

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION  
EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Monday, February 13, 2017**

**Start 9:06 am**

**Finish 2:38 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**R. Stacey Laforme**

**Councillor**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Casey Jonathan**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Evan Sault**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Margaret Sault (Excused)**

**Councillor**

**Cathie Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Stephanie Laforme**

**Executive Director**

**Cynthia Jamieson**

**Recorder**

**Charlotte Smith**

**SHS Director**

**Rachelle Ingrao**

**ECC Supervisor**

**Patti Barber**

**Education Director**

**Amanda Sault**

**PW Director**

**Arland LaForme**

**DOCA Director**

**Mark LaForme**

**Communications Director**

**Deanna Dunham**

**Community Consultation Officer**

**Charlene Thomas**

**Guests**

**Chief Leslie White-Eye, Brent Debassige,**

**Ashley Sisco, Philip Cote & Sandra Shaul**

**Band Members**

**Carolyn King and Tim Sault**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Evan Sault called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened in prayer. Councillor Margaret Sault is away on other Council business.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

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

- Agenda Item No. 16a) – Enbridge Community Investment Funding (ECC Supervisor);
- Agenda Item No. 16b) – Youth Job Connect (YJC) Employee Placement Contract & Funding Approval (ECC Supervisor);
- Agenda Item No. 17a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 17c) – In-Camera Item.

NOTE: Chief Leslie White-Eye and her team will present a presentation on “Education Collective” at 1:00 pm.

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE JANUARY 16, 2017 EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES PUBLIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the January 16, 2017 Education & Social Services Public Council Minutes.

Carried

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

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

L. Charlene Thomas in at 9:05 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – COMMISSIONER OF OATHS**

Georgina Villeneuve of Peace Hills Trust (PHT) advised on February 3, 2017 of the new requirements on the Toronto Purchase Trust to ascertain not only the identity of clients but whether a client is a “political exposed person (PEP)”.

PHT sent a two page form #3001 to be completed by the Chief and each Councillor (1<sup>st</sup> page) and a Commissioner of Oaths to witness the signatures and complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> page. The Commissioner of Oaths must ‘check’ as being either an employee or agent of PHT.

Commissioner of Oaths – L. Charlene Thomas witnessed the signatures of Chief and Council with the exception of Councillor Evan Sault who will bring his copy to the Land, Membership & Research Office to have his signature witnessed.

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council authorizes the MNCFN A/Community Consultation & Lands Research Officer, L. Charlene Thomas, to act as the agent for Peace Hills Trust solely for the purpose of witnessing the signing of Form 3001 by Chief and Council in her capacity as Commissioner of Oaths.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

L. Charlene Thomas out at 9:20 am.

## OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – MTO SUBSIDY (PW DIRECTOR)

#### **MOTION NO. 4**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves the Petition for Subsidy on Road Improvements under the Provisions of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act on Expenditures made during the 2016 calendar year in the amount of: TWO HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS (\$202,397.15) Public Works Director has discussed this submission with Ray Kellestine, Regional Operations Officer to ensure information is accurate and complete prior to submission. In addition, MNCFN Council approve: Arland LaForme, Director of Public Works, Brandon Hill, Road Superintendent and R. Stacey Laforme, Chief to authorize the forms.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Communications Director in at 9:15 am.

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MNCFN TERRITORY RECOGNITION STATEMENT/LOGO RELEASE POLICY (COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR)

Direction was given to the Communications Director to develop a Policy regarding who can use the MNCFN Treaty Lands & Traditional Territory Recognition Statements. The Policy is attached for review and approval. The reference for the MNCFN flag is removed. The word “Traditional” has also been removed as suggested by the Water Committee.

Communications Director noted that New Credit is the only First Nation which has treaties with this land.

Councillor suggested a change from Mississaugas of the New Credit to “Mississaugas of the Credit”. She also suggested that the history be delivered to the Grand Erie District School Board.

Another Councillor suggested that the Recognition Statement and the Logo should be separated. Councillor requested that the Policy should come back after further revisions. Communications Director answered that she will change it in the Preamble.

Communications Director stated that this is the third time this Policy has come back to Council.

#### **DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the Communications Director to revise the MNCFN Territory Recognition Statement/Logo Release Policy, and bring back to the next Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 for approval.

Communications Director out at 9:35 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – SILO WIRELESS & FIBER OPTIC CABLE (DSED)**

Executive Director noted that fiber optic is more reliable than what New Credit presently has. Fiber optic would only be installed in the Band owned buildings.

Band Member stated that if it is just for the Band owned buildings, then New Credit does not need it. She questioned if the service was going to be provided for Band Members.

