

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
REGULAR COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
October 17, 2016

Start 9:07 am

Finish 12:35 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Casey Jonathan

Councillor/Acting Chair

Margaret Sault

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

Communications Director

Deanna Dunham

DOCA

Mark LaForme

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Margaret Sault called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened in prayer. Chief is away on other Council business.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW & ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Regular Council approves the Agenda with the following additional items:

- Agenda Item No. 14b) – North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) – Major Events Committee – Canoe Project Working Group;
- Agenda Item No. 14c) – OPP Report;
- Agenda Item No. 14d) – FYI – Letter of Support for Standing Rock;
- Agenda Item No. 16a) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE PUBLIC MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Regular Council accepts the Regular Council Public Minutes of Monday, August 15, 2016.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 **NOTE:** Direction No. 4 on Page 6 of the Regular Council Public Minutes dated July 18, 2016 – Communications Director prepared a Letter of Support regarding the Indigenous Peoples Court to Alexandra Paparella. Letter is dated August 15, 2016.

Council acknowledged above letter.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST – THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 2016 FOR APPROVAL

It is noted that the Auditor BDO will be added to the Agenda for the Monthly Gathering on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Executive Director will prepare the Agenda to reflect the presentation of the Auditor and Toronto Purchase Trust - Peace Hills Trust, who will also be presenting.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Regular Council approves that the Toronto Purchase Trust Third Quarter Newsletter from Peace Hills Trust dated September 18, 2016 will be put on the MNCFN Website under Band Members Only.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Communications Director to add the following to the Agenda for the Monthly Gathering dated Saturday, November 26, 2016:

- Auditor will do a presentation.

Councillor Casey Jonathan and Chief R. Stacey Laforme in at 9:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – HERITAGE MISSISSAUGA COMIC BOOK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION (VKJ)

Councillor informed that more copies of the Comic Book are required for the whole Community. Executive Director noted that Faith Rivers and the Cultural Committee have lots of copies.

Councillor also questioned why Council is not receiving copies of the Heritage Mississauga Board Minutes.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Communications Director to have a discussion with Faith Rivers (MNCFN Rep for Heritage Mississauga) prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Heritage Mississauga Board of Directors, and if there is anything pertaining to MNCFN Chief and Council, Faith Rivers will forward to the Communications Director who will bring it to Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – INDIGENOUS GUARDIANS GATHERING FOR DISCUSSION (VKJ)

Councillor attended the Indigenous Guardians Gathering. She stated that the Committee wants to submit a proposal, but does not want it to go through AFN. Executive Director pointed out that years ago Chief and Council acted as a flow through and Council would have to include this group in their audit.

Councillor has set up a meeting with Mark LaForme (DOCA) to inquire as to whether he wants to apply for the funding. Executive Director noted that First Nations are monitoring water, fish, land etc. And she questioned what this funding was for.

Councillor will give the contact name and telephone number to the Chief.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – WOODLAND CULTURAL CENTRE BOARD MEMBERSHIP (EF)
(SEE ALSO BCR TO BE SIGNED)**

Councillor advised that MNCFN will not be paying any dollars to the Woodland Cultural Centre for Board Membership. Another Councillor questioned if this could harm New Credit's Cultural Committee dollars.

Councillor will meet with the Executive Director of the Woodland Cultural Centre to clarify whether or not New Credit can apply for its own dollars.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to Councillor Erma Ferrell to speak with Janis Monture (Executive Director of the Woodland Cultural Centre) and clarify what "annual commitment of financial support to the Centre in the nature of those governments funds made available from time to time to First Nations for First Nations Cultural purposes" means.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – REQUEST FOR UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF REGARDING HYDRO ONE (EF)

Chief stated that Council does not have enough information for Council to make a decision regarding buying shares of Hydro One. There is some information available, but not much. He also noted that Hydro One does not set the energy rates. Where would New Credit take their grievances once everything is in place.

Councillor stated that a big problem with Hydro One is the delivery charges. If New Credit were to buy shares, this would only be a stock investment. Chief answered there would be no liability if it is only a stock option.

It was agreed that more information is required. See Agenda Item No. 11 below for more information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – FYI - INAC FUNDING STRATEGIC PLAN – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL CLARIFY

Executive Director clarified that this is only an FYI for Council as it has already been dealt with. A BCR has already been sent and New Credit's multi-year funding will be amended.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – CHIEFS OF ONTARIO ENERGY FORUM UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director attended the Chiefs of Ontario Energy Forum and brought back a three page report dated Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

By way of background she (Executive Director) noted the Ministry of Energy requested (responsible to oversee the electricity sector and issue directives for generation, transmission, management & conservation (June 27/16) that the Ontario Energy Board (independent regulator of Ontario's natural gas and electricity sectors) examine and report back on options for an appropriate electricity rate(s) by January 1, 2017.

