

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
PUBLIC MINUTES
Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

Start 9:02 am

Finish 11:20 am

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Casey Jonathan

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Margaret Sault

Councillor

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Stephanie Laforme

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson (Vacation)

Recorder

Charlotte Smith

PW Director

Arland LaForme (Filled in for Ex. Dir.)

DOCA Director

Mark LaForme

Traditional Knowledge & Land Use

Coordinator

Darin Wybenga

DSED

Wade Griffin

Guest

Joshua Dent

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Casey Jonathan opened the meeting at 9:02 am. Chief will be a few minutes late as he had to go to LSK. Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson will be a few minutes late.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the Agenda with the following addition:

- Agenda Item No. 16a) – Question on Process – EF.

Carried

CONSULTATION & ACCOMMODATION

DOCA Director, Joshua Dent and Darin Wybenga in at 9:10 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – GUEST – DR. JOSHUA DENT TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE RESEARCH PORTAL PILOT PROJECT

DOCA Director has informed through his Briefing Note and Dr. Dent that MNCFN has been asked to participate in *The Research Portal*, a community driven research platform connecting communities with academics.

Many Indigenous communities lack the capacity and resources to undertake specific areas of research on their own.

Social sciences and humanities departments across Canada are increasingly turning towards community based, participatory, applied research with a public value.

The Research Portal proposes to pair interested graduate students and faculty with Indigenous communities to conduct research that is community focused. The two parties connect and negotiate the terms of the research and the desired outcomes.

Background information on *The Research Portal* is provided and Dr. Joshua Dent is present to describe the project.

Dr. Dent informed that *The Research Portal* is a web listing service, and it is part of MITAC. There is no cost to the First Nation. The funding will come through government grants and universities. Councillor was puzzled that there would be no costs because of what happened with MITACS. Dr. Dent stated that there would be a cost for the Liaison person.

Dr. Dent also noted that he has the full support of Western University. The goal for the first year is to just gather information. Then a Newsletter will be produced. After the first year more thought will be given as to where this will go eg. all across Canada.

DOCA Director pointed out that nothing will be done without the Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator's (Darin Wybenga) approval and Council's approval. Councillor questioned if Darin would be compensated for his work and Dr. Dent answered no.

DOCA Director noted that all this research could be done for free. However, it is noted that Darin Wybenga will be the Liaison person and will be paid from the DOCA Department.

Dr. Dent stated that there would be a general signed agreement. Chief informed that the student(s) who does the research must know the history of MNCFN.

Dr. Dent informed that Six Nations, Chippewas of the Thames, Oneida etc are all on board with this project.

Dr. Dent was thanked for his presentation.

A decision will be made later in the Agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DSED in at 9:30 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN (IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE WHOLE PLAN (203 PAGES) RECORDER HAS IT AVAILABLE)

The DSED informed that the Community Energy Plan has been prepared for MNCFN by Cambium Aboriginal Inc. Applications for implementation funding are due by October 2, 2017.

The Community Energy Plan has been developed to guide the MNCFN Community's future regarding energy. Current energy use was determined and projections were calculated for future energy needs. Opportunities and priorities related to energy education, conservation, and generation were identified. These were used to develop an Implementation Plan. It was determined that having a force driving the implementation of the Community Energy Plan is imperative to its overall success. It is recommended that a Community Energy Liaison person be hired to perform this task, as well as a Community Energy Committee be established to assist during the implementation process.

DSED stated that this Community Energy Plan ties in with the Strategic Plan.

Councillor reiterated that someone will have to look for grant money etc.

DSED suggested having some type of sweat equity.

Councillor questioned if Cambium would be doing the training. DSED did not really know, but noted that there are other firms/consultants we could contact. It is noted that the DSED will be the Supervisor for this project, and resumes will be required.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY MARGARET SAULT

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council accepts the Community Energy Plan as being complete.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

There was no Other/New Business.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council moved In-Camera at 9:50 am.

Carried

LANDS, MEMBERSHIP & RESEARCH

A/LMR Director in at 10:20 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – GENERAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A/LMR Director brought this item to Council to see if there was any interest in increasing the number of Councillors representative of Band Population.

The Indian Act states that Bands can have one Band Councillor for every 100 Band Members up to a maximum of 12.

MNCFN passed a BCR in the mid 1980's requesting they remain at one Chief and seven Councillors. Band Population at that time was approximately 800.

Current Band Population is approximately 2,500.

MNCFN currently remains at one Chief and seven Councillors. Is this a sufficient representation for 2,500 Members?

An increase to the number of Band Councillors was briefly discussed when Council was considering moving to the First Nations Election Act.

A/LMR Director added that it would cost approximately \$120,000.00 a year to add two more Councillors.

It was agreed that Council would remain status quo with one Chief and seven Councillors.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council directs that the A/LMR Director will investigate increasing the number of Councillors when creating the MNCFN's own Election Code.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – LAND SALES

A/LMR Director stated in her Briefing Note that the issue is Land Sales between Band Members but purchased by non-members.

A Band Member recently stated they've been offered \$ to sell a non-member their home and property.

The non-member has relatives who are MNCFN Band Members. He/she has stated they will put the lands into MNCFN Band Member's name. He/she has stated they would like to build a housing sub-division on the property.

The non-member also is discussing a land sale with another Band Member.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16a) - QUESTION ON PROCESS – EF

Councillor questioned the process for employees. The flow of information was questioned when information is requested by Chief and Council and is directed to the Executive Director then through to the employees. The response in some cases was not following the same reporting structure. For example, Council's concern was regarding an HR Manager issue. The response came directly from HR to Council and did not follow the reporting structure in the reverse order which Councillor thought should have.

PW Director (who was filling in for Executive Director today) spoke with the HR Manager briefly and HR Manager informed that depending on the nature, timelines, and/or sensitivity of the issue that this process would put more stress on an already overloaded workload and possibly create undue unnecessary delays. Clarification is required on the process.

Councillor pointed out that Chief and Council and staff should review the organizational chart.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council directs the Executive Director/PW Director to update Chief and Council on the process of Senior Managers reporting to the Executive Director and she reports to Chief and Council. For example, HR Manager reporting directly to Council.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 5.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – GUEST – DR. JOSHUA DENT TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE RESEARCH PORTAL PILOT PROJECT

Councillor stated she is not in agreement with this. New Credit had to put a lot of money into MITACS (Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems). She questioned if this was also a SHERC's grant. Council needs to make sure everything is in place. Who will own the information? Councillor would like an agreement or MOU from them to us.

MOTION NO. 9

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council authorizes the MNCFN – DOCA to participate in "The Research Portal", and further, that the DOCA Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator (Darin Wybenga) be designated as the community contact for "The Research Portal".

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

Motion is Defeated

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Infrastructure & Development Council directs the DOCA Director to prepare an MOU/Agreement/Proposal regarding The Research Portal and bring it back to the next Education & Social Services Council Meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017 for approval.