

**MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION**  
**Executive Finance Council Meeting**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**Monday, January 29, 2018**

**Start: 9:05 am**

**Finish: 4:45 pm**

**Chief Councillor**

**R. Stacey Laforme (Sick)**

**Councillor**

**Evan Sault (Sick)**

**Councillor**

**Cathie Jamieson**

**Councillor**

**Veronica King-Jamieson**

**Councillor/Chair**

**Erma Ferrell**

**Councillor**

**Rodger LaForme**

**Councillor**

**Stephanie LaForme**

**Executive Director**

**Cynthia Jamieson**

**Recording Officer**

**Charlotte Smith**

**DSED**

**Wade Griffin**

**ECC Supervisor**

**Patti Barber**

**Finance Director**

**Lilia Moos**

**A/MCD Director**

**Donna Duric**

**Legal Counsel**

**Colin Salter, Charles Vincent**

**Guests**

**Lucy Marion, Shawn Brown, Perry Steiner, Ron Steiner, Paul Fernandes, Kathy Ratchford**

**Band Member**

**Sonya Sault**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN MEETING**

Chair/Councillor Erma Ferrell opened the meeting at 9:05 am. Chief is away sick. Councillor Evan Sault called at 10:30 am informing he was sick.

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

**MOTION NO. 1**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

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

- Agenda Item No. 7 – moved to Agenda Item No. 11a);
- Agenda Item No. 19a) – Further Discussion Regarding Special Council Meeting – Friday, February 2, 2018;
- Agenda Item No. 19b) – Set aside a time when Regional Chief Isadore Day will come and speak to Council regarding Ontario and AFN issues;
- Agenda Item No. 19c) – Questions from Band Members who attended the Monthly Gathering Meeting on Saturday, January 27, 2018;
- Agenda Item No. 19d) – Facebook Page (VKJ).

Carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REVIEW & ACCEPT THE (PUBLIC) MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE FINANCE COUNCIL DATED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Page 3 – Executive Director will meet with the SHS Director and inform her about Six Nations Child Welfare Designation. Executive Director will find out what is the difference between Brant Family & Children’s Services and Six Nations. Andrew Koster stated that Six Nations would service their own children.

Executive Director will request a Briefing Note and update from the SHS Director.

Council agreed that New Credit will not be under Six Nations. Councillor pointed out that this is all about dollars, not children.

**MOTION NO. 2**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Public Minutes of Executive Finance Council Meeting dated Monday, November 27, 2017.

Carried

**DIRECTION NO. 1**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to meet with the SHS Director and inform her of the Six Nations Designation of Child Welfare. Executive Director will also request the SHS Director to prepare a Briefing Note and an update in this regard.

**DIRECTION NO. 2**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs Councillors Larry Sault and Veronica King-Jamieson to get some dates and organize further training for Chief and Council on the Chairing of Meetings.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a) – REVIEW & ACCEPT SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017**

**MOTION NO. 3**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Special Council Minutes of Thursday, October 19, 2017 regarding Communications Department – Report from Raven Consulting/Gordon Group.

Carried



Council moved to Agenda Item No. 6.

Guests Lucy Marion and Shawn Brown in at 10:10 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – GUESTS FROM ACTON HIGH SCHOOL (HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD) TO GIVE A PRESENTATION (VKJ)**

Lucy Marion (Principal of Acton High School) and Shawn Brown (Teacher at Acton High School) requested a presentation with Chief and Council. All were introduced.

Ms. Marion informed that they are here as representatives for Acton High School. There are 422 students enrolled in the school. They start their monthly meeting with honoring the land. She is aware of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls To Action. The school would like to engage in this. They would also like to acknowledge their role as Educators in fostering steps to reconciliation with all Indigenous peoples of Canada.

Ms. Marion noted that they are exploring ways to deepen their honour towards & acknowledgement of the Treaty Lands in which MNCFN traditionally lived on. They would like to see two street names renamed that lead up to the school. Mr. Brown questioned if there was a logo or other picture that he could add to their curriculum and/or the street name. Better yet, Councillor informed that someone from MNCFN Council could go to them and give a presentation of the true history and facts of MNCFN.