It is noted that the DSED has no new information at this time. As soon as he receives the information he will forward to Chief and Council.

## SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 12.

SHS Director in at 9:45 am.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

SHS Director informed that the Scarborough Hospital Foundation is requesting MNCFN membership on their board.

The CEO of the Scarborough Hospital Foundation met with the Chief and the Chairs of Education and Social Services Council in December 2016. It appeared that the Chief and Chairs of the Education and Social Services Council were in favour of having MNCFN membership on the board.

A Member has not yet been selected to sit on the Board

It is the opinion of the SHS Director that as the Scarborough Hospital Foundation is out of the jurisdiction of the majority of Band Membership, MNCFN representation on the Board may not be necessary

The Community Health Nurse currently sits at the Indigenous Health Network Table, a combination of First Nations Health Service Providers and Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) staff members. The focus of the Table is improving health services in the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand/Brant jurisdiction

The expectations for the Board Member, should one be appointed, are as follows:

- ✓ Attend four board meetings/year
- ✓ Join a sub-committee
- ✓ Make a financial commitment to the Foundation for Scarborough and Rouge Hospital
- ✓ Participate in fundraising by identifying prospects
- ✓ Facilitate introductions and participate in calls

Chief noted that Scarborough is not MNCFN's jurisdiction, but is still our Traditional Territory. It is unknown if any Band Members live there.

Executive Director pointed out that delivery of service would be very time consuming.

It was agreed that Pat Mandy would be contacted and requested by Council to attend the first meeting of the Scarborough Hospital Foundation Board. SHS Director will find out when the first meeting is to be scheduled.

#### **DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to the SHS Director to contact Pat Mandy and request Ms. Mandy to attend the first meeting of the Board of the Scarborough Hospital Foundation to investigate what it would require for a Board Member from MNCFN to sit on this Board. It is noted that Ms. Mandy will be paid honorarium (meals and travel) to attend. SHS Director will also find out the date of the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – DONATION TO ALZHEIMER’S SOCIETY**

SHS Director informed that the Alzheimer’s Society is requesting a board member donation.

Frances LaForme, A/Home & Community Care Coordinator/Supervisor is representing MNCFN on the Board. Frances reported to the Director of SHS that Board Member Organizations provide donations to the society, but MNCFN has not yet provided a donation to the Society. SHS Director made a request to Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (HC-FNIHB) to use Home and Community Care salary surplus for the donation and were denied the request.

Council agreed that a \$1,500.00 donation would come from the Council Donation Budget.

**MOTION NO. 5**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives approval to make a charitable donation to the Alzheimer’s Society of Brant, Haldimand/Norfolk Hamilton Halton in the amount of \$1,500.00 ( One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars). Dollars will come from the Council Donation Budget for 2016-2017.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES TEAM BUILDING**

SHS Director is requesting \$600.00 annualized funding from Council to go toward Social and Health Services morale building/team building initiative.

SHS Director brought this item to the OMT meeting where all the other Directors were agreeable to this incentive program for the SHS staff.

It was agreed that the SHS Director would incorporate these dollars into her annual budget.

**MOTION NO. 6**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives permission to the SHS Director to include \$600.00 (Six Hundred Dollars) annually in her budget for Team/Morale Building.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

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

There was no Other/New Business.

SHS Director out at 10:05 am.

## **OTHER/NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 9.

Guests Sandra Shaul and Philip Cote in at 9:50 am.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – GUESTS – PRESENTATION – MURAL FOR MASSEY COLLEGE – FUNDING REQUEST**

Sandra Shaul requested to do a presentation to Council regarding the Mural for Massey College which Philip Cote will be creating. She is also requesting funding assistance in the amount of \$15,000.00. The Ontario Arts Council did not fund any dollars in this amount.

Ms. Shaul gave some background information on the Chapel at Massey College in Toronto which will be proclaimed a "Royal Chapel" on or about July 1, 2017, in honour of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation, and in recognition of the Chapel's location on the Traditional Lands of MNCFN.

Ms. Shaul felt it was critical to have a strong Indigenous voice to address the history surrounding the Mural.

Philip Cote informed that in the spirit of truth and reconciliation the Chapel will contain historic symbols of the Crown and First Nations of the Great Lakes region, and will also represent the history of the 1763 Royal Proclamation and the ensuing Treaty of Niagara of 1764.

Chief stated that he thinks that Massey College lacks a true recognition and a broader historical account of Indigenous people.

Guests were thanked and left at 10:40 am.

Councillor questioned why there was only one artist, and why MNCFN could not use their own artists.

Another Councillor questioned how this is representing New Credit other than the funding assistance.

