORT & UPDATES

Joseph Debus thanked everyone for being invited to New Credit. He went through the roles and responsibility of Mackie Research Capital Corporation (MRCC) who are the Financial Advisors for the Toronto Purchase Trust. Mackie's role is to advise Chief and Council what to invest in.

Joseph went through the Interim Report and everyone followed along. He stated that interest rates are very low right now. He pointed out that the Investment Managers must diversify for proper management.

Councillor questioned if there are investments in companies that mistreat New Credit. Joseph answered that if anyone has a concern please bring those concerns to Mackie and Mackie will contact the Managers.

Councillor commented on the fees that Mackie charges and asked for a comparison. Joseph answered that he does not know what TE Wealth charged, but Mackie is aligned with Peace Hills Trust.

Joseph informed that the Managers are doing exceptionally well. New Credit has hired Mackie and Mackie has done well. He further stated that everything Mackie does is scrutinized. Last year \$3,500.00 was given to each Band Member on the Community Wellness cheques. This was the income that came from Mackie investing wisely. However, Chief stated that the \$3,500.00 was the 100% of the annual payment.

Joseph presented a handout on the Canada Pension Plan and stated that Mackie is trying to emulate this.

Scott Barker turned everyone's attention to Empire Global which has done well. Most on-line gaming is sports betting.

Alternative Investments only represent 8% of the whole portfolio.

Band member Carolyn King informed that she is more concerned with the process of investing in WeedMD, and she wants to make sure that everyone understands their roles. Councillor questioned when New Credit would see a return on their investments. Joseph answered as soon as the company goes public. Scott stated that once it goes public new Credit will see stronger returns.

Joseph informed that Paymobile is set to go public in one to two months.

Chief out at 12:08 pm.

Guests were thanked and left at 12:15 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – IN-CAMERA ITEM - GUEST – DAN SHIELDS (LABOUR LAWYER) – ARBO (ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BANKING OFFICER) OPTIONS (BACK-UP WILL BE HANDED OUT AT MEETING)

This item was deferred to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016.

NOTE:

Guests Dave Levac, Minister David Zimmer and others in for lunch and informal meeting with Chief and Council.

Minister Zimmer informed that a double room (Rooms 228 and 230) at Queen's Park in Toronto is going to be designed in honour of MNCFN.

Minister Zimmer also stated that they are looking for a volunteer in the New Credit Community – a lifetime volunteer. Next year New Credit can host the event. He congratulated R. Stacey Laforme as Chief.

Chief reiterated that New Credit was late in coming on board with the Pan Am Games. He informed that there is a Climate Change meeting in March 2016 and questions the Cap & Trade Program and how First Nations will be involved. Regarding the water claim there is a request from the US to take water from the Great Lakes Basin, and First Nations would like further discussion on this. There is a multitude of issues with MTO. Chief further informed that Council

is looking for a commitment to work together i.e. Ministers Table to figure out how to build a better relationship.

Chief questioned the guests as to what went wrong with the Pan Am Games. He stated that it was part of New Credit's job to say/inform who to collaborate with.

Pictures were taken with the Chief and Minister Zimmer.

Mr. Zimmer generally questioned if the consultation process is working as it should? He stated that the Premier raised the concern that the consultation process can always be improved/refined. Minister Zimmer stated that his office is hearing from many groups. The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs has been charged to sit down with other groups and come up with some improvements.

Councillor informed that New Credit wants to see that our Consultation & Accommodation Department is contacted by MTO. DOCA (Mark LaForme) stated that Municipalities do not feel they have the duty to consult with New Credit.

Guests were thanked and left at 1:40 pm.

Council moved to an In-Camera session at 1:52 pm.

Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 3:40 pm.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 13.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETINGS (DD)

Communications Director highlighted her Briefing Note. The “Monthly Gatherings” will be held on Saturdays from 10:00 to 1:00 pm; there will be 10 monthly meetings; Band Members and presenters are invited to attend. At each meeting two items will be discussed.

The format is listed below in Motion No. 11.

Executive Director pointed out that the Toronto Purchase Trust has to have three Community meetings per year – March, April and November. She questioned if this would conflict with the monthly gatherings. Communications Director replied that both could be done together.

Councillor questioned who Band Members would call if he/she wanted an issue to be discussed. Communications Director replied that either herself or the Chief could be called. The next gathering is Saturday, February 27, 2016.

Councillor questioned why the dollars are being taken from Casino Rama.

If a flyer needs to be sent to the Community on and off-reserve, will Band Members receive the flyer in plenty of time? Communications Director answered yes.

Councillors questioned if the closing of Country Style was going to be discussed and Communication Director said yes and was working on something to present.

Councillor questioned the Communications Director what her role was to the Band Membership. Communications Director answered that she cannot go to Council for everything as this would slow the process down, so she goes to the Chief. Executive Director stated that it is the Communications Director’s job to report news, and that she (Communications Director) is making a policy for New Credit.

Councillor noted that in the case of former Councillor Sharon Bonham, a media release should have been sent to the Community regarding Sharon’s passing.

Communications Director would like to report through Facebook, Twitter, Newsletter, Flyers etc.

MOTION NO. 11

MOVED BY CASEY JONATHAN

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the following:

- 1. An annual budget of \$49,900 to hold 10 community meetings on Saturday mornings with a buffet lunch such as lasagna, salad, dessert, roast beef, or chili.

- 2. The MNCFN Monthly Gatherings to follow the format below:

9:30 am	Arrivals & morning refreshments (coffee, juice, water)
10:00 am	Drum Group (on a rotating basis with other groups)
10:10 am	Opening by Elder (on a rotating basis with other Elders)
10:20 am	Facilitator – Housekeeping items (TBD by Media and Communications

Director (MCD) and not specified in agenda)

10:30 am	Chief Welcoming – Introduction to Presentation(s)
10:45 am	Presentation(s) and Q & A – TBD by Council and published in agenda at least 1 month in advance
12:00 pm	Lunch Served
12:45 pm	Closing

MCD (Media & Communications Director) to determine other informational material to be available at the monthly gatherings including information booths (up to 3) and other print material. Funds in the amount of \$14,370.00 to come from the Toronto Purchase Revenue Account and the balance to come from the Enterprise Fund.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

MOTION NO. 12

MOVED BY CASEY JONATHAN

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council authorizes the Communications Director to communicate through various media i.e. Face Book, Twitter, Newsletter, Flyers etc. news items on a need to know basis to the Band Members and other recipients i.e. passing of a former Councillor, rabies etc.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – MNCFN COMMUNITY TRUST - REQUEST FOR MEETING

The request for a Community Trust Meeting with Council was put on the Agenda for Regular Council on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – MNCFN COMMUNITY TRUST – APPOINTED TRUSTEES

Councillor would like to see more Band Members involved with the Community Trust. She suggested that this could be a topic of discussion at the next monthly gathering i.e. Youth Board Member on the Community Trust. Another Councillor suggested contacting some of the younger people who ran in the Council Election.

MOTION NO. 13

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council hereby appoint the following as Trustees to the MNCFN Community Trust:

- Elaine Lickers, Financial Representative for a two year term
- Jaimie Lickers, Legal Representative for a two year term

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 23.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION NO. 14

MOVED BY CASEY JONATHAN

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council adjourns this meeting at 4:30 pm.

Carried