Councillor questioned who developed the curriculum about MNCFN. Mr. Brown answered that the curriculum they teach in their school was developed by Tammy Hardwick and the government.

Another Councillor stated that "we would like to give you our own history". She informed that New Credit does have a website and all the maps of the Traditional Lands are on the website.

Councillor reiterated that Premier Kathleen Wynne gives preference to Six Nations. He strongly stated that MNCFN are the Traditional Land Owners, and does not want to see any misleading information in print. He would also like to see someone from MNCFN Education Department working on their Board.

Both Ms. Marion and Mr. Brown acknowledged that they need more learning.

Mr. Brown stated that there is a process whereby the Town of Halton has a Sustainability Grant and MNCFN could be a partner of this initiative. If the grant is approved, the street signs will be created and given to the Town of Halton to put up. The deadline to apply for this grant is April 1, 2018.

**DIRECTION NO. 3**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to prepare a Letter of Support for the project of changing two street signs in Acton, Ontario. Letter will be signed by the Chief. Letter will also come back to Council for approval before being signed. Councillors Cathie Jamieson and Veronica King-Jamieson will arrange a meeting with Acton High School Representatives and convey to them the truth and correct history of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

Guests out at 10:45 am.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 5.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – INAC MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT EXTENSION (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)**

Executive Director informed that INAC has offered a one-year extension as there is a delay because the INAC offices have been split. She also noted that it will be more costly to fund multi-year agreements now that INAC has split their offices.

Councillor stated that he will not agree to anything until he sees a legal letter from INAC stating they will agree to a one-year extension. He informed that years ago the Eastern provinces accepted a 10 year funding agreement under duress and it did not go well with them.

With regard to the new fiscal arrangements between AFN and the federal government, AFN Chief Perry Bellgarde does not have the authority to sign for anyone.

Executive Director will obtain a legal letter from INAC offering a one-year extension to MNCFN's Multi-Year Agreement. Once the letter is received from INAC Executive Director will bring it back to Council.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 7.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – UPDATE ON MEETING WITH OPG – NANTICOKE SOLAR PROJECT (LS & DSED)**

This item was moved to become In-Camera Item – Agenda Item No. 11a).

DSED and guests Ron Steiner and Perry Steiner in at 11:00 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – GUESTS – THE STEINER GROUP TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON GAMING (LS)**

Councillor invited the Steiner Group to come and present to Council regarding lobbying for MNCFN with the Ontario government specific to the issue of gaming. Councillor stated that Council wants to deal directly with Casinos in MNCFN's Traditional Homelands.

Ron Steiner gave a backgrounder on his credentials. He is a principal of the Steiner Group which has been actively involved in the gaming industry for over 40 years. Ron's efforts were significant in fostering and maintaining the mutually beneficial relationship between the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. It is noted that the Steiner Group is a free agent as they have signed off on all their agreements with the government, particularly with the government and Scugog.

Ron reiterated that there are six Casino properties in the MNCFN Traditional Territory.

It is noted that Six Nations announced a tentative deal with the Brantford Casino. Under this agreement Six Nations will receive a one-time \$12.5 Million payout and \$4.5 Million in each of the next 20 years. It is further noted MNCFN asserts jurisdiction over the lands on which the Brantford Casino (Between the Lakes Treaty No. 3 of 1792) is situated and land which Six

Nations alleges is their territory.

Councillor believes there is a tight timeframe with regard to the Brantford Casino. First – the Writ will drop on March 10, 2018, and second the candidates for the upcoming election will need to be addressed. That will mean there is six weeks to get this on the Agenda of the candidates. Ron answered and said there is not enough time to do this. He suggested preparing a letter to go to the Liberals, NDP and PC's. Another Councillor stated that Pape Salter (Legal Counsel) can prepare the letter. The DSED is directed to get a list of names as to who the letter would be sent to.

**DIRECTION NO. 4**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the DSED (Wade Griffin) to prepare a list of names to whom the letter as described by the Steiner Group (Ron Steiner) regarding the need for MNCFN to express its position and letter should be signed by Legal Counsel.

