

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION**  
**Executive Finance Council Meeting**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**Monday, January 25, 2016**

**Start: 9:00 am**

**Finish: 3:55 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Evan Sault**

**Councillor**

**Cathie Jamieson**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Margaret Sault**

**Councillor**

**Arland LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Casey Jonathan**

**Executive Director**

**Cynthia Jamieson**

**Recording Officer**

**Charlotte Smith**

**Finance Director**

**Lilia Moos**

**Staff from Finance Department**

**Cindy Skye, Kelly Greene, Shirley Watson**

**Guests**

**Kelly Isfan, Winston Sardine, Lucy Popoli**

**Band Members**

**Elder Garry Sault, Max King**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:00 am. Chair conducted a smudge and prayer.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions, deletions and changes:

- Agenda Item No. 8 – Moved In-Camera;
- Agenda Item No. 15 – Deleted as Invoice has already been approved;
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – Motion coming back for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading;
- Agenda Item No. 17b) – Gym Meeting (SHS Director).

Carried

Councillor questioned Council's position on the subject of hunting in the New Credit Community. He noted that there are some unethical issues with regard to Six Nations hunters hunting deer at New Credit.

Chief stated that this issue will be put on the Regular Council (Tuesday, February 16, 2016) Agenda. (Chief left the room and was not present when Motion No. 1 was passed at 9:10 am, but returned at 9:11 am)

Direction has been given to the A/LMR Director to bring all pertinent information regarding hunting and all safety issues within the New Credit Community to the next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

It is also noted that Council together with the A/LMR Director will schedule a Special Council Meeting either on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am or Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Nanfan Deed and hunting rights. A/LMR Director will contact Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel) to be present for this meeting.

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the A/LMR Director to bring to the next Regular Council Meeting on February 16, 2016 all pertinent information with regard to hunting and safety issues within the New Credit Community.

**NOTE to A/LMR DIRECTOR (JULIE):**

It was suggested by Council to have a Special Council Meeting which preferable dates are either at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> or Monday, February 29, 2016 at 9:00 am to discuss the Nanfan Deed and the next Phase of moving forward and hunting & fishing rights. Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel) will need to be present. It is also noted that the A/LMR Director will take care of contacting Legal Counsel to find out what date he is available.

**SEPARATE NOTE:**

Executive Director handed out a letter from Klippensteins for Council to review. Kent Elson of Klippensteins would like to meet with Chief and Council at some point in the near future.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY ARLAND LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Public Minutes of Executive Finance Council Meeting of Monday, November 23, 2015.

Carried

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

4.1 – Agenda Item No. 6, Motion No. 4 – Letter was sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau regarding Special Education for First Nations Children. Letter is dated November 23, 2015.

Letter was acknowledged by Council.

Guests Band Member Max King, Kelly Isfan and Winston Sardine from the West Haldimand General Hospital in at 9:05 am. Band Member Garry Sault also in at 9:10 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – GUESTS – MAX KING (VICE-CHAIR), KELLY ISFAN (CEO) & WINSTON SARDINE (CHAIR) FROM WEST HALDIMAND HOSPITAL TO GIVE A PRESENTATION**

Band Member Max King who is the Vice-Chair of the West Haldimand General Hospital Board introduced his guests, Kelly Isfan – CEO and Winston Sardine – Chair of the West Haldimand General Hospital. Max requested a meeting with Council to give a presentation on the Hospital.

Ms. Isfan spoke first and stated that there are many changes within the Hospital. Last year the CEO retired. There has been an amalgamation between the Norfolk General Hospital and the West Haldimand General Hospital.

Mr. Sardine informed that the goal of the Hospital (West Haldimand) for the last six or seven years has been to have First Nations on the Board, and presently, there is Lori Davis-Hill and David Skye. There is always limited funding in health care. Mr. Sardine encouraged Council to speak to them if Council has any concerns.

Ms. Isfan pointed out that there were 400 people from New Credit visiting the Emergency Department in just over one year. She also pointed out the Strategic Directions listed below. She questioned how the Hospital could better educate physicians on cultural sensitivity.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS OF THE WEST HALDIMAND GENERAL HOSPITAL**

We will deliver the best care for patients & families;

We will build/develop partnership/alliances to better serve patients/families through integrated care;

We will be a magnet organization for staff, physicians and volunteers;

We will use resources wisely.

