

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

Start 9:10 am

Finish 12:03 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Casey Jonathan

Councillor/Chair

Evan Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Margaret Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson (Away on Council Business)

Communications Director

Deanna Dunham

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Education Director

Amanda Sault

SHS Director

Rachelle Ingrao

HR Manager

Kerri King

A/LMR Director

Julie Laforme

Native Horizons Treatment Centre

Wanda Smith

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Evan Sault called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Councillors Cathie Jamieson and Margaret Sault opened in prayer. Councillor Casey Jonathan will be a few minutes late. Communications Director (filling in for Executive Director) will also be a few minutes late.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

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

- Agenda Item No. 7 – Deleted – (Verbal Update on Mississauga Signing Accord);
- Agenda Item No. 9a) – Chief to give update on Chiefs of Ontario – Discussion with Chief Isadore Day;
- Agenda Item No. 9b) – Thank-A-Vet Luncheon with Dave Levac (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 9c) – Chief, Council and Administration Process (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 9d) – Eagle Staff Process (VKJ);
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL (PUBLIC) MINUTES

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Education & Social Services Public Council Minutes of September 12, 2016.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Communications Director in at 9:20 am.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

Wanda Smith, Executive Director of Native Horizons Treatment Centre in at 9:15 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – GUEST – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (WANDA SMITH) FROM NATIVE HORIZONS TREATMENT CENTRE (NHTC) TO DO A FURTHER PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL – SEE ALSO ATTACHED LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 FROM NHTC (WANDA SMITH)

Council requested that Wanda Smith (Executive Director of NHTC) give a further presentation regarding the 25 year extension that Ms. Smith is requesting from Council for the lease of the NHTC.

Chief pointed out that Council would like NHTC to work with the Social & Health Services Department as some of the programs from both departments could complement each other. Ms. Smith answered that she thinks this is a good idea.

Chief advised that the Strategic Plan includes health and wellness. He also noted that 25 years is a long time. Could there possibly be a compromise? Councillor reiterated that there is a review of the lease that is done every five years wherein the value of the building is considered.

Ms. Smith stated that NHTC has nothing to hide and suggested that this information be put in the Newsletter.

Ms. Smith reiterated that they (NHTC) are not borrowing any dollars. The government is coming on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 to assess the building. That is the reason she is asking for the 25 year extension. Ms. Smith went on to say that this new Liberal government is behind a real push to fund Treatment Centres.

Ms. Smith informed that the priority is having Members of First Nations on the NHTC Board. NHTC is a national program so they (NHTC) have to accept people from all across the country. NHTC has two Relapse Prevention Programs which are culturally based plus an Outreach Counselling Program.

It was agreed that both Ms. Smith and the SHS Director would meet to introduce their staff and discuss how they can work together on various programs and projects.

Wanda Smith out at 9:35 am.

A/LMR Director pointed out that she was not privy to all the meetings, but Council had considered using the building for other things. She suggested that it could be used for emergency housing.

Councillor noted that this will be a brand new lease, and not an Addendum.

It was agreed that Council would approve the 25 year lease subject to obtaining legal counsel.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agree to enter into a new agreement with Native Horizons Treatment Centre (NHTC) for a period of 25 years from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2043 at a starting rate of \$4,000.00 per annum with a \$250.00 yearly rental increase. And further, a review of the lease will be completed every five (5) years.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Chief R. Stacey Laforme – would have been content with a 15 year lease.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the SHS Director to contact Wanda Smith (Executive Director of Native Horizons Treatment Centre); SHS Director will introduce her staff to NHTC Executive Director. It is understood that both Social & Health Services Department and Native Horizons Treatment Centre will work together on various programs and projects.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the A/LMR Director to forward the new Lease with Native Horizons Treatment Centre to Brian Finnigan (Legal Counsel) once the Lease has been completed in order for Mr. Finnigan to give his legal advice if required.

Councillor Casey Jonathan in at 9:21 am.

Executive Director of NHTC out at 9:35 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – STANDING ROCK DONATION – (COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR)
(CARRIED OVER FROM I & D COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2016)**

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY CASEY JONATHAN

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the donation of \$500.00 (as per the decision of the Mississauga Nationhood Meeting of September 16, 2016) from the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation to Standing Rock Sioux Tribe – Dakota Access Pipeline Donation Fund. Funds to be provided through the Casino Rama fund.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the Communications Director to prepare a Letter of Support for the Chief's signature to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline. Enclosed with the letter will be the MNCFN Flag. Deadline for completion of the letter will be Friday, October 14, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – VERBAL UPDATE ON THE MISSISSAUGA ACCORD SIGNING (COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR)

This item has been deleted. It was agreed that information would be emailed from the Communications Director to Chief and Council as the information becomes available from the other Mississauga Nations.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – MODERN TORONTO – A SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (COUNCILLOR CASEY JONATHAN) (CARRIED OVER FROM I & D COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2016)

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the Office Clerk to confirm tickets for Councillors Casey Jonathan, Cathie Jamieson, Veronica King-Jamieson, and Margaret Sault (Chief already has his ticket) and transportation to the Heritage Toronto Awards on Monday, October 17, 2016 in Toronto.

