

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION
Executive Finance Council Meeting
PUBLIC MINUTES
Monday, November 27, 2017

Start: 9:10 am

Finish: 12:10 pm

Chief Councillor

R. Stacey Laforme

Councillor

Evan Sault

Councillor

Cathie Jamieson

Councillor/Chair

Veronica King-Jamieson

Councillor

Margaret Sault

Councillor

Erma Ferrell

Councillor

Casey Jonathan (Away on Council Business)

Councillor

Stephanie LaForme

Executive Director

Cynthia Jamieson

Recording Officer

Charlotte Smith

SHS Director

Rachelle Ingrao

PW Director

Arland LaForme

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING

Chair/Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Councillor Cathie Jamieson opened in prayer. Councillor Erma Ferrell will be a few minutes late. Councillor Casey Jonathan is away on other Council Business.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – REVIEW AND ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION NO. 1

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Agenda with the following additions:

- Agenda Item No. 6a) – Follow Up Questions from Monthly Gathering of Saturday, November 25, 2017;
- Agenda Item No. 12b) – Follow Up From Medicine Wheel Project (EF);
- Agenda Item No. 14a) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 14b) – In-Camera Item;
- Agenda Item No. 14c) – In-Camera Item.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017

MOTION NO. 2

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Public Minutes of Executive Finance Council Meeting dated Monday, October 23, 2017 with noted revisions.

Carried

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MINUTES

There was no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MOTIONS & DIRECTIONS – FURTHER DISCUSSION ON PROCESS & CLEARER COMMUNICATION BY CHAIRS

Executive Director informed that a Report had been done by the Recorder regarding clear Motions and Directions.

Councillor noted that Directions have to be clear. She also stated that Chief and Council need training in the new year on Chairing meetings.

Executive Director will add this to the Chief and Council Orientation Revised Draft.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – CHIEF & COUNCIL ORIENTATION – DECEMBER 18 – 19, 2017

Chief admitted that Chief and Council are not the best communicators. What is important is that the Executive Director has a process in place.

DIRECTION NO. 1

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council gives direction to the Executive Director to add “Item No. 13 – Further Training for Chairs, and Clarifying Motions and Directions” to the Revised Draft of the Chief & Council Orientation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6a) - FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS FROM MONTHLY GATHERING OF SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

At the monthly Gathering on Saturday, November 25, 2017, a Band Member wanted to see the Chief and Council honoraria and travel when the Auditors were presenting the Audit.

Executive Director also pointed out that the Auditors should have a schedule of the above honoraria and travel to hand out to Band Members the next time they are presenting to the Membership.

It was noted that the Executive Director will follow up with the Communications Director to send a notice to Band Members that there is a schedule available on the Website for Chief & Council Honoraria and Travel under Band Members Only Section.

Councillor has an issue with the Ottawa Trust Fund, and questioned if MNCFN can ask Ottawa for a breakdown of the dollars.

DIRECTION NO. 2

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to investigate and take steps required to obtain the dollars held in the Ottawa Trust Fund for MNCFN and that these dollars be sent to MNCFN. And further, MNCFN Chief and Council would like a breakdown of the dollars eg. fines, annuity payments etc. A letter will also be drafted for the Chief's signature outlining the above.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – ROTMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT FOLLOW-UP FROM COUNCILLOR ERMA FERRELL

Councillor is requesting permission to renew the subscription for the Newsletter from Rotman School of Management.

Councillor will order one copy and put it in the Resource Room in a binder and add a check mark page.

This item will be dealt with later in the Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – BRANT COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SHS DIRECTOR)

The SHS Director, in her Briefing Note is requesting authorization to appoint one of the Chairs of Education and Social Services Council to apply for the Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS) Engagement Committee.

A Motion was passed at the September 12, 2017 Education and Social Services Meeting to accept the investigative report into the BCHS, and that should an opportunity present itself for a Patient and Family Advisor and/or BCHS, a Community Member or Member of Chief and Council be considered.

The SHS Director received direction at the November 14, 2017 Education and Social Services Council Meeting to provide an update on the aforementioned.

CHN, Margaret Copeland met with Scott Secord, Community Mental Health and Health System Integration Lead for BCHS regarding upcoming opportunities for MNCFN involvement.

The deadline for applications to the BCHS Engagement Committee is November 30th, 2017.

MOTION NO. 3

MOVED BY EVAN SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Chairs of Education and Social Services Council to apply to sit on the Brant Community Healthcare System Engagement Committee, by the deadline of November 30th, 2017. Applications must include a letter describing why one wants to be a Committee Member, as well as a history of employment, and emailed to communications@bchsys.org.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017 (FINANCE DIRECTOR)**

Executive Director informed that the Finance Director is away sick. This item will be added to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017.

Councillor requested a GL Listing and Financial Statements for the Media and Communications Department since its inception.