Mr. Sardine stated that the people who are now in place have a marked attitude for wanting to do better. If people have a complaint please contact Ms. Isfan.

Chief questioned if the Hospital has a list of traditional medicines and Ms. Isfan answered that the Hospital is now working on that as well as statistics.

Councillor noted that patients have to go to the Emergency Department to see their family doctors.

Councillor questioned the succession planning and Ms. Isfan replied that they are the succession plan. Councillor suggested that the Hospital could set up a booth at various MNCFN Council Meetings, i.e. Community Awareness Week.

Band Member Garry Sault informed that he had been at the Hospital from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm and did not have anything to eat. He suggested that the Hospital provide something to eat for

the patients who are waiting a long time to see a doctor. Mr. Sardine informed that volunteers are always needed and he agrees with Garry's suggestion.

Max King advised that as he sits on the Board, he will be back to request a monetary donation from Council.

Chief suggested that there should be a Protocol Agreement between New Credit and the Hospital. Ms. Isfan agreed and will begin putting something together.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 9:40 am.

Finance Director in at 9:40 am.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GUEST – ELDER GARRY SAULT TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON HUNTING & FISHING RIGHTS**

Band Member Garry Sault requested to be on the Council Agenda to give a presentation on hunting and fishing rights in New Credit's Traditional Territory. He informed that he was present last year when Council was discussing what was to be done with the Nanfan Deed, and to date, nothing has been done. He stated that Six Nations has violated his hunting and fishing rights, and he sent a letter of protest. He further pointed out that Kim Fullerton (Legal Counsel) wrote up a report and nothing was done. Why? He would like an answer as to why Council is not proceeding with this. He stated that if Chief and Council does not want to do anything, that he will start a class action suit. Councillor agrees with Garry and questioned Council's position on the Nanfan Deed. Garry stated that New Credit has the right as a Community to get the OPP to remove Six Nations from hunting in New Credit's Traditional Territory.

Chief advised that the document prepared by Kim Fullerton is not court ready yet. Stage 2 has not yet been completed.

Garry suggested arranging a meeting with the Hamilton Conservation Authority and straighten this out (Nanfan Deed); inform the media; move ahead in a good way and in a timely fashion.

Garry was thanked for his presentation and left at 9:57 am.

Finance Director stated that people do not need to hunt anymore as there is lots of food in the grocery stores. Councillors strongly disagreed with the Finance Director.

See Direction No. 1 above.

Council moved to an In-Camera session at 10:20 am.

Council moved out of the In-Camera session at 11:50 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 7.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FISHING IN MI’KMA’KI PROJECT OVERVIEW & REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

Executive Director explained that this letter is from a Project Coordinator trying to raise funds for a legal defense regarding Mi’kmaq Treaty Rights to fishing.

It was agreed that MNCFN Chief and Council does not support this request and the Communications Director will prepare a letter for the Chief’s signature to this affect.

A copy of the Events Policy will be made available to Council.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Communications Director to prepare a letter for the Chief’s signature to Native Harvest (Atlantic) Seafood (see attached letter) informing that MNCFN is unable to make a financial contribution to the “Fishing in Mi’Kma’Ki Legal Fund”.

**LUNCH BREAK 12:05 TO 1:05 PM**

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 9 at 1:10 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2015**

Finance Director went through the Financial Statements and explained them to the new Councillors. Page 1 lists the operating funds; Page 2 lists the cash flow. Chief reiterated that the words “Casino Rama” should be changed to “Gaming”. Chief also questioned the investment for Paymobile/XTM – where is it located in the Statements? Finance Director answered that there is none that she knows of. Councillor stated that documentation regarding Paymobile/XTM was presented at the Toronto Purchase Trust Community Meeting. Finance Director answered that the DSED has to provide her with this documentation. Mackie Research Capital Corporation reported on this as well.

Executive Director pointed out that Council invested dollars for Paymobile/XTM Marketing Company and the players are the same. Council has an investment in Alternative Investments which include Empire Global, WeedMD and Paymobile. Council has never received a report from Paymobile/XTM which should be generated by the DSED.

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Director to follow up with the DSED and bring to Council the final report on Paymobile/XTM.

Councillor reiterated that there is a Motion in place regarding the Paymobile cards.

