

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION  
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Monday, November 14, 2016**

**Start 9:05 am**

**Finish 12:30 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Casey Jonathan (Sick)**

**Councillor**

**Evan Sault**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Margaret Sault**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Cathie Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Stephanie Laforme**

**Executive Director**

**Cynthia Jamieson (Vacation)**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**SHS Director**

**Rachelle Ingrao**

**HR Manager**

**Kerri King**

**DSED**

**Kevin Wassegijig**

**SHS Director**

**Rachelle Ingrao**

**Band Member**

**Carolyn King**

**Guests**

**Sean Stadnisky & Tracey Clark**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened the meeting at 9:05 am. Councillor Casey Jonathan is away sick. Councillor Erma Ferrell will be a few minutes late.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Agenda with the following addition:

- Agenda Item No. 11a) – New Councillor Stephanie Laforme – Appointments to Various Committees.

Carried

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

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

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

Carried

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

**4.1 – Direction No. 3 on Page 4** – Letter of Support to Standing Rock First Nation dated October 14, 2016.

**4.2 – Direction No. 12 on Page 4 of In-Camera Minutes** - Letter to Band Member dated October 14, 2016.

Council acknowledged both letters.

Councillor Erma Ferrell in at 9:14 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – FYI – LETTER FROM MOTHERISK COMMISSION DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the Communications Director to put the letter dated November 7, 2016 from the Motherisk Commission on the Website.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – INVESTMENT DOCUMENTS TO BE APPROVED - FINANCE DIRECTOR WILL BRING DOCUMENTS TO COUNCIL FOR SIGNATURE**

This item will come back to the next Executive Finance Council Meeting on Monday, November 28, 2016 after the Finance Director has had a chance to meet with Councillors Veronica King-Jamieson and Erma Ferrell.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – INAC (NOBA) NOTICE OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT #12 (TWO COPIES OF AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED)**

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council authorizes the signing of AANDC Amendment #12 in the amount of \$110,000.00 (One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars) fixed funding for 2016/17, which is comprised of the following:

- Housing Department (ie. workshops)–Capacity Development in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars)
- Sustainable Economic Development (housing authority) in the amount of \$80,000.00 (Eighty Thousand Dollars).

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Both copies of the agreement were signed by Chief and Council.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST – ANNUAL COMMUNITY TRUST UPDATE & INVESTMENT REPORT FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

Councillor questioned if the US Election of Donald Trump as President would affect New Credit's investments. Chief responded and said he contacted Peace Hills Trust and requested something in writing to ease Council and the whole Membership.

Councillor informed that she received an email from a Band Member who would like a breakdown of Chief and Council Travel. Chief pointed out that this information is in the Audit as well as on the MNCFN Website.

**MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the Annual Toronto Purchase Trust Community Trust Update – Trustees Report and the Toronto Purchase Trust Investment Report from Peace Hills Trust. Both reports will be discussed at the next Monthly Gathering Meeting on Saturday, November 26, 2017.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – HYDRO ONE – NEW FIRST NATIONS CONSERVATION PROGRAM – FOR DISCUSSION (RSL)**

Hydro One is offering a new First Nations Conservation Program.

The purpose of Hydro One First Nations Conservation Program is to help First Nation customers to have more comfortable homes and homes that use less electricity.

This program is offered to all residents of participating First Nations Communities at no cost.

The program is being offered on a Community by Community basis over several years – all Hydro One served First Nations Communities that were not served by the previous IESO (Independent Electricity System Operation). The Aboriginal Conservation Program will be offered to 47 communities.

The New Credit Community is being offered the program next year (2017).

Hydro One has partnered with First Nations Engineering Services Ltd. to help deliver the new Program – they're a First Nation business located at Six Nations.

First Nations Engineering Services Ltd. will also be looking at partnering with each participating First Nation Community to support Program delivery by hiring a local liaison person while the program is being implemented there.

The key role of the liaison person is to ensure customer awareness of the program and support logistics, such as application completion and appointment scheduling with each resident who wants to participate.

Councillor stated that New Credit already has received funding for a Community Energy Plan.

Hydro One's Acting Senior Manager would like to come and do a presentation to Chief and Council of the First Nations Conservation Program.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the DSED to contact Daniel Charbonneau, Acting Senior Manager - First Nations & Metis Relations of Hydro One Networks Inc. to invite him to come and do a presentation to Council regarding Hydro One New First Nations Conservation Program. This item will be placed on the Infrastructure & Development Council Agenda for Monday, January 9, 2017.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – FIRST NATION AUTO INC. – FOR DISCUSSION (RSL)**

Chief received a notice from First Nation Auto Inc. who would like permission to do business with the First Nation in terms of buying a vehicle.

This Notice is an FYI for Council.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11a) – NEW COUNCILLOR STEPHANIE LAFORME – APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

New Councillor Stephanie Laforme will be the Co-Chair of Infrastructure & Development Council.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the Office Clerk to provide the list and any other information to Councillor Stephanie Laforme of the various Committees that previous Councillor Arland LaForme was on. This will come back to a later meeting once Councillor Laforme has received all the information.

**NOTE:**

The Chiefs Assembly for the AFN is being held in Quebec on December 5 – 8, 2016 and Council will be attending. The Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, December 5, 2016 will be cancelled until the next scheduled Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017.

## **SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES**

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – IMMEDIATE RELIEF FUNDING FOR CHILD WELFARE PREVENTION IN FIRST NATIONS**

#### **MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the \$53,470.22 (Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars & Twenty-Two Cents) from INAC for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Funds will be utilized for child welfare prevention activities.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – GUESTS – REPRESENTATIVES FROM HEALTH CANADA, FIRST NATIONS & INUIT HEALTH BRANCH TO DO PRESENTATION ON FUNDING MODELS**

This item was put on hold.