DIRECTION NO. 3

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to request a GL Listing and Financial Statements from the Finance Director for the Media and Communications Department (MCD) for each fiscal year since inception.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9a) - COUNCIL REQUESTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON NAIG

It has been zeroed out in the Financial Statements.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – RFP – FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR TORONTO PURCHASE TRUST (FINANCE DIRECTOR)

Executive Director noted in her Briefing Note that as per Section 10.9 the Trustee shall cause to have evaluated the performance of the Investment Managers against industry standards for portfolios similar policies, objectives and investment guidelines and advise the Council of the results. Such evaluation is to be conducted by an independent Financial Advisor. If the Council does not issue a Council Resolution requiring an annual evaluation, the Trustee shall ensure that such evaluation is conducted at least once every four years.

Such evaluation has not happened since Peace Hills Trust was selected as a Corporate Trustee on April 21, 2014.

On October 24, 2017 Council requested a Request for Proposal to be drafted for a Financial Advisor.

Councillor questioned if a Financial Advisor is needed since the Mercer Reports are provided.

Chief stated that there is a conflict with Jeff Frketich of Peace Hills Trust.

DIRECTION NO. 4

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to re-edit the RFP regarding the Financial Advisor for the Toronto Purchase Trust, and double check the numbers.

MOTION NO. 4

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves the Request for Proposal to select a Financial Advisor for the Toronto Purchase Trust.

Carried

2nd Reading Waived

Opposed: Councillors Margaret Sault and Erma Ferrell – Financial Advisor is not needed as we have the Mercer Reports.

Executive Director out at 10:30 am to attend to personal business. PW Director (in at 10:30 am) took over for the Executive Director.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN – 7 PILLARS & LEAD COUNCILLORS

Executive Director noted that Council has approved the Strategic Plan which contains seven pillars. Each Councillor is taking the lead in a pillar. Each Councillor is to draft a Terms of Reference for his/her Pillar Committee that includes the following sections:

- Purpose/Mandate
- Scope/Jurisdiction
- Responsibilities/Roles
- Committees
- Process
- Meetings
- Reporting Mandate Review
- Budget
- Authority/Governance

Additionally, Council has approved a budget of \$20,000.00 per Councillor/Pillar to the end of March 2018, and the majority of Council have developed a Draft Terms of Reference for their Pillar Committee.

Council discussed at their Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, November 21, 2017, but wished to revisit the “Associated Department” list prior to acceptance.

DIRECTION NO. 5

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs all the Councillors to send their Terms of Reference with noted changes to the Executive Director and Public Works Director.

DIRECTION NO. 6

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs Pillar 5 (Lead Councillor Erma Ferrell) to consult with Pillar 7 (Lead Councillor Margaret Sault) to make certain both Pillars are going in the right direction to determine priority items on governance.

MOTION NO. 5

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY ERMA FERRELL

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council hereby recognizes the Councillor Pillar Lead and associated Department as follows:

Pillar 1 Ec. Growth & Job Creation, Councillor, Casey Jonathan, Depart. Sustainable Ec. Dev.

Pillar 2 Well Being & Wellness, Councillor, Evan Sault, Department of Social/Health Services

Pillar 3 Environ & Sustainability, Councillor, Cathie Jamieson, Depart.

Lands/Membership/Research

Pillar 4 Educ & Awareness, Councillor, Veronica King-Jamieson, Depart. Education

Pillar 5 Indep Sovereign People, Councillor, Erma Ferrell, Depart. Consultation & Accommodation

Pillar 6 Infra/Comm/Mem Dev. Councillor, Stephanie LaForme, Depart. Public Works

Pillar 7 Leadership/Gov, Councillor, Margaret Sault, Department of Administration

The Associated Department while lending technical support to the Councillor Pillar Lead will also be responsible for processing Pillar Committee expense claims which include:

- Committee Member Honoraria (Member to be approved by Council once identified)
- Costs associated with Committee meetings (eg. Rental, meals)

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12a) – REVITALIZATION OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

MOTION NO. 6

MOVED BY MARGARET SAULT

SECONDED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council **accepts and directs** the Executive Director to sign the Participation Agreement between the Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, Inc. (ILDI) and the Participating Community - Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN); and

Approve Cathie Jamieson – as a Council Rep/Youth Rep, Tena Sault – Language Instructor, James Shawana – Language Instructor, Amanda Sault – Education Director, Caitlin Laforme – Culture and Events Coordinator subject to supervisor approval.

Carried
2nd Reading Waived

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12b) – FOLLOW UP ON THE MEDICINE WHEEL PROJECT (EF)

Councillor stated that she has worked on this project for seven years trying to get it off the ground.

It was noted that the SHS Director planted trees in honor of Donna and Deanna Sault.

Councillor noted that there are boundary lines between LSK School and the Children’s Centre.

Another Councillor suggested placing this project near the Council House, and Chief suggested using the grove, and request that the Cultural Committee to look after it.

DIRECTION NO. 7

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs Councillor Stephanie LaForme to meet with the Cultural Committee regarding next steps on the Medicine Wheel Project. It is noted that the University of Waterloo students in Architecture are looking for a project to design and build.

MOTION NO. 7

MOVED BY R. STACEY LAFORME

SECONDED BY EVAN SAULT

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moved In-Camera at 11:30 am.

Carried