DSED and guests Ron Steiner and Perry Steiner were thanked for their presentation and left at 11:30 am.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – OTTAWA TRUST FUNDS (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)**

Executive Director highlighted her Briefing Note wherein Council has expressed a desire to access their Ottawa Trust funds and receive any additional funds on an annual basis, and as well to know the source of the funds being held in Trust. The rationale to access the funds being that the funds could be put with the MNCFN funds and earn greater interest. As well, Council wanted to know the process required to access the funds.

Total amount of the Ottawa Trust Funds is \$298,634.02. Councillor questioned why is there so little cash after all these years.

There is a process to access the funds. There is a Revenue Account and MNCFN has the authority pursuant to Section 69 (1) of the Indian Act to request funds from the Revenue Account via a BCR. There is also a Capital Account whereby MNCFN may access pursuant to Section 64 (1) of the Indian Act via a BCR. These funds need to be requested for a specific purpose eg. construct and maintain roads, bridges, ditches and watercourses on the First Nation.

Executive Director noted that she is suspicious because no one is returning her calls. It would be better if the Chief or a Councillor called them.

**MOTION NO. 8**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council agrees to remain status quo for the time being by leaving the funds in the Ottawa Trust.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

**DIRECTION NO. 5**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to search for the letter from 1985 regarding the Ottawa Trust Funds and Native Horizons Treatment Centre. Letter will be brought back to Council for further review of the Ottawa Trust Funds.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – MANAGEMENT LETTER FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2017 (EF)**

With regard to the Lucy Popoli Report dated July 28, 2017, Executive Director noted that there is some missing information that is not contained in this report which Councillor Erma Ferrell brought to Council today. Executive Director will bring the missing information to the next Infrastructure & Development Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018.

Executive Director noted that NCVGB has a point of sale (POS), but it doesn't track with the inventory.

Councillor informed that these problems have been discussed for the last eight years. There are serious problems at NCVGB, and the present DSED is not to blame, however, Executive Director answered that he (present DSED) has to deal with it now. DSED needs to get the necessary software.

Councillor stated that he would like to see the missing information. Executive Director will bring this back to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018.

**MOTION NO. 9**

MOVED BY LARRY SAULT

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moved In-Camera at 1:00 pm.

Carried

**MOTION NO. 11**

MOVED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moved Out of Camera at 2:40 pm.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 15.

ECC Supervisor and Cathy Ratchford in at 2:40 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – SCALED BACK OPTION FOR NEW EARLY ON CHILD & FAMILY PROGRAM (ECC SUPERVISOR)**

ECC Supervisor noted in her Briefing Note that as part of the Journey Together proposal for an MNCFN Child and Family Program (on Reserve) we were asked how we might scale back the project; the following was our response:

“Should MNCFN not be able to secure capital funding in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 to create “the on Reserve Hub Centre” at Lloyd S. King Elementary; it will be proposed that we coordinate

with the MNCFN container pilot project and **share space with the possible proposed after school** container pods as the on reserve Early Years Child and Family Centre (OEYCFC). This would include space for offices for the HBHC Coordinator, ECD worker, Community Support workers, OEYCFC program facilitator, OEYCFC cultural facilitator and community connector/navigator position.

Should MNCFN not wish to enter into a service agreement with the County of Norfolk to run the indigenous led off reserve OEYCFC and Child Care Centre; we would further propose that the on reserve program facilitator position be combined with the community connector/navigator position for 1 full time equivalent (FTE) position.

Should the partnership with County of Norfolk not go forward then we would not require the Director position nor one of the other two support positions i.e. finance or administrative.

Another option would be to expand the existing MNCFN Childcare Centre and add on the Early Years Child and Family Centre using the container pods.”

We have been approved in principal for the amounts submitted in our Journey Together application i.e.\$479 333.00 (\$140 250.00 start up costs \$93,860.00 for O&M and \$245, 223.00 staffing costs). We will have to split the start up amount requested between this fiscal and next (due to timing).

The Ministry of Education needs to know a **final cost estimate to retrofit the space we are proposing** (they need to have the service agreements out by next week). It will be MNCFN’s responsibility to **secure a location and building** that the Ministry is willing to fund for a retrofit only (I have been given the verbal amount of up to \$200 000.00).