SEPARATE ITEM

Council agreed that Regular Council on Monday, October 17, 2016 will be changed from 7:00 pm to 9:00 am as Council will be attending the Heritage Toronto Awards in the evening.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) – CHIEF TO PRESENT UPDATE OF DISCUSSION WITH CHIEFS OF ONTARIO – REGIONAL CHIEF ISADORE DAY

Chief R. Stacey Laforme has met with Regional Chief Isadore Day and Chief Day confirmed a Meeting with MNCFN Chief and Council.

Regional Chief Day informed he did not charge his staff with the opening of events.

It was suggested that Councillor Casey Jonathan could do the opening at the Chiefs of Ontario Economic Forum on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson informed that she will be attending.

Councillor reiterated that there is a Special Chiefs Assembly of the Chiefs of Ontario and the sale of Hydro One. Chief and Councillor Margaret Sault will decide between themselves which one will be attending.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9b) – THANK-A-VET LUNCHEON WITH DAVE LEVAC – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016 IN THE MORNING AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, BRANTFORD (EF)

Chief informed that he will go to the Thank-a-Vet Luncheon on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Assumption College in Brantford. It is also noted that Councillors Margaret Sault and Veronica King-Jamieson will also attend.

There is also the Creation Story which is scheduled for November 2 – 4, 2016 at the Community Centre. Communications Director informed that hosting the Creation Story will cost \$5,000.00.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9c) – CHIEF, COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION PROCESS (EF)

Councillor informed that if Council has any questions, those questions should be directed to the Executive Director and not the Senior Management.

With regard to the Vets Ceremony on Sunday, November 6, 2016, Councillor questioned if this is in the annual budget. Councillor also informed that there was a Memorial for Diep that was hosted in Hamilton and some New Credit Band Members attended, but no one from Council attended.

Communication Director informed that starting next year, the Cultural Events Coordinator will be arranging this (Vets Ceremony) event.

Communications Director also informed that Relationship Building falls under her job description.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the Executive Director to confirm that the Veterans Ceremony on Sunday, November 6, 2016 is carried out.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the Communications Director to prepare a template letter, and signed by the Chief, that will go to the various municipalities in order to start building relationships. Letter will be completed by Friday, October 28, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9d) – EAGLE STAFF PROCESS (VKJ)

Councillor questioned if the Eagle Staff was going to be brought to the Community Centre. It has to be a male who carries it.

Councillor questioned if the Communications Director has a list of designated staff carriers. Communications Director stated that she needs some clarity on who can carry it. HR Manager informed that women are also allowed to carry the staff.

Communications Director stated that the Elders said that Councillor Evan Sault had no right to carry the staff.

Communications Director informed that she will bring back an Elder's List.

Councillor stated that the Eagle Staff should not be used in a photo op.

The Eagle Staff will stay in the Chief's office for the time being. Whoever would like to borrow it will request it from the Communications Director.

Chief out at 10:47 am for another appointment.

SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES

SHS Director in at 10:45 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – FNIHB (FIRST NATIONS & INUIT HEALTH BRANCH) FUNDING RENEWAL (SHS DIRECTOR)

SHS Director noted that as per recommendation 29 from the MNCFN Organizational review, “separate Social and Health Services...” preliminary steps are being taken, including researching alternate funding models for Health Canada First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) dollars.

MNCFN has been in a ‘set funding agreement’ with FNIHB for multiple 3 year funding cycles.

The SHS Director believes it would be most beneficial for the Community to move to a ‘flexible funding model,’ beginning April 1, 2018.

SHS Director has invited Sean Stadnisky, Senior Funding Officer, FNIHB to present to Chief and Council on the various funding models, and what may be most beneficial for the unique and evolving needs of MNCFN, at the November 8, 2016 Education & Social Services Council Meeting, if approved.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees to a presentation from representatives from Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, at the Nov 14, 2016 Council Meeting, to obtain information on funding models, as this is a preliminary step in the splitting of Social and Health Services.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

Council moved In-Camera at 10:55 am.