Council moved In-Camera at 9:50 am.

Council moved Out of Camera at 10:34 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 13.

SHS Director and guests Sean Stadnisky and Tracey Clark in at 10:35 am

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – GUESTS – REPRESENTATIVES FROM HEALTH CANADA, FIRST NATIONS & INUIT HEALTH BRANCH TO DO PRESENTATION ON FUNDING MODELS**

Guests were introduced and handouts were provided. Tracey Clark from Health Canada spoke first. She advised that Health Canada would like to transition from the Set Funding Model to the Flexible Funding Model for MNCFN.

Steve Stadnisky also from Health Canada stated that he would like this discussion to be informal. He joined Health Canada in January 2015. He had to retire from the Canadian Forces (in Sault Saint Marie) because of post traumatic stress disorder. He began his presentation by going through the slide presentation and highlighting certain areas. He stated that there are three funding models set out by the Treasury Board which are Set, Flex and Block. New Credit is in a set model presently. Health Canada would like to see First Nation Communities having Block Funding.

Ms. Clark pointed out that the present agreement MNCFN has with Health Canada is until 2018.

Chief informed that Council is working on a Strategic Plan which includes seven pillars to support the vision. The plan is to have all New Credit's funding in Block, and eventually, Chief and Council would like to separate Health and Social Services. He also informed that there will be a health/wellness pillar and two Councillors will be assigned to this alone. Ms. Clark stated that Health Canada would come and work with the two Councillors. She also stated that the

normal process is to go from Set to Block. Chief advised that the Strategic Plan would fit very well under Block.

Ms. Clark questioned what New Credit's agreement is with INAC. Chief answered it is either Set or Flex. Ms. Clark stated that New Credit can move to Flex and start in 2017. She also stated that the general assessment for New Credit is very good.

Ms. Clark noted that under Block Funding, New Credit is entitled to whatever allocations there are available and are completely eligible to apply. New Credit can also apply for more funding. New Credit is entitled to Requests for Proposals and other things, however, Mr. Stadnisky advised that he would like to see a good plan from New Credit.

Chief pointed out that the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) has a model for disbursing dollars, and he questioned if separate First Nations could apply for these dollars. Ms. Clark answered yes, and New Credit should not continue with COO. New Credit can negotiate directly with us (Health Canada). Any new funding that comes out, New Credit would get the base allocation.

Councillor noted that an ambulance was called by a Band Member and the Band Member received an invoice. Councillor questioned how this could be changed. Mr. Stadnisky answered that this is not unique to First Nations. Ms. Clark stated she would look into this and get an update back to the Community. She further advised that AFN is being looked at in context.

Band Member Carolyn King pointed out that there is a Nature Trail in the Community and New Credit needs dollars to upgrade and maintain it. Splash pads are \$300,000.00 to build. Ms. Clark answered that if the Nature Trail was part of the mental health plan, she would question it. She explained that the Set Model is what you have to do; Flex Model – everything is flexible; Block Funding – here is your money to do with as you please, but Health Canada has to know that the Community is behind the endeavor.

Councillor questioned what is the process to obtain reimbursement for an ambulance? How can the Dental Plan be improved? Will there be an administration fee. Ms. Clark answered that there will be no administration fee. She will investigate further regarding the Dental Plan. Ms. Clark went on to say that New Credit is entitled to \$10,000.00 for planning and the deadline is four months to have the application completed and sent.

Ms. Clark informed that New Credit could send an overview/summary for the Block Funding.

The reporting requirements are the same. Under Block CBRT is a requirement. New Credit will still get 100% funding. Ms. Clark stated that there is a fear that Councils will take the dollars and move into other areas.

People are very concerned about NADAP. For 25 years people have been in these same positions, and now there is a question of what they have done all these years.

Ms. Clark informed that Flex and Block will both work for New Credit. Planning dollars can be used any way, and MNCFN can determine where the dollars will go. Health Canada does not care if New Credit has its own source revenue.

Mr. Stadnisky informed that the Federal government wants to get out of funding Long Term Care Homes, however, Palliative Care is different. The lines between senior residential and

nursing homes have become blurred.

The \$10,000.00 could be used to assist with the Strategic Plan, but Health Canada would need to know New Credit's wellness programs.

Councillor questioned if dollars are available to renovate homes where Seniors could stay in their homes and not have to move to a Long Term Care Home. Could New Credit be the ideal model for this? Ms. Clark answered yes, and suggested that New Credit talk to the Garden River First Nation. She also noted that she could put New Credit in touch with Communities who have Block Funding.

Mr. Stadnisky asked the Chief if MNCFN Council is cutting out the middle man, and Chief answered yes. Ms. Clark stated that a BCR is required stating New Credit's intention and direction. She also informed that she will send copies of both funding models. Medical Transportation will be covered regardless.

SHS Director has the guests contact numbers.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 12:04 pm.

On another note, Councillor noted that it was a Health MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) that Chiefs of Ontario had and was rejected at Special Chiefs Forum on Health on November 7 – 8, 2016 in Toronto. It was postponed until November 22, 2016 because a lot of First Nations are not in agreement with it, and not enough Chiefs were present.

Councillor stated that the Chief should respond and say that New Credit is not signing on November 22, 2016.

SHS Director out at 12:11 pm.

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

There was no Other/New Business.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Other/New Business.

Council moved In-Camera at 12:20 pm.