ECC Supervisor informed that they were turned down by the Ministry of Child & Family Services.

Councillor noted that this project would fall under Economic Development.

Cathy Ratchford stated that 12 containers would cost \$668,000.00 to \$735,000.00, and the project would have to be ready to go by September 1, 2018, which does not leave a lot of time.

This item is deferred to the Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 In-Camera.

ECC Supervisor and Cathy Ratchford out at 2:55 pm.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 17.

A/MCD Director in at 2:55 pm.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 – MEDIA BUYING PLANS FOR CKRZ & JUKASA RADIO (A/MCD DIRECTOR)**

A/MCD Director explained from her Briefing Note that CKRZ is requesting \$35,000.00 to come out of Media and Communications budget and provide media tools and air time in return. It is part of an overall Media and Communications Strategy developed by Director Deanna Dunham (on leave). The plan also includes using Jukasa Radio.

In January 2017, Media and Communications Director Deanna Dunham had outlined an extensive plan to use Jukasa and CKRZ radio as a communication tool for MNCFN. Her plan included an enormous amount of communication tactics, including a regular chief's update, bulletin boards, job board, special event coverage (Jukasa only), holiday and community messages, along with an evaluation and budget for the endeavor. She budgeted a collective cost of \$17,383 for the media buying plan for both CKRZ and Jukasa. As the MCD budget is currently frozen, we cannot move forward with the media buying plan at this time, nor can the \$35,000 contribution be given to CKRZ. Additionally, even if our budget is approved this spring with a line item for media buying, her existing draft plan requires an extensive amount of additional tasks that will prevent the current MCD staff complement of three people from fulfilling their already demanding roles. Acting Director would like to revisit the radio media plan after budgets are approved this spring with only the following two priorities: advertise MNCFN events and/or notices (jobs are already advertised for free on the radio through GREAT); provide the Chief with a monthly spot on Jukasa and a monthly spot on CKRZ for 45 minutes each to talk about MNCFN issues. Further, MNCFN already sponsored \$25,000 to CKRZ three years ago and MNCFN never saw any return on its investment. The cost of air time for the Chief would be calculated retroactively from the \$25,000 MNCFN donated three years ago.

Councillor stated that he would still like to know what happened to the previous \$25,00.00 that MNCFN donated a few years ago as the Chief never did use any air time. He is also not interested in donating another \$35,000.00 and says that Six Nations does not do New Credit any favors.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to CKRZ informing them that New Credit is not interested in investing another \$35,000.00 for any air time or otherwise.

**DIRECTION NO. 6**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the A/MCD Director (Donna Duric) to write a letter to CKRZ informing them that MNCFN is not prepared to invest \$35,000.00 to CKRZ for any air time or otherwise. Letter will come to Council for approval and then will be signed by the Chief.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 19d).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 19d) – MNCFN MEMBERSHIP FACEBOOK GROUP – ADD COUNCILLOR AS AN ADMINISTRATOR/MODERATOR OF THE GROUP**

A/MCD Director noted in her Briefing Note that the Media and Communications Department created a closed Facebook group called MNCFN Membership to livestream confidential Monthly Gatherings and she requires Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson to be an Administrator of the group.

**MOTION NO. 12**

MOVED BY RODGER LAFORME

SECONDED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council approves adding Councillor Veronica King-Jamieson as an Administrator/Moderator of the group on the MNCFN Facebook page.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 13.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT BUDGET (EF)**

Councillor noted in her Briefing Note that the budget for the Communication Department was instructed to only use a portion of their budget to keep the department operating, until Chief and Council could determine actual costs for operation.

MNCFN had completed a review of the Media/Communications Department to determine how to move forward with the daily operations

To date the issues within the department have not been resolved and we are less than three months from the end of our current fiscal year.

Executive Director stated that there is a cost for the 17/18 salaries, Facebook, Website and Newsletter that has to be considered. She advised the A/MCD Director to cross out what she would absolutely need right now and stock online items

**DIRECTION NO. 7**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the A/MCD Director to bring a revised budget of the Communications Department to the next Infrastructure & Development Council Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018. Included in the revised budget will be what the department absolutely needs right now plus stocking online items.