**NOTE:**

Former Councillor Larry Sault attended a wrap-up meeting at a Bistro in Toronto regarding Paymobile/XTM and there was a final report. Also in attendance were former Chief Bryan LaForme, Chief Isadore Day, former Councillors Sharon Bonham and Clynten King; Councillors Arland LaForme and Erma Ferrell, DSED.

Councillor would like to see a copy of the Agreement with Paymobile/XTM as well as the report. He would also like a copy of the Motion regarding the Alternative Investments. Councillor replied that Georgina Villeneuve of Peace Hills Trust has already covered the original Agreement. Councillor questioned what could be done if he is suspicious of Mackie. It is noted that there are very strict guidelines which Mackie has to follow. Chair stopped this discussion and stated that it could be put on another Agenda.

Executive Director explained that when Peace Hills Trust and Mackie Research Capital Corporation come to present their report, they will also explain their roles and the Investment Policy. She (Executive Director) will make certain that copies of the TP Trust Agreement and Investment Policy will be made available to Chief and Council. Both PHT and Mackie will be presenting to Council on Monday, February 8, 2016.

On Page 1.1/11 former Chief Bryan LaForme is still listed. Why? Finance Director advised that she would correct this.

It is noted that Councillor Casey Jonathan was out of the room when this item was voted on.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Financial Statements of December 31, 2015 from the Finance Director.

Carried

Opposed: Councillor Erma Ferrell – There is still work to be done to get all the figures corrected.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – SUMMARY OF DOLLARS FOR PAN AM GAMES (FINANCE DIRECTOR)**

Finance Director explained that this report is for the two years of the Pan Am Games. Chair stated that this report does not reflect the first year wherein there was \$49,500.00 invested. Chair worked for the Pan Am Secretariat at the time. Chief informed that \$86,753.76 was transferred to Central Admin. Finance Director stated that these dollars were already in the budget and it was approved.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – INVESTMENT ANALYSIS – FOR DISCUSSION & FYI (FINANCE DIRECTOR)**

Finance Director brought this item to Council as she stated that Mackie Research Capital Corporation has not addressed her issue – that Mackie has not sent any invoices for investment fees. They owe New Credit invoices totaling \$137,184.23. She would like someone from Council to contact Mackie and request these invoices. Councillor advised that there are agreements and Motions/Direction in place for this sort of thing, and this is the first time she (Councillor) has ever heard of this.

Executive Director reiterated that Mackie are the Financial Advisors for the TP Trust, and that this item is a separate issue. Mackie will report this on Monday, February 8, 2016.

Direction was given to the Finance Director to prepare a letter to Mackie Research Capital Corporation to be signed by the Chief requesting invoices for investment fees in the amount of approximately \$137,184.23.

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Finance Director to prepare a letter to Mackie Research Capital Corporation & Sentry Investments requesting invoices for investment fees in the amount of approximately \$137,184.23. Letter will be approved by the Executive Director before it is signed by the Chief.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – AUDIT PROPOSALS – ENGAGEMENT OF A NEW AUDIT FIRM**

Executive Director brought this item to Council and has included four Requests for Proposal – Millards Rouse & Rosebrugh LLP, MNP LLP, KPMG LLP and BDO Canada LLP. She has recommended that BDO be chosen as they appear to be the most reasonable.

It is noted that KPMG is an international firm and that is the reason they are more expensive.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY ARLAND LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council appoints BDO Canada LLP as the Mississaugas of New Credit external auditor based on their proposal dated January 6, 2016 for the price of \$40,000.00 per annum which includes all reporting.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillor Casey Jonathan – Would rather see KPMG as Auditor as they are a top tier firm; Chief R. Stacey Laforme is also opposed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – FIRST NATIONS FORUM ON ENERGY, FEBRUARY 10 – 11, 2016, VANCOUVER, BC; IS ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?**

It was agreed that Councillor Casey Jonathan and someone from the DOCA office will attend the First Nations Forum on Energy on February 10 – 11, 2016 in Vancouver, BC.

**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives approval that Councillor Casey Jonathan as well as someone from the DOCA office will attend the “First Nations Forum on Energy: Setting Priorities” in Vancouver, BC on February 10 – 11, 2016.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Other/New Business.

Finance Director out at 3:25 pm.

Council moved to an In-Camera session at 3:35 pm.