Chief advised that when this letter is being prepared it should include the process of how MNCFN selects its artists.



**MOTION NO. 7**

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFOMRE

SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council approves a donation of \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to St. Catherine's Chapel Royal Committee of Massey College regarding the Mural which will be completed and installed by Philip Cote before the proclamation on July 1, 2017. Dollars will come from the External Donation Policy.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillors Erma Ferrell and Stephanie Laforme – Last week Council denied a request from a Band Member in the amount of \$1,500.00.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council gives direction to Chief R. Stacey Laforme to write a letter to the St. Catherine's Chapel Royal Committee, and include in the letter the discussion that had taken place in today's Council Meeting regarding the process of how the artist was chosen.

# **EKWAAMJIGENANG CHILDREN'S CENTRE & EDUCATION**

ECC Supervisor and Education Director in at 10:25 am.

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL**

ECC Supervisor informed that the Early Learning Committee (ELC) would like to expand/evolve their group in the hopes of better servicing the MNCFN Community Members.

The ELC has been meeting on a monthly basis to share information, plan together, share in professional development, and coordinate events. The ELC has identified many gaps in the services of MNCFN, such as maintaining a connection with youth, communication and mental health for all.

Chief stated that Native Horizons Treatment Centre should be included.

Councillor informed that she would like to be on the emailing list.

Councillor questioned if the Committee would need a Terms of Reference. Executive Director answered yes, there should be.

### **MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council agrees that it is proposed that the "Early Learning Committee" transform to a "Lifelong Learning Committee" composed of representatives of various service providers for all ages. Sharing of information, plans, training, and challenges will increase understanding of community needs, improve overall well-being, rejuvenate the Anishinaabe language and tradition, and support attainment of learning goals of the Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nation. The new Lifelong Learning Committee would include but not be limited to representatives such as: Ekwaamjigenang's Children Centre, LSK Elementary School Principal, Education Department, Social & Health Services, our secondary schools, Employment and Training, Contact North Supervisor, Education Authority, Culture & Events Coordinator, Community Health Nurse, Children's Mental Health, Native Horizon's Treatment Centre, and Early Child Development. We also propose, in an effort to support the education networking and information sharing, that the new Committee has a Chairperson, a meeting recorder, and any other position as required. We would like to have quarterly meetings and attendees may designate an alternate as well.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Other/New Business.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 16a).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16a) – ENBRIDGE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDING (ECC SUPERVISOR)**

ECC Supervisor stated that Mark Laforme provided the opportunity for Rachele, Amanda, Elisa, and herself to meet with Sonia Fezari; Enbridge Senior Advisor, Aboriginal Affairs, Eastern Region to discuss possible funding eligibility under the Project Line 10 Community Investment Program. This is a program where Enbridge gives back to communities through philanthropy supporting activities that focus on community, well being and environment. Some of the neighbouring community projects include: Six Nations Food Bank, Hagersville Food Bank, Covenant House and Grand River Conservation Authority.

Currently Sonia Fezari has available and has offered a donation of \$4,000.00 to the Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre (ECC). We would like to use these funds to purchase a new 49 Cubic foot stand up freezer to replace the existing three freezers and the staff refrigerator freezer portion we are currently running (one of which has encroached into our staff room). This is an item we have been trying to prioritize for a year now and there always seems to be other budget requirements and constraints that come up pushing this priority down the list. Purchase of this freezer helps to continue to support stewardship of the environment as running one freezer rather than three will help to cut electricity consumption at ECC as one of the three freezers is from August 26, 1989. Further this purchase would support and enable us to continue to provide exceptional variety of foods to the children.

Included are three quotes on two door 49 cubic foot freezers:

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|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. Staples                    | \$4299.99 | (Maxx Cold)        |
| 2. Canadian Restaurant Supply | \$4679.99 | (True)             |
| 3. Costco                     | \$4999.99 | (Maxx Cold Series) |

**Note:** Difference to be paid through our NCA Furniture and Equipment MEDU transformation funding.

Councillor reiterated the issue of the van and stated that Council asked Enbridge for a letter of release. DOCA Director noted that his department has a Capacity Funding Agreement with Enbridge for the Field Liaison Representatives. Sonia Fezari informed that Enbridge wanted nothing in return. And further, Sonia has \$100,000.00 to give to communities. She also does not need anything in writing.

Executive Director pointed out that Council would need a confirmation letter from Enbridge that MNCFN will not be encumbered.

Councillor stated that she would like to see the contract before she makes any decision regarding accepting these dollars.

Education Director pointed out that this is a good opportunity to buy things for LSK, and a list will be made up for what the Education Department needs as well as Social & Health Services and the Child Care Centre.