It appears the catalyst for the request for the Report is the table established via the Political Accord between First Nations and Ontario. The table is to begin addressing historic issues outside of litigation. That is, First Nation Treaty & Land Rights were not accounted for when industry or government made decisions about lands and resources.

To inform the Report, Chiefs of Ontario (COO) and Ontario Energy Board (OEB) representatives are holding meetings in five locations to dialogue on ideas for the design, development and implementation of the First Nations Rate. The draft Report is to be presented at the COO Assembly in November 2016.

Executive Director pointed out on Page 3 that in June 2015 the Province approved the sale of 60% of Ontario Hydro to which the Regional Chief objects to based on the failure on the part of the Provincial Crown to consult with First Nations. There is also the alarming rate of high dollars for the delivery portion.

The Ontario Energy System consists of generation, transmission, distribution and consumers.

During the meeting, a survey was handed out, but only 11 people attended. Councillor informed that the DSED was given this same survey when he was in Thunder Bay.

The survey includes the following:

- Rank the greatest concern in your community when it comes to energy bills (eg. affordability, reliability, time of use rates, distribution rates);
- Asks if an Aboriginal Energy Conservation Program (AECPP) has been implemented in your community and if you would be willing to share (note: SED was successful in securing funding to hire someone to assist in the development of a AECPP for MNCFN, has reposted the position with a view to complete the project by Dec. 2017);
- Ontario Energy Board handout includes charts of rates eg. Average Residential Electricity Bill (ie. Electricity 51%, Delivery 46%, Regulatory cost to cover operation 3%);
- COO handout includes comments to date (eg. delivery charge should be eliminated, rebate should be shown on bill, affordability & delivery rates are biggest concerns so far).

Summary Sale of Shares in Hydro One

- July 12, 2016 Agreement in Principle by the Province and the First Nations in Ontario for the Province to sell to First Nations for their collective benefit up to approximately 15 million shares of Hydro One (2.5% of the outstanding common shares) depending on level of First Nations participation;
- If ratified touted as providing opportunities for First Nations for collective wealth creation & advance Economic Development initiatives;
- Requires minimum of 80% First Nation participation by the end of 2017;
- If ratified the Province would sell shares to a new investment vehicle owned collectively by First Nations (perhaps similar to the OFNLP for the gaming funds);
- Purchase would be financed with a 25 year loan from the Province up to \$268 Million depending upon the level of First Nation participation at the rate of the Provincial relevant borrowing rate plus 15 basis points;
- Shares to be sold at \$18.00 per share (Ontario would also provide seed capital up to \$45 Million depending on level of First Nation participation over first three years.);
- Province will remain largest shareholder and no other shareholder may hold more than 10%;
- As of July 12, 2016 stock has been trading at \$24.00-\$26.00 and 30% of shares were sold

On June 3, 2015 a budget bill approved the sale of 60% of Ontario Hydro which was questioned by the Ontario Regional Chief as a failure by the Province to consult with First Nations as there are numerous transmission and distribution lines running throughout the territory.

Minister of INAC, Jane Stewart in 1998 offered First Nations the Federal apology in the form of the Statement of Reconciliation and some 18 years later Premier Wynne (May 2016) offers the Provincial Statement of Reconciliation and some \$250 Million over the next three years to help address healing and reconciliation. Councillor pointed out that if it was a true apology, First Nations should have been given the shares.

The Chiefs in Assembly established a Chiefs Committee on Energy to undertake the proposed sale initiative on behalf of the 133 First Nations in Ontario. The final report has to be in by January 2017 and by December 2017 80% of First Nations have to be on board.

Executive Director questioned who would get the seed capital of \$45 Million and for what purpose.

Executive Director presented some risk factors: 1) Hydro One cannot set its own rates; 2) Hydro One is heavily in debt; 3) If New Credit invests, how secure is Hydro One?

Executive Director cautioned when presenting this to the Community be very careful how it is presented as the Band Membership will need to know both sides. It was agreed that this item would be presented at the Monthly Gathering of Saturday, October 29, 2016.

There is another meeting of the Chiefs Forum on October 20, 2016 in Thunder Bay. It was agreed that Councillor Margaret Sault and Executive Director would attend.

Councillor questioned if Peace Hills Trust could review the Prospectus and see whether it is a good investment.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives approval that Councillor Margaret Sault will attend as Proxy for Chief R. Stacey Laforme, and Executive Director Cynthia Jamieson will also attend the Chiefs of Ontario Energy Forum on the sale of Hydro One on Thursday, October 20, 2016 in Thunder Bay, Ontario. It is understood that any other Member of Council can attend if he/she wishes.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the DSED to invite the Ontario Energy Board and Chiefs of Ontario to present and answer questions on the Energy Engagement Sessions and the sale of Hydro One (since time is of the essence, this should be done well before November 16, 2016).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – GRAND RIVER FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION (SED ASSISTANT)

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Regular Council approves the request of the Grand River Foster Parent Association to use the Community Centre free of charge on Sunday December 18, 2016 to hold their Annual Children's Christmas Party.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – DIRECTION NO. 2 FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCILLOR PROVIDED AN UPDATE/CONCERNS FROM THE MONTHLY GATHERING MEETING OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Councillor informed that there had been a resignation from the Board of 839 Co. Band Member Clynten King resigned. Another Band Member should be appointed. Executive Director suggested that 839 Co. would be required to post for this position.

Chief noted that 839 Co. is still unsure of the funding and flow of cash.

Councillor advised that the Strategic Plan, Wealth Creation and 839 Co. should be presented at the Monthly Gathering on October 29, 2016.

Another Councillor questioned if there is an ongoing list of items to be discussed at future Monthly Gatherings.

Councillor suggested having the Chiefs of Ontario and the Ontario Energy Board present at 1:00 pm at the Monthly Gathering of Saturday, October 29, 2016. Also, the other Mississauga Chiefs should be invited to hear the presentation.

Councillor stated that some type of information and/or Agenda should come to Chief and Council before the information goes to the Community.

It was suggested that the Focus Groups be cancelled, and further, is it really necessary for them to be paid an honorarium. Councillor stated that he would like more information on what these Focus Groups are all about.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the DSED to prepare a Briefing Note for Executive Finance on Monday, October 24, 2016 on the membership status of 839 Co including whether the vacancy has been posted.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Communications Director to invite the Mississauga Chiefs and invite them for lunch as well as participating in the presentation which will be added to the Agenda for the Monthly Gathering on Saturday, October 29, 2016. In the event that the Ontario Energy Board and the Chiefs of Ontario are unable to attend, DSED will present the information (handouts and a report). It is noted that there is a change in the Agenda and the above presentation will begin at 1:00 pm.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Communications Director that when preparing the Agendas for the Monthly Gatherings, those Agendas will come to Council for approval before they are sent to the Community.

Chief R. Stacey Laforme and Councillor Casey Jonathan out at 12:01 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14a) – EAGLE’S NEST

DIRECTION NO. 8

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to Mark LaForme (DOCA) to coordinate with the Economic Development Department (DSED) to move the Eagle’s Nest from the Green Willow Property to the workshop at the Kuiper Property.

Council moved In-Camera at 12:10 pm.

MOTION NO. 8

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Regular Council moved Out of Camera.

Carried

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 14b).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14b) – NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES (NAIG) – MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE (MEC) – CANOE PROJECT WORKING GROUP

Councillor brought this item to the Council Table. NAIG has requested from New Credit a Letter of Support in the Legacy Working Group – Canoe Project. Mississauga, Six Nations, Huron and Metis are also working in this group. Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will assist Marsha Trudeau-Bomberry with the budget.

Councillor stated that the MEC (Major Events Committee) will appoint a Representative for the NAIG Legacy Working Group.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Regular Council approves that a Letter of Support be sent to Marcia Trudeau-Bomberry of the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games Host Society regarding the Birch Bark Art and Canoe Project.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

DIRECTION NO. 10

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Communications Director to prepare the Letter of Support to Marcia Trudeau-Bomberry of the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games Host Society regarding the Birch Bark Art and Canoe Project. Letter will be sent by Friday, October 21, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14c) – FYI - OPP REPORT

Council acknowledged the report for September 2016 from OPP Inspector Phil Carter.

Chief stated that he would ask the OPP to send someone in Mr. Carter's place if he (Mr. Carter) cannot attend the monthly Regular Council Meetings.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14d) – LETTER OF SUPPORT TO STANDING ROCK

DIRECTION NO. 11

That the MNCFN Regular Council gives direction to the Executive Director to follow up with the Communications Director regarding the donation to Standing Rock.

Council moved In-Camera at 12:20 pm.