Council moved back to Agenda Item No. 12.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – DOCA DEPARTMENT BUDGET (EF)**

Executive Director will email DOCA and inform them that they can spend dollars on bringing in lunch for meetings. There is no moratorium on meals. Chief and Council will be copied on this email.

NOTE: Governance dollars will have to be spent differently.

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 14.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COURT – TWO DAY CONFERENCE – TENTATIVE DATE – END OF JUNE 2018**

Councillor VKJ noted in her Briefing Note that there is a partnership with MNCFN and Justice Gethin Edward to host a two-day conference to educate the Ontario Courts across Ontario about the importance of having an “Indigenous Peoples Court System” along with the Gladue Report. In addition, this will enhance the profile of MNCFN history by heightening the education awareness with the MNCFN Membership within our Treaty Lands and Territory about the process of the Justice System where we walk in two worlds.

Justice Gethin Edward approached MNCFN Chief & Council to partner with the planning of the two-day conference here at the MNCFN Community Centre with an estimated budget and MNCFN is seeking support to submit a funding application to Ontario government.

Draft budget includes a two-day conference with the Ontario Provincial Courts and four sessions with MNCFN Membership; one being held in the four directions of the MNCFN Treaty Lands and Territory.

Another Councillor suggested inviting Scugog and other Mississauga Nations, and incorporate this into the Mississauga Nationhood.

**MOTION NO. 13**

MOVED BY STEPHANIE LAFORME

SECONDED BY CATHIE JAMIESON

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council supports the Funding Proposal to the Ministry of the Attorney General, Indigenous Justice Division, 720 Bay Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, ON M7A 2S9, along with a covering support letter which will be signed by the Chief.

Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Waived

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 16. Finance Director in at 4:00 pm.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017 (FINANCE DIRECTOR)**

Finance Director highlighted her Financial Statements and asked if anyone had any questions.

Councillor questioned (Page 1 – Balance of Funds Available) if \$6,034,227.42 needs to be sitting in this account to which the Finance Director answered yes.

With regard to SN Technologies there has been no recent update.

Councillor pointed out that MNP said New Credit was in a deficit of \$1.6 Million, however, Finance Director stated that there is no deficit.

Executive Director informed that she has a problem with the way the government does the audit. It is done much like the municipal governments. New Credit is not allowed to show an own source revenue line.

Councillor questioned why the Chief has over \$10,000.00 in travel expenses. Executive Director answered that this amount goes back to March and April 2017. Finance Director will provide this information.

Finance Director noted that she was unable to get the Financial Statements for NCVGB. Executive Director added that the Working Manager sent the Statements in a PDF file and not in Excel like she was required to do. Executive Director will touch base with the DSED and find out what happened.

**MOTION NO. 14**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON

SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council accepts the Financial Statements for the month of December 2017 with the exception of NCVGB Financial Statements which only goes to the end of October 2017.

Carried

Council moved to Agenda Item No. 19a).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 19a) – FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING DATED FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018**

The following will be put on the Agenda for Friday's meeting:

Governance Work Plan:

- Governance Work Plan Engagement Plan
- Engagement Plan Process Plan
- Draft Survey (will bring copies - still being edited)
- Questions from Planner re Activity 7
- Water Committee – Purpose
- Water Committee – Terms of Reference

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 19b) – SET ASIDE A TIME WHEN CHIEF ISADORE DAY WILL COME AND SPEAK TO COUNCIL REGARDING ONTARIO & AFN ISSUES**

Councillor Larry Sault will contact Chief Day and invite him to come to MNCFN and give a presentation.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 19c) – MONTHLY GATHERING OF SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 – QUESTIONS FROM BAND MEMBERS**

**DIRECTION NO. 8**

That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council directs the Executive Director to talk with the SHS Director and find out why Band Members sidewalks are not shoveled any more. A Band Member mentioned at the Monthly Gathering that she/he asked to have their sidewalk shoveled and they were told that Council does not fund this anymore.

**MOTION NO. 15**

MOVED BY VERONICA KING-JAMIESON                      SECONDED BY RODGER LAFORME  
That the MNCFN Executive Finance Council moved In-Camera at 4:40 pm.

Carried