**MOTION NO. 9**

MOVED BY ERMA FERRELL

SECONDED BY

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Enbridge Community Investment Funding in the amount of \$4,000.00 (Four Thousand Dollars) to purchase a two door 49 cubic foot freezer for the Ekwaamjigenang Children's Centre subject to written confirmation from Enbridge that the donation will in no way encumber MNCFN.

Chair called for a Secunder three times and no one responded.

**Motion is Defeated**

**NOTE:** This item has been tabled until the DOCA Director can obtain a confirmation letter from Enbridge that the above donation will not encumber MNCFN.

This item will be put on the next Education & Social Services Council Agenda for Monday, March 13, 2017.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16b) – YOUTH JOB CONNECT (YJC) EMPLOYEE PLACEMENT CONTRACT & FUNDING APPROVAL (ECC SUPERVISOR)**

**MOTION NO. 10**

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council accepts the Youth Job Connect Employment Amendment for an increase of \$2,351.25 (Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty One Dollars & Twenty-Five Cents) for an amended total of \$6,395.40 (Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five Dollars & Forty Cents) Extension and Funding Contract with GREAT and continue our partnership with GREAT.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

ECC Supervisor and Education Director out at 11:20 am.

**MOTION NO. 11**

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council moved In-Camera at 11:21 am.

Carried

## **COUNCIL RECONVENES EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING AT 1:25 PM**

**MOTION NO. 15**

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY CASEY JONATHAN

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council reconvenes the Education & Social Services Council Meeting at 1:25 pm.

Carried

Chief Leslie White-Eye and Brent Debassige in at 1:15 pm.

### **CHIEF LESLIE WHITE-EYE FROM CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION & HER TEAM TO DO A PRESENTATION ON FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COLLECTIVE**

Chief Leslie White-Eye of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation and her team requested a meeting with MNCFN to speak about the First Nations Education Collective.

By way of background Chief White-Eye explained that an assessment of the negotiated agreement was done, and it was determined that they (Chippewas of the Thames) were not ready to pursue Anishnabec Education. There is a shortfall in the agreement regarding family wellbeing and healing.

Chief White-Eye along with other First Nations has formed an organization called the First Nations Education Collective. This is meant to be a political and technical support. Three sessions have taken place so far – Rama in April 2016; Kings College in June 2016; and Manitoulin in October 2016.

One of the parameters is a First Nation would have to be running a school to participate in the Collective. Chief White-Eye stated that Minister Bennett telephoned this morning to talk about the initiative. The Chief (White-Eye) advised that the Collective has been using the United Nations Development Program as a guideline as the UN has been in existence for 50 years.

Brent Debassige's (Director of Education at Western University) involvement in the Collective is education leadership. He informed that he is looking for ways to support the Collective. For example, a Centre of Excellence in Education would be a good place to start. Everyone needs to collaborate within our territories. He informed that he is looking at ways to combine strengths in each Community, and to think about the sustainability into the future.

Another Chief called on the telephone and stated that her First Nation has been self administering education since the 80's. Jurisdiction is very important.

Chief Laforme stated that he has no problem doing an environmental scan, but MNCFN is already embarking on education. Chief Laforme sees roadblocks in the Collective.

Councillor questioned if it was the intention of the Collective to create its own curriculum. Chief White-Eye answered that the province is failing our children. Councillor added that one of the weaknesses is a lack of resources.

Chief White-Eye informed that INAC did agree to fund their proposal - capacity funding.

Chief Laforme excused himself as he had a medical appointment.

Brent stated that he would like to identify a youth as a “mentee” from each Community. He also stated that he is trying to develop capacity building as they go along.

Ashley Cisco in at 2:20 pm. Ashley assists Brent.

Education Director questioned if Chief White-Eye and her team are asking New Credit to be a part of their Collective, to which Chief White-Eye answered yes. There is a real need to work collectively on these efforts. The Education Director then asked what will INAC fund. Chief White-Eye answered that INAC is only funding the Chippewas of the Thames, however, she is also asking for dollars for New Credit. The research is the key to moving forward. Evidence based on decision making is critical. The Chippewas of the Thames have signed an agreement with Laurentian University. Chief White-Eye is very tired of no consultation with First Nations.

Guests were thanked for their presentation and left at 2:30 pm.

**SEPARATE ITEM**

**DELOITTE SCHEDULE TO MEET WITH SENIOR MANAGERS – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017.**

Councillor Casey Jonathan will ask Deloitte to clarify the reporting template and what it will be used for.

**MOTION NO. 16**

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Education & Social Services Council adjourns this meeting at 2:38 pm